

FINGER JENNIFER J
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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 *
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)
10/21/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 10/21/2011 | | M | | 15,848 | A | \$ 38.74 |
| | | | | | | | 21,750.809 |
| Common Stock | 10/21/2011 | | S | | 15,848 | D | \$ 43.0918 |
| | | | | | | | 5,902.809 |
| Common Stock | 10/21/2011 | | M | | 992 | A | \$ 38.74 |
| | | | | | | | 6,894.809 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 25,030 |
| | | | | | | | I |
| | | | | | | | Deferred |

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Common Stock 1,287.56 ⁽²⁾ I Esop

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of S |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.74 | 10/21/2011 | | M | 15,848 | 01/23/2003 01/23/2012 | Common Stock | 15,848 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.74 | 10/21/2011 | | M | 992 | 01/23/2003 01/23/2012 | Common Stock | 992 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FINGER JENNIFER J
WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION
4550 MANGELS BLVD.
FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

SVP/Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer J. Finger 10/24/2011

**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).
- (1) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The sale price ranges from \$43.00 to \$43.29.
- (2) Includes allocations through 9/30/2011 in Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.

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