Meritage Homes CORP Form 4 March 10, 2011

## FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading DAVIS STEVEN M Issuer Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ \_\_ Other (specify 17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE 03/08/2011 below) 300 Exec VP - COO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

#### SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

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| (City)                               | (State) (Z                              | Table   | I - Non-De  | erivative Se  | ecuriti   | es Acqui   | red, Disposed of,                             | or Beneficiall                         | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------|-----------|--|---|--|---------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) |               |           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | Beneficial O) Ownership oct (Instr. 4) |         |
| MTH<br>COMMON<br>STOCK               | 03/08/2011                              |   | Code V  | Amount 16,000 | or<br>(D) | Price \$ 15.98   | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 56,208 (1)    | (Instr. 4)                             |         |

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)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |       | 6. Date Exercis<br>Expiration Dat<br>(Month/Day/Y | e                  | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                    |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|---|--------------------|---|------------------------------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                               | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Shares |
| MTH<br>COMMON<br>STOCK                              | \$ 15.98  | 03/08/2011                           |   | M                                      |   | 6,257 | 12/11/2009  | 12/11/2014         | MTH<br>COMMON<br>STOCK  | 6,25                               |
| MTH<br>COMMON<br>STOCK                              | \$ 15.98  | 03/08/2011                           |   | M                                      |   | 6,257 | 12/11/2010  | 12/11/2014         | MTH<br>COMMON<br>STOCK  | 6,25                               |
| MTH<br>COMMON<br>STOCK                              | \$ 15.98  | 03/08/2011                           |   | M                                      |   | 1,743 | 12/11/2009  | 12/11/2014         | MTH<br>COMMON<br>STOCK  | 1,74                               |
| MTH<br>COMMON<br>STOCK                              | \$ 15.98  | 03/08/2011                           |   | M                                      |   | 1,743 | 12/11/2010  | 12/11/2014         | MTH<br>COMMON<br>STOCK  | 1,74                               |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Reporting Dwner Name / Address |               |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DAVIS STEVEN M 17851 N. 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

Exec VP - COO

## **Signatures**

/s/ Steven M.
Davis
03/10/2011

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

# **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) Balance includes all non-vested stock grants but does not include 42,500 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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