

First California Financial Group, Inc.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)
1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/01/2007

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

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	08/01/2007		P	17,008 A \$ 13.25	66,234 ⁽²⁾	I	See Footnote ⁽³⁾
Common Stock					43,893 ⁽²⁾	I	See Footnote ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock					477,216	D	

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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.29					06/19/2008	06/19/2011	Common Stock	4,476
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.32					04/23/2009	04/23/2012	Common Stock	4,476
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.73					<u>(5)</u>	04/14/2011	Common Stock	4,476
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.73					<u>(6)</u>	03/01/2014	Common Stock	3,580

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BIRCHFIELD JOHN W 1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	X		Vice Chairman	

Signatures

/s/ Romolo Santarosa,
Attorney-in-fact

08/01/2007

__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) The shares were purchased in a private transaction.
- (2) 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.
- (3) As Trustee for the Shane O. Birchfield Trust.
- (4) As Trustee for the Garrett W. Birchfield Trust.
- (5) The option provides for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning April 14, 2008.
- (6) The option provides for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning March 1, 2009.

Remarks:

Exhibit List

Exhibit 24 -- Power of Attorney

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