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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC] Schuler James (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH (Check all applicable) FL. (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting **Executive Vice President** Person PASADENA, Â CAÂ 91101 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 759 D Restricted Common Stock 8,698 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

. Title of Derivative Security Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Securities Underlying	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Derivative Security:

Exercisable Date Number of Security Direct (D)

Shares or Indirect

(I)

(Instr. 5)

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Schuler James			Executive	_	
135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FL.	Â	Â	Vice	Â	
PASADENA, CA 91101			President		

## **Signatures**

Douglas P. Krause, Attorney-in-Fact 03/08/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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