

FINGER JENNIFER J  
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 \*  
FINGER JENNIFER J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/25/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP/Treasurer

WESTAMERICA  
BANCORPORATION, 4550  
MANGELS BLVD.

(Street)

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

FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/25/2012                           |  | M                              | 4,279   | A \$ 40.75  | 11,173.809   | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/25/2012                           |  | S                              | 4,279   | D \$ 46.109   | 6,894.809  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/26/2012                           |  | A                              | 2,830<br><u>(1)</u>   | A \$ 0  | 9,724.809  | D  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 25,030   | I Deferred                                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 1,335.387 <u>(2)</u>                                     | I Esop                                     |

Common  
Stock

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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 40.75   | 01/25/2012                           |  | M                              | 4,279   | 01/23/2004 01/23/2013                                    | Common Stock                             |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 45.93   | 01/26/2012                           |  | A                              | 21,700  | 01/26/2013 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/26/2022                     | Common Stock                             |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer       | Other |
| FINGER JENNIFER J<br>WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION<br>4550 MANGELS BLVD.<br>FAIRFIELD, CA 94534 |               |           | SVP/Treasurer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer J.  
Finger 01/27/2012

\*\*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 Restricted Performance Shares granted in 2009 have vested upon meeting performance criteria.

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- (2) Includes allocations through 12/31/11 in Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.
- (3) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year after date of grant.

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