First California Financial Group, Inc. Form 3 March 13, 2007 FORM 3 UNITED STATE

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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BENSON DONALD E			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)	³ 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol First California Financial Group, Inc. [FCAL]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/12/2007	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
1880 CENT	URY PARK	K EAST,							
SUITE 800				(Check	all applicable)				
(Street) LOS ANGELES, CA 90067				XDirector10% Owner OfficerOther (give title below) (specify 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	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr	•		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	(Instr. 5)		

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships					
			ctor	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BENSON DONALD E 1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	800	Â	X	Â	Â	Â		
Signatures								
/s/ David R. Brown, Attorney-in-Fact	03/1	2/200	07					
**Signature of Reporting Person	I	Date						

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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