FINGER JENNIFER J

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FINGER JENNIFER J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION [WABC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) WESTAMERI BANCORPOR MANGELS B	RATION, 45	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/21/2011	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP/Treasurer			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
FAIRFIELD, CA 94534				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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (`	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	10/21/2011		M	15,848	A	\$ 38.74	21,750.809	D			
Common Stock	10/21/2011		S	15,848	D	\$ 43.0918 (1)	5,902.809	D			
Common Stock	10/21/2011		M	992	A	\$ 38.74	6,894.809	D			
Common Stock							25,030	I	Deferred		

Common Stock

 $1,287.56 \frac{(2)}{}$ I

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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 or 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 Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of S
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.74	10/21/2011		M	15,848	01/23/2003	01/23/2012	Common Stock	15,
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.74	10/21/2011		M	992	01/23/2003	01/23/2012	Common Stock	9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FINGER JENNIFER J WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION 4550 MANGELS BLVD. FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

SVP/Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer J. Finger

10/24/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 sale price ranges from \$43.00 to \$43.29.
- (2) Incudes allocations through 9/30/2011 in Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.

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