

KRAUSE DOUGLAS PAUL

Form 4

March 12, 2018

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KRAUSE DOUGLAS PAUL

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
EAST WEST BANCORP INC
[EWBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
EAST WEST BANCORP, INC., 135
N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH
FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2018

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

(Street)
PASADENA, CA 91101

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/08/2018		M	10,171 A	28,216	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2018		F	3,297 D	\$ 67.59	24,919	D
Common Stock					29,136	I	401 (k) Plan

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/08/2018		M		10,171		(1)	03/08/2018	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KRAUSE DOUGLAS PAUL
EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.
135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR
PASADENA, CA 91101

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Felicia Yu, as
Attorney-in-fact 03/08/2018

_____*Signature of Reporting Person

_____*Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units granted on February 27, 2015 fully vest in three years. Number of vested units depends on meeting pre-established performance criteria. As of March 8, 2018, 180.56% of the units granted on February 27, 2015 were earned and vested. On the settlement date, for each vested Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit, the reporting person received one share of Common Stock.

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