First California Financial Group, Inc.

Form 4

March 21, 2008

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

BIRCHFIELD JOHN W

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			First California Financial Group, Inc. [FCAL]					(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of (Month/D		rliest Transaction Year)			X Director Officer (gi				
1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800			03/19/2008					below)				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067								Person				
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ally Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Execution	emed on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		l (A) o l of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	03/19/2008			A	1,765 (1)	A	\$0	478,981	D			
Common Stock								66,234 (2)	I	As Trustee for the Shane O. Birchfield Trust		
Common Stock								43,893 (2)	I	As Trustee for the Garrett W.		

Birchfield

Trust

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (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

BIRCHFIELD JOHN W 1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800 X LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

Signatures

/s/ Romolo Santarosa, Attorney-in-Fact 03/21/2008

**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).
- (1) Represents restricted stock that will vest in one-third increments annually for three years.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is a beneficial owner of such shares for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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