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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Orford Keith

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Calithera Biosciences, Inc. [CALA] 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/11/2018

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

(Check all applicable)

C/O CALITHERA BIOSCIENCES. INC., 343 OYSTER POINT BLVD. #200

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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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

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

> (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.6	01/11/2018		A	70,000	<u>(1)</u>	01/10/2028	Common Stock	70,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Orford Keith C/O CALITHERA BIOSCIENCES, INC. 343 OYSTER POINT BLVD. #200 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

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Signatures

/s/ Keith Orford 01/16/2018

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

One-fourth (1/4th) of the Option vests one year after January 11, 2018; the balance of the Option vests in a series of thirty-six (36) (1) successive equal monthly installments thereafter. The Option shall be subject to accelerated vesting as set forth in the optionee's employment agreement with the Company.

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