

WATTS DAVID HENDERSON  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 WATTS DAVID HENDERSON

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GRANITE CONSTRUCTION INC  
 [GVA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

585 WEST BEACH STREET

05/07/2010

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WATSONVILLE, CA 95076

(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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |                   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |  |                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/15/2010                           |  | A                              | V   | 5.8176<br>(1)   | A  | \$ 33.66                                   | 8,323.7101 (2) D  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/15/2010                           |  | A                              | V   | 6.5048<br>(1)   | A  | \$ 30.22                                   | 8,330.1249 (3) D  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/07/2010                           |  | A                              |   | 2,807<br>(4)  | A  | \$ 29.39                                   | 11,137.2149 (5) D |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |  | 223 (6) I by ESOP |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.



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- (5) Includes 4,325.6249 stock units and dividend shares on stock units.
- (6) Previously reported.
- (7) Dividends on performance-based compensation.
- (8) Each performance right represents a right to receive one share of common stock. The performance rights vested upon acquisition; however, because Mr. Watts chose to defer payment, the stock became payable upon retirement.

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