

EAST WEST BANCORP INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 *
KRAUSE DOUGLAS PAUL

(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)
03/08/2015

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)
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2015 | | M | 4,365 | A \$ 0 | 97,227 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2015 | | F | 1,518 | D \$ 40.49 | 95,709 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2015 | | M | 3,571 | A \$ 0 | 99,280 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2015 | | F | 1,273 | D \$ 40.49 | 98,007 | D |

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 03/08/2015 | | M | 4,365 | (1) (1) | Common Stock | 4,365 |
| Time-Based Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 03/08/2015 | | M | 3,571 | (2) (2) | Common Stock | 3,571 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KRAUSE DOUGLAS PAUL EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

Douglas Paul Krause 03/10/2015

**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) Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units granted on March 8, 2012 fully vest in three years. Number of vested units depends on meeting pre-established performance criteria. As of March 8, 2015, 100% of the units granted on March 8, 2012 were settled. On the settlement date, for each vested Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit, the reporting person received one share of Common Stock.

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Time-Based Restricted Stock Units granted on March 8, 2012 fully vest in three years. Vesting is also subject to meeting pre-established
(2) earning goals. As of March 8, 2015, 100% of the units granted on March 8, 2012 were settled. On the settlement date, for each vested Time-Based Restricted Stock Unit, the reporting person received one share of Common Stock.

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