LEWIS WILLIAM J

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

LEWIS WILLIAM J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify			

EAST WEST BANK, 415 HUNTINGTON DRIVE

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

01/31/2006

below) below)
Executive Vice-President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

SAN MARINO, CA 91108

(State)

(City)	(State)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative Se	curities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	Acquired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	omr Disposed	of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
						Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
				()	`	Reported	(I)	
				(A		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount (D		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/31/2006		S	2,640 D	\$ 36.8902	9,065	D	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEWIS WILLIAM J EAST WEST BANK 415 HUNTINGTON DRIVE SAN MARINO, CA 91108

Executive Vice-President

Signatures

Douglas P. Krause, Attorney-in-Fact 01/31/2006

**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).

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