First California Financial Group, Inc.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Duchanin Walter

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Issuer

First California Financial Group, Inc.

[FCAL]

(Month/Day/Year)

06/18/2008

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, **SUITE 800**

Chief Credit Officer

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

(Instr. 4)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

(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.

(Month/Day/Year)

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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		(
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.75	06/18/2008		A	10,000		<u>(1)</u>	06/18/2016	Common Stock	10,000	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Duchanin Walter			Chief			
1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800			Credit			
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067			Officer			

Signatures

/s/ Romolo Santarosa, Attorney in Fact 06/19/2008

**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) The option vests in five equal annual installments beginning on June 18, 2009.

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