

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 HANSEN DENNIS R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WESTAMERICA  
 BANCORPORATION [WABC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/23/2017

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP/Systems & Operations Mgr.

WESTAMERICA  
 BANCORPORATION

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

4550 MANGELS BLVD 94534

(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                    | 01/23/2017                           |  | M                              |   |   | 19,882 | A   | \$ 48.39   | 19,912                            | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 01/23/2017                           |  | S                              |   |   | 19,882 | D   | \$ 56.3893   | 30                                | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 01/23/2017                           |  | M                              |   |   | 20,930 | A   | \$ 47.13   | 20,960                            | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 01/23/2017                           |  | S                              |   |   | 20,930 | D   | \$ 56.3893   | 30                                | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 01/23/2017                           |  | M                              |   |   | 19,600 | A   | \$ 43.015  | 19,630                            | D          |       |

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|              |            |   |        |   |            |            |   |          |
|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------|------------|---|----------|
| Common Stock | 01/23/2017 | S | 19,600 | D | \$ 56.3893 | 30         | D |          |
| Common Stock | 01/23/2017 | M | 19,200 | A | \$ 50.76   | 19,230     | D |          |
| Common Stock | 01/23/2017 | S | 19,200 | D | \$ 56.3893 | 30         | D |          |
| Common Stock | 01/23/2017 | M | 19,400 | A | \$ 45.93   | 19,430     | D |          |
| Common Stock | 01/23/2017 | S | 19,400 | D | \$ 56.3893 | 30         | D |          |
| Common Stock | 01/23/2017 | M | 22,100 | A | \$ 43.71   | 22,130     | D |          |
| Common Stock | 01/23/2017 | S | 22,100 | D | \$ 56.3893 | 30         | D |          |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 14,780     | I | Deferred |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 28,764.799 | I | Esop     |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 48.39   | 01/23/2017                           |  | M                              | 19,882  | 01/25/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/25/2017                     | Common Stock                                      |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 47.13   | 01/23/2017                           |  | M                              | 20,930  | 01/24/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/24/2018                     | Common Stock                                      |

|   |           |            |   |        |                           |            |                 |
|---|-----------|------------|---|--------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Non-qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | \$ 43.015 | 01/23/2017 | M | 19,600 | 01/21/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> | 01/21/2019 | Common<br>Stock |
| Non-qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | \$ 50.76  | 01/23/2017 | M | 19,200 | 01/27/2012 <sup>(4)</sup> | 01/27/2021 | Common<br>Stock |
| Non-qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | \$ 45.93  | 01/23/2017 | M | 19,400 | 01/26/2013 <sup>(2)</sup> | 01/26/2022 | Common<br>Stock |
| Non-qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | \$ 43.71  | 01/23/2017 | M | 22,100 | 01/24/2014 <sup>(5)</sup> | 01/24/2023 | Common<br>Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| HANSEN DENNIS R<br>WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION<br>4550 MANGELS BLVD 94534 |               |           | SVP/Systems & Operations Mgr. |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Dennis R.  
Hansen

01/24/2017

\*\*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) The options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.
- (2) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.
- (3) Shares vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.
- (4) Options vests ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.
- (5) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year after grant date.

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