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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addr THOMPSON	*	-	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PACWEST BANCORP [PACW]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
401 WEST "A	" STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 07/16/2008	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President			
(Street) SAN DIEGO, CA 92101			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, it any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Ilisu: +)	(IIIsti. 4)	
Common Stock	07/16/2008		S	4,584	D	\$ 13	45,435	D		
Common Stock							4,990.17 (1)	I	By 401(k) Plan	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

THOMPSON MICHAEL L 401 WEST "A" STREET SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Michael L. 07/18/2008 Thompson

**Signature of Reporting 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).
- Includes 130.005 shares of PACW stock acquired by the reporting person between February 1, 2008 and July 15, 2008 under the PACW 401(k) plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of July 15, 2008.

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