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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> CapGen Capital Group II LP			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PACWEST BANCORP [PACW]					
(Last) (F	First)	(Middle)	01/14/2009		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
280 PARK AVENUE 40TH								× • •	
FLOOR WEST, SUITE 401					(Check a	all applicable)			
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10017					Director 10% C Officer Other (give title below) (specify below			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One	
								Reporting Person	
(City) (S	state)	(Zip)		Table I - N	lon-Derivati	ve Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)				2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	•	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share			3,846,153		D (1) (2) (3)	Â			
Reminder: Report o owned directly or in	-	te line for ea	ch class of secu	irities benefici	ally SI	EC 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	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	(Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CapGen Capital Group II LP 280 PARK AVENUE 40TH FLOOR WEST SUITE 401 NEW YORK, NY 10017	Â	ÂX	Â	Â		
CapGen Capital Group II LLC 280 PARK AVENUE 40TH FLOOR WEST SUITE 401 NEW YORK, NY 10017	Â	ÂX	Â	Â		
Ludwig Eugene 280 PARK AVENUE 40TH FLOOR WEST SUITE 401 NEW YORK, NY 10017	Â	ÂX	Â	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Eugene A. Ludwig, the managing member of CapGen Capital Group II LLC, the general partner of CapGen Capital Group II LP

01/22/2009

<u>**</u>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).
- This Form 3 is filed on behalf of CapGen Capital Group II LP ("CapGen LP"), CapGen Capital Group II LLC ("CapGen LLC") and Mr.
 (1) Eugene A. Ludwig. CapGen LLC is the sole general partner of CapGen LP. Mr. Eugene A. Ludwig is the managing member of CapGen LLC.
- (2) As of January 14, 2009, CapGen LP directly owned 3,846,153 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01, of PacWest Bancorp ("Common Stock").

As the sole general partner of CapGen LP, CapGen LLC may be deemed to be the indirect beneficial owner of such shares of Common Stock under Rule 16a-1(a)(2) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). However, pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) promulgated under the Exchange Act, CapGen LLC disclaims that it is the beneficial owner of such shares,

(3) except to the extent of its pecuniary interest. As the managing member of CapGen LLC, Mr. Ludwig may be deemed to be the indirect beneficial owner of such shares under Rule 16a-1(a)(2) promulgated under the Exchange Act. However, pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) promulgated under the Exchange Act, Mr. Ludwig disclaims that he is the beneficial owner of such shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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Remarks:

Exhibit 99.1 - Joint Filer Information

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