

PAYNE DAVID L
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PAYNE DAVID L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

WESTAMERICA
BANCORPORATION, 4550
MANGELS BLVD.

(Street)

FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
WESTAMERICA
BANCORPORATION [WABC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/25/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
Chairman, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/25/2011		M	21,970 A	\$ 38.74 358,949	I	By Trust
Common Stock	10/25/2011		S	21,470 D	\$ 43.343 337,479 (1)	I	By Trust
Common Stock	10/25/2011		S	500 D	\$ 44.03 336,979 (2)	I	By Trust
Common Stock					528,837	I	By Gibson Radio &

			Publishing Company (3)
Common Stock	462	I	By Son
Common Stock	10,924.913	I	Esop

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of S
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.74	10/25/2011		M		21,970		01/23/2003	01/23/2012	Common Stock	21,970

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
PAYNE DAVID L WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION 4550 MANGELS BLVD. FAIRFIELD, CA 94534	X Chairman, President & CEO

Signatures

/s/ David L.
Payne 10/26/2011

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) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The price ranges from \$43.00 to \$43.99.

(2) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The price ranges from \$44.00 to \$44.05.

(3) The reporting person is President and CEO of Gibson Radio and Publishing Company and disclaims beneficial ownership of 528,837 shares.

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