

BRADFORD DANA  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BRADFORD DANA

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
17851 N. 85TH STREET  
(Street)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/10/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| MTH COMMON STOCK                |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | 1,000,000 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | By Southwest Value Partners Fund, LP                  |
| MTH COMMON STOCK                |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | 6,000   | D  |   |
| MTH COMMON STOCK                | 02/10/2012                           |  | A                              | 6,000 <sup>(2)</sup>  | \$ 0  | 21,000 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | D   |

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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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BRADFORD DANA<br>17851 N. 85TH STREET<br>SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Hilla Sferruzza, attorney-in-fact for Dana C. Bradford  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

02/14/2012  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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) These shares are owned of record by Southwest Value Partners, XIV, LP. Mr. Bradford may be deemed to control the voting, disposition or purchase of these shares and thus may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of these shares. Mr. Bradford disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose. Mr. Bradford previously reported beneficial ownership of 1,185,920 shares owned of record by Fulcrum Homes, LLC (the "Fulcrum shares"). In February 2012, Mr. Bradford's employment relationship with the McCarthy Capital Corporation and affiliates (which control Fulcrum Homes) ended and Mr. Bradford no longer is deemed to control the voting, disposition or purchase of the Fulcrum shares that were reported in his prior ownership reports.
- (2) Represents grant of restricted shares. The shares will fully vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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(3) Balance includes all unvested restricted stock grants.

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