GOUW JULIA S Form 4 October 28, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GOUW JULIA S**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC]

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

(First) EAST WEST BANK, 135 N. LOS

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/26/2011

X Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

President

ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

below)

PASADENA, CA 91101

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative S	Secur	ities Acquir	ed, 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)		d of (I	D)	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	10/26/2011		M	10,000	A	\$ 12.945	334,313	D	
Common Stock	10/26/2011		S	10,000 1	D	\$ 18.9624 (1)	324,313	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2011		M	15,000	A	\$ 12.945	339,313	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2011		S	15,000 I	D	\$ 19.823 (2)	324,313	D	

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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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securition
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.945	10/26/2011		M	10,000	01/23/2003(3)	01/23/2012	Common Stock	10,0
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 12.945	10/27/2011		M	15,000	01/23/2003(3)	01/23/2012	Common Stock	15,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
COLUMNIANA					

GOUW JULIA S EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101

X President

Signatures

Julia S. Gouw	10/28/2011			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			

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- * 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) (1) Sales prices of securities sold ranged from \$18.945 to \$19.00.
- (2) Sales price of securities sold ranged from \$19.68 and \$20.02.
- (3) (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 23, 2003.

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