

PACWEST BANCORP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
THOMPSON MICHAEL L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

401 WEST "A" STREET

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PACWEST BANCORP [PACW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/08/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	09/08/2008		S		1,451 D \$ 29.99	28,549	D
Common Stock	09/08/2008		S		1,400 D \$ 29.996	27,149	D
Common Stock	09/08/2008		S		100 D \$ 30	27,049	D
Common Stock	09/08/2008		S		200 D \$ 30.01	26,849	D
Common Stock	09/08/2008		S		100 D \$ 30.02	26,749	D



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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) Includes 71,524 shares of PACW stock acquired by the reporting person between July 29, 2008 and September 8, 2008 under the PACW 401(k) plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of September 8, 2008.

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