EAST WEST BANCORP INC

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A KRAUSE D	•	_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC]	5. Relationship of Issuer (Chec
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	Director

(Month/Day/Year)

08/04/2006

EAST WEST BANK, 135 N. LOS **ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

of Reporting Person(s) to

eck all applicable)

10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PASADENA, CA 91101

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securionor Dispo (Instr. 3,	esed of 4 and (A) or	` '	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)
Common Stock	08/04/2006		M	1,000	A	\$ 7.9375	71,949	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2006		M	100	A	\$ 11.685	72,049	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2006		M	6,900	A	\$ 12.945	78,949	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2006		S	8,000	D	\$ 40.7808 (1)	70,949	D	

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) cquired A) or isposed of D) nstr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.9375	08/04/2006		M		1,000	08/31/2001(2)	08/31/2010	Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.685	08/04/2006		M		100	09/17/2002(3)	09/17/2011	Common Stock	100
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.945	08/04/2006		M		6,900	01/23/2003(4)	01/23/2012	Common Stock	6,900

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

KRAUSE DOUGLAS PAUL EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101

Executive Vice President

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Signatures

Douglas Paul

Krause 08/07/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Sales prices of securities sold ranged from \$40.73 to \$40.83.
- (2) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on August 31, 2001.
- (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on September 17, 2002.
- (4) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 23, 2003.

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