First California Financial Group, Inc.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Person * BIRCHF	Ī	_	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2007		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol First California Financial Group, Inc. [FCAL]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800					(Check	c all applica	ıble)	. ,	
(Street) LOS ANGELES, CA 90067					_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice Chairman		Other below)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Table I - N	Non-Deriva	tive Secu	rities Be	eneficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity			2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	ip Own (Instr	ature of Indirect Beneficial ership r. 5)	
Common Sto	ock			477,216		D	Â		
Common Sto	ock			43,893		I	•	Self as Trustee for the Garrett Birchfield Trust	
Common Sto	ock			49,226		I	•	Self as Trustee for the Shane Birchfield Trust	
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities benefic owned directly or indirectly.				ially S	SEC 1473 (*	7-02)			
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
	Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/19/2008	06/19/2011	Common Stock	4,476	\$ 6.29	D	Â
	Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/23/2009	04/23/2012	Common Stock	4,476	\$ 11.32	D	Â
	Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	04/14/2011	Common Stock	4,476	\$ 11.73	D	Â
	Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	03/01/2014	Common Stock	3,580	\$ 11.73	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BIRCHFIELD JOHN W 1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	ÂX	Â	Vice Chairman	Â			

Signatures

/s/ Romolo Santarosa, Attorney-in-Fact 03/12/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 provides for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning April 14, 2008.
- (2) The option provides for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning March 1, 2009.

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