

SMITH RICHARD P  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
SMITH RICHARD P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

63 CONSTITUTION DRIVE

(Street)

CHICO, CA 95973

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TRICO BANCSHARES / [tcbk]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/15/2008

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)  
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |           |   |                                       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |           |   |                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2008                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 0   | A  | \$ 0                              | 54,110    | D |                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 09/15/2008                           |  | J <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 2,308   | D  | \$ 17.19                          | 1,177,665 | I | By TriCo ESOP of which I am a Trustee |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2008                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 0   | A  | \$ 0                              | 180.3518  | I | By Wife                               |

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)

Table with columns for Title of Derivative Security, Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, Transaction Date, Deemed Execution Date, Transaction Code, Number of Derivative Securities, Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, Price of Derivative Security, and Number of Derivative Securities. Includes sub-columns for Code, V, (A), (D), Date Exercisable, Expiration Date, Title, and Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns for Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry for SMITH RICHARD P, 63 CONSTITUTION DRIVE, CHICO, CA 95973, with relationship of President & CEO.

Signatures

Suzanne Youngs "Power of Attorney" 09/16/2008
\*\*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) No transactions occurred among these shares, intended only to reflect number of shares beneficially owned.
(2) Former ESOP employees received their shares.

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