Ward Carol A Form 4 July 25, 2012

# FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Ward Carol A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

TRICO BANCSHARES / [tcbk]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle) (Last) (First)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X\_ Officer (give title

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

**63 CONSTITUTION DRIVE** 

07/24/2012

(Month/Day/Year)

**EVP/Chief Risk Officer** 

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CHICO, CA 95973

Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative Security or Exercise any Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date orNumber of Shares Option Common Common \$ 14.76 07/24/2012 A 20,000 (1) 07/24/2022 20,000 Stock Stock

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ward Carol A

63 CONSTITUTION DRIVE EVP/Chief Risk Officer

CHICO, CA 95973

## **Signatures**

/S/ Carol A Ward By Suzanne Youngs Attorney-in-Fact 07/25/2012

\*\*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 option vests in five equal instllments, beginning on July 24, 2013."

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