

TRICO BANCSHARES /  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CARNEY CRAIG B

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
63 CONSTITUTION DR  
(Street)  
CHICO, CA 95973  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
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3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & Chief Credit Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	12/22/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>	0 A \$ 0	38,309.8094 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/22/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>	0 A \$ 0	117.643	I	By Daughter
Common Stock	12/22/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>	0 A \$ 0	101.8748	I	By Son
Common Stock	12/22/2011		J	0 A \$ 0	112.0397	I	By Son

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option Common Stock	\$ 14.54	12/20/2011		X	6,000	12/20/2012 12/20/2021	Common Stock	6,000
Option Common Stock	\$ 14.54	12/20/2011		X	6,000	12/20/2013 12/20/2021	Common Stock	6,000
Option Common Stock	\$ 14.54	12/20/2011		X	6,000	12/20/2014 12/20/2021	Common Stock Options	6,000
Option Common Stock	\$ 14.54	12/20/2011		X	6,000	12/20/2015 12/20/2021	Common Stock	6,000
Option Common Stock	\$ 14.54	12/20/2011		X	6,000	12/20/2016 12/20/2021	Common Stock	6,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARNEY CRAIG B 63 CONSTITUTION DR CHICO, CA 95973			EVP & Chief Credit Officer	

## Signatures

/S/Craig Carney By Suzanne Youngs  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/22/2011

\_\_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) No transactions occurred among these shares, intended only to reflect number of shares beneficially owned.
  - (2) ESOP shares of 13,715.82 are included in the total.

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