WAGNER MATTHEW P

Form 4

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

PACWEST BANCORP [PACW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Issuer

X Director

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Middle)

1(b).

(Last)

401 WEST "A" STREET 09.			5/2008				X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO			
			mendment, Date Original Aonth/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)				
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101							_X_ 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								ially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	ioror Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or		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)	
Common Stock	09/15/2008		A	295	A	\$ 29.6008	31,749 (1)	I	By the Trustees of the PACW Deferred Compensation Plan	
Common Stock							2,300 (2)	I	By Spouse	
Common Stock							36,963	I	By IRA	
							195,055	D		

Common Stock

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)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	Amou Under Securi	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WAGNER MATTHEW P 401 WEST "A" STREET SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	X		CEO				

Signatures

/s/ Matthew P. 09/16/2008 Wagner **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).
- Represents the right to receive value equivalent to 31,749 shares of PacWest Bancorp common stock under PacWest Bancorp's Directors **(1)** Deferred Compensation Plan settleable in shares of PacWest Bancorp common stock.
- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his spouse, and this report should not be deemed an admission **(2)** that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of his spouse's shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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