

First California Financial Group, Inc.  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p><b>Â BIRCHFIELD JOHN W</b></p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>1880 CENTURY PARK EAST,                  SUITE 800</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>LOS ANGELES, Â CA Â 90067</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>03/12/2007</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>First California Financial Group, Inc. [FCAL]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)                  Vice Chairman</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	477,216	D	Â
Common Stock	43,893	I	By Self as Trustee for the Garrett W. Birchfield Trust
Common Stock	49,226	I	By Self as Trustee for the Shane O. 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/19/2008	06/19/2011	Common Stock	4,476	\$ 6.29	D    Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/23/2009	04/23/2012	Common Stock	4,476	\$ 11.32	D    Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	04/14/2011	Common Stock	4,476	\$ 11.73	D    Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	03/01/2014	Common Stock	3,580	\$ 11.73	D    Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BIRCHFIELD JOHN W 1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	Â X	Â	Â Vice Chairman	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Romolo Santarosa,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/12/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The option provides for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning April 14, 2008.

(2) The option provides for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning March 1, 2009.

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