

Rizzardi Russell W  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Rizzardi Russell W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WESTAMERICA  
BANCORPORATION [WABC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
SVP/Chief Credit Administrator

(Last) (First) (Middle)

WESTAMERICA  
BANCORPORATION, 4550  
MANGELS BLVD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/27/2011

(Street)  
  
FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A)<br>or<br>(D) Price                                            | 96.89 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                          | I                                                        | Esop                              |

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)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |     |                  |                    |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         | Code                                                                                                         | V                                                              | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           |
| Non-qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy)     | \$ 50.76                                                              | 01/27/2011                              |                                                             | A                                       | 17,100                                                                                                       | 01/27/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>                                      |                                                                |     | 01/27/2021       |                    | Common<br>Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                | Relationships |           |                                      |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                              | Other |
| Rizzardi Russell W<br>WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION<br>4550 MANGELS BLVD.<br>FAIRFIELD, CA 94534 |               |           | SVP/Chief<br>Credit<br>Administrator |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Russell W.  
Rizzardi 01/28/2011

\*\*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) Includes allocations through 12/31/10 in Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.
- (2) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

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