Oh Irene H Form 4 March 11, 2013

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Oh Irene H

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2013

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

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

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

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		Tube 1 Tion Berriative Securities Required, Disposed 61, of Beneficiary 6 when							
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securi			5. Amount of	6. Ownership	
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Transactio Code	(Instr. 3,		` ′	Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
						Following Reported	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Ame Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or No of Sh
Ratable-Vesting Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/07/2013		M	981	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	
Time-Based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/07/2013		A	4,010	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	4
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units	(3)	03/07/2013		A	4,901	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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

**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) 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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