

PACWEST BANCORP  
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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 \*  
THOMPSON MICHAEL L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
401 WEST "A" STREET  
(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PACWEST BANCORP [PACW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/08/2008

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)  
Executive Vice President

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	09/08/2008		S		1,451 D \$ 29.99	28,549	D
Common Stock	09/08/2008		S		1,400 D \$ 29.996	27,149	D
Common Stock	09/08/2008		S		100 D \$ 30	27,049	D
Common Stock	09/08/2008		S		200 D \$ 30.01	26,849	D
Common Stock	09/08/2008		S		100 D \$ 30.02	26,749	D

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Common Stock	09/08/2008	S	1,249	D	\$ 30.03	25,500	D	
Common Stock	09/08/2008	S	400	D	\$ 30.05	25,100	D	
Common Stock	09/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 30.09	25,000	D	
Common Stock						5,061.694 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				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
THOMPSON MICHAEL L 401 WEST "A" STREET SAN DIEGO, CA 92101			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Thompson                      09/09/2008

\*\*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) Includes 71,524 shares of PACW stock acquired by the reporting person between July 29, 2008 and September 8, 2008 under the PACW 401(k) plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of September 8, 2008.

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