First California Financial Group, Inc.

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(Middle)

(Zip)

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Duchanin Walter

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

First California Financial Group, Inc.

[FCAL]

(Check all applicable)

Chief Credit Officer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 06/18/2008

X_ Officer (give title below)

Director

Issuer

10% Owner Other (specify

1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, **SUITE 800**

(Street)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

(A)

or

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Acquired or Dispose (D)	(Instr. 3, 4,		Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(
				Code V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	ļ
Stock Option (right to	\$ 6.75	06/18/2008		A	10,000		(1)	06/18/2016	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
, G	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Duchanin Walter			Chief				
1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800			Credit				
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067			Officer				

Signatures

/s/ Romolo Santarosa, Attorney in Fact 06/19/2008

**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) The option vests in five equal annual installments beginning on June 18, 2009.

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