

First California Financial Group, Inc.  
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**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 * POHLAD JAMES O (Last) (First) (Middle) 60 S SIXTH ST, #3800 (Street) MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2007	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol First California Financial Group, Inc. [FCAL]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**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)
Common Stock	841,779 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	D	^

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**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)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

				Shares		(I)	
						(Instr. 5)	
Series A Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock (3)	Â (6)	Â (5)	Common Stock	334	\$ (4)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POHLAD JAMES O 60 S SIXTH ST #3800 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402	Â	Â X	Â	Â

## Signatures

Jay L. Kim, Attorney-in-Fact for James O. Pohlada  
Pohlada 03/22/2007

\_\_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) The reporting person is a party to a Securities Purchase and Option Agreement dated December 15, 2006 by and among David Brown, James O. Pohlada, Robert C. Pohlada and William M. Pohlada ("Brown Agreement") by which the reporting person is required to purchase certain shares as more fully described therein. A copy of the Brown Agreement can be found as an exhibit to the reporting person's Schedule 13D, as amended.

(2) The reporting person is a party to a Securities Purchase and Option Agreement dated December 19, 2005 by and among Scott A. Montgomery, James O. Pohlada, Robert C. Pohlada and William M. Pohlada ("Montgomery Agreement") by which the reporting person is required to purchase certain shares of common stock as more fully described therein. A copy of the Montgomery Agreement can be found as an exhibit to the reporting person's Schedule 13D, as amended.

(3) Each share of the Series A Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock results from a conversion of equal shares of National Mercantile Bancorp Series B Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock pursuant to a merger agreement between National Mercantile Bancorp and FCB Bancorp, dated June 15, 2006.

(4) The Series A Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock is convertible into such number of shares of common stock of the Company as is equal to the liquidation amount divided by the conversion price as was set for the Series B Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock prior to the merger.

(5) No date.

(6) Exercisable immediately

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