

PACWEST BANCORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
HOPKINS LYNN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
401 WEST "A" STREET
(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PACWEST BANCORP [PACW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2008

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)
Executive Vice President

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | | S | 1,700 D \$ 24.5 | 35,611 | I | Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2008 | | S | 8,300 D \$ 23.74 | 27,311 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Family Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,488 ⁽²⁾ | I | By 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 8,340 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 125 | I | As custodian of account |

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|---|---|
| Common Stock | 125 | I | for daughter As custodian of account for son |
| Common Stock | 50 | I | IRA |

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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|--|
| HOPKINS LYNN M 401 WEST "A" STREET SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 | Director 10% Owner Officer Executive Vice President |

Signatures

/s/ Lynn M. Hopkins
Date: 12/16/2008

**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).

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$23.52 to \$23.77, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to PacWest Bancorp, any security holder of PacWest Bancorp, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- (1) Includes 82 shares of PACW stock acquired by the reporting person between July 25, 2008 and November 30, 2008 under the PACW 401(k) plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of November 30, 2008.

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