

First California Financial Group, Inc.

Form 3

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FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Duchanin Walter

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1800 CENTURY PARK EAST ,
SUITE 800

(Street)

CENTURY CITY,Â CAÂ 90067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/13/2007

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

First California Financial Group, Inc. [FCAL]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☐ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Chief Credit Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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information contained in this form are not
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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)Date Expir
Exercisable Date3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)Title Amount or
Number of
Shares4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

(Instr. 5)

Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	Â ⁽²⁾	01/13/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 8.9	D	Â
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Duchanin Walter 1800 CENTURY PARK EAST , SUITE 800 CENTURY CITY,Â CAÂ 90067	Â	Â	Â Chief Credit Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ Walter
Duchanin

01/30/2008

 Signature of
Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) These stock options were granted on November 13, 2007.
- (2) The option vests in five equal annual installments beginning November 13, 2008.

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