

PAYNE DAVID L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
PAYNE DAVID L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WESTAMERICA  
BANCORPORATION [WABC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/26/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President & CEO

WESTAMERICA  
BANCORPORATION, 4550  
MANGELS BLVD.  
(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	10/26/2011		M	28,206	A \$ 38.74	365,185	I By Trust
Common Stock	10/26/2011		S	28,206	D \$ 43.4341	336,979	I By Trust
Common Stock	10/27/2011		M	62,631	A \$ 38.74	399,610	I By Trust
Common Stock	10/27/2011		S	900	D \$ 44.2511	398,710	I By Trust

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Common Stock	10/27/2011	S	36,188	D	\$ 45.1713	362,522	I	By Trust
Common Stock	10/27/2011	S	25,543	D	\$ 46.0536	336,979	I	By Trust
Common Stock	10/27/2011	M	8,829	A	\$ 38.74	345,808	I	By Trust
Common Stock						528,837	I	By Gibson Radio & Publishing Company (5)
Common Stock						462	I	By Son
Common Stock						10,924.913	I	Esop

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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.74	10/26/2011		M	28,206	01/23/2003 01/23/2012	Common Stock	28,206
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.74	10/27/2011		M	62,631	01/23/2003 01/23/2012	Common Stock	62,631
	\$ 38.74	10/27/2011		M	8,829	01/23/2003 01/23/2012		8,829

Non-qualified  
 Stock Option  
 (Right to Buy)

Common  
 Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAYNE DAVID L WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION 4550 MANGELS BLVD. FAIRFIELD, CA 94534	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ David L.  
 Payne

10/28/2011

      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) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The price ranges from \$43.00 to \$43.78.
- (2) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The price ranges from \$43.67 to \$44.63.
- (3) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The price ranges from \$44.71 to \$45.70.
- (4) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The price ranges from \$45.71 to \$46.57.
- (5) The reporting person is President and CEO of Gibson Radio and Publishing Company and disclaims beneficial ownership of 528,837 shares.

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