

CHOW DONALD SANG

Form 4

February 24, 2010

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHOW DONALD SANG

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

PASADENA, CA 91101

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2010

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 below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

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

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 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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	02/22/2010		M		1,000	A	\$ 16.625	52,308 D
Common Stock	02/22/2010		S		500	D	\$ 16.88	51,808 D
Common Stock	02/22/2010		S		500	D	\$ 17	51,308 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.625	02/22/2010		M	1,000	02/28/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 02/28/2010	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
CHOW DONALD SANG EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Executive Vice President

Signatures

Douglas P. Krause,
Attorney-in-Fact 02/23/2010

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 options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2004.

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