

BENSON DONALD E

Form 4

March 18, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BENSON DONALD E

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
03/16/2011

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

(Street)
WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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 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. 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	03/16/2011		A		3,969 (1)	A \$ 0	89,217 (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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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

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WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361

Signatures

/s/ Romolo Santarosa,
Attorney-in-Fact 03/18/2011

**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) Represents restricted stock that will vest in one-third increments annually on each of March 16, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

(2) Includes previously reported 1,765 shares of restricted stock that vest in one-third increments annually on each of March 19, 2009, 2010 and 2011, and 3,045 shares of restricted stock that vest in one-third increments annually on each of February 25, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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