

SANTAROSA ROMOLO
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FORM 4

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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 *
SANTAROSA ROMOLO

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)
3027 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 300
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/20/2011

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SEVP, COO and CFO

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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, \$0.01 par value | 07/20/2011 | | P | | 180,000 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 3.75 |
| | | | | | 190,470 ⁽²⁾ | 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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SANTAROSA ROMOLO 3027 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 300 WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361 | | | SEVP, COO and CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Romolo
Santarosa 07/21/2011

**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).
- 180,000 restricted shares of common stock were granted to the reporting person on July 20, 2011. The closing price per share of the issuer's stock as of that date was \$3.75 per share. 50% of the restricted stock shares (90,000 shares) are subject to time-based vesting pursuant to which 30,000 shares will vest on each of March 20, 2012, 2013 and 2014. The remaining 50% (90,000 shares) are subject to performance-based vesting pursuant to which 30,000 shares will vest on each of March 20, 2012, 2013 and 2014 provided that certain performance measure are achieved with respect to the fiscal year ending immediately prior to the applicable vesting date. Failure to achieve the performance measures will result in forfeiture of the shares of restricted stock subject to the applicable vesting date.
- (1) Includes previously reported 5,485 shares of restricted stock granted on February 25, 2009 that will vest in equal installments on each of February 25, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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