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FORM 4

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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 *
 Oh Irene H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EAST WEST BANCORP INC
 [EWBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

EAST WEST BANK, 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR

03/07/2013

Chief Financial Officer

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

PASADENA, CA 91101

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2013 | | M | 981 | A | \$ 0 | 24,494 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2013 | | F | 352 | D | \$ 25.25 | 24,142 | D |

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) |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Ratable-Vesting Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 03/07/2013 | | M | 981 | (1) (1) | Common Stock |
| Time-Based Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 03/07/2013 | | A | 4,010 | (2) (2) | Common Stock |
| Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 03/07/2013 | | A | 4,901 | (3) (3) | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Oh Irene H EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Douglas P. Krause, Attorney-in-Fact | 03/11/2013 |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

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) Restricted Stock Units will vest in three annual installments beginning March 7, 2012. On the settlement date, for each vested RSU, the reporting person will receive one share of Common Stock. Vesting is also subject to meeting pre-established earning goals.
- (2) Time Vesting Restricted Stock Units will vest in 3 years. On the settlement date, for each vested RSU, the reporting person will receive one share of Common Stock. Vesting is also subject to meeting pre-established earning goals.
- (3) Performance Based Restricted Stock Units vest in 3 years. Number of units that will vest depends on meeting performance criteria. 4,901 units are for the performance maximum if pre-established performance goals are met. On the settlement date, for each vested RSU, the

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reporting person will receive one share of Common Stock.

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