

BIRCHFIELD JOHN W
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BIRCHFIELD JOHN W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First California Financial Group, Inc. [FCAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3027 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/25/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 02/25/2009 | | A | (A) or (D) 3,045 <u>(1)</u> | \$ 0 482,026 <u>(2)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 66,234 <u>(3)</u> | I | As Trustee for the Shane O. Birchfield Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 43,893 <u>(3)</u> | I | As Trustee for the Garrett W. Birchfield |

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|--------------|--|------------------------|---|--|
| Common Stock | | 679,531 ⁽³⁾ | I | Trust As Co-Trustee for the James O. Birchfield 1995 Trust |
| Common Stock | | 47,281 ⁽³⁾ | I | see Footnote <u>(4)</u> |
| Common Stock | | 47,281 ⁽³⁾ | I | see Footnote <u>(5)</u> |
| Common Stock | | 47,281 ⁽³⁾ | I | As Co-Trustee for the James O. Birchfield 1995 Trust FBO Tenisha M. Fitzgerald |
| Common Stock | | 47,281 ⁽³⁾ | I | As Co-Trustee for the James O. Birchfield 1995 Trust FBO Brian J. Aldridge |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu... Deriv... Secur... Bene... Own... Follo... Repo... Trans... (Instr... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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|------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Code | V | (A) | (D) | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BIRCHFIELD JOHN W 3027 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 300 WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361 | | X | | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Romolo Santarosa, Attorney-in-Fact | 02/27/2009 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents restricted stock that will vest in one-third increments annually on each of February 25, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (2) Includes previously reported 1,765 shares of restricted stock granted on March 19, 2008 that vest in one-third increments annually on each of March 19, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is a beneficial owner of such shares for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (4) As Co-Trustee for the James O. Birchfield 1995 Trust FBO Shane O. Birchfield.
- (5) As Co-Trustee for the James O. Birchfield 1995 Trust FBO Garrett W. Birchfield.

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