

BANC OF CALIFORNIA, 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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Benett Halle J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BANC OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
[BANC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
18500 VON KARMAN AVE, SUITE 1100
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/01/2014

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

IRVINE, CA 92612

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 Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 07/01/2014 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,129 <u>(2)</u> \$ 10.9 | 4,629 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/01/2014 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,129 <u>(3)</u> \$ 10.9 | 8,758 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option | \$ 10.9 | 07/01/2014 | | A | 918 | (4) 07/01/2024 | Common Stock 918 | \$ 0 |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.9 | 07/01/2014 | | A | 918 | (4) 07/01/2024 | Common Stock 918 | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Benett Halle J. 18500 VON KARMAN AVE SUITE 1100 IRVINE, CA 92612 | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Ron Nicolas, 07/03/2014
Attorney-in-Fact

**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) Represents shares of restricted stock, which shares will vest annually in equal installments over a five year period beginning on the one year anniversary of the grant date. In accordance with the Restricted Stock Agreement, by and between the Reporting Person and the Issuer, dated July 1, 2014 (the "Restricted Stock Agreement"), in the event the Reporting Person is subject to a Qualified Termination of Service (as defined in the Restricted Stock Agreement), this award will automatically become fully vested. The Issuer intends to file the form of Restricted Stock Agreement as an exhibit to its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014, due to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2014.
- (2) Shares issued to the Reporting Person as consideration for his service on the Issuer's Board of Directors, pursuant to the Issuer's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (3) Shares issued to the Reporting Person as consideration for his service on the Board of Directors of Banc of California, N.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer, pursuant to the Issuer's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

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- Options will vest annually in equal installments over a five year period beginning on the one year anniversary of the grant date. In accordance with the Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement, by and between the Reporting Person and the Issuer, dated July 1, 2014 (the "Option Agreement"), in the event the Reporting Person is subject to a Qualified Termination of Service (as defined in the Option Agreement), this award will automatically become fully vested. The Issuer intends to file the form of Option Agreement as an exhibit to its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014, due to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2014.
- (4)
 - (5) Stock options issued as consideration for the Reporting Person's service on the Issuer's Board of Directors, pursuant to the Issuer's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
 - (6) Stock options issued as consideration for the Reporting Person's service on the Board of Directors of Banc of California, N.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer, pursuant to the Issuer's 2013 Omnibus Plan.

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