

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION
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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 *
 Robinson David L

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 VP/Banking Division Manager

(Last) (First) (Middle)

WESTAMERICA
 BANCORPORATION, 4550
 MANGELS BLVD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/21/2009

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/21/2009		M		2,700	A	\$ 34.5625
Common Stock	01/21/2009		S		2,700	D	\$ 42.7631 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock							2,3986
Common Stock							13,430
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							I Deferred

Common Stock 283.118 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.015	01/21/2009		A	21,800	01/21/2010 ⁽¹⁾	01/21/2019	Common Stock
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.5625	01/21/2009		M	2,700	01/28/2000 ⁽¹⁾	01/28/2009	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Robinson David L WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION 4550 MANGELS BLVD FAIRFIELD, CA 94534			VP/Banking Division Manager	

Signatures

/s/ David L. Robinson 01/22/2009

**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) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

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- (2) The price range for this transaction was between \$42.52 and \$42.93. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, the full informaton about the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.

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