

COMMUNITY WEST BANCSHARES /  
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**Form 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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|  |         |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>Peeples, William R.</b> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>COMMUNITY WEST BANCSHARES (CWBC)</b>  |  |  | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle) | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)           | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br><b>03/14/2003</b> |  | (Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10%<br>Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other<br>(specify below)<br><br>_____ |  |  |
| 877 Gwynne Avenue  |         |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)   |         |          | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)                                      |  | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |  |
| Santa Barbara, CA 93110  |         |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)    | <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b> |  |  |  |  |  |

| 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 Transactions (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2003                           |  | S                              |   | 100   | D          | 5.02  | 568,928   | I  | By Spouse   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2003                           |  | S                              |   | 5,600   | D          | 5.01  | 568,928   | I  | By Spouse   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2003                           |  | S                              |   | 21,800  | D          | 5.00  | 568,928   | I  | By Spouse   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/ | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security | 9. Number of Derivative Securities | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
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| Price of Derivative Security | Day/Year | any (Month/Day/Year) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,4 and 5) |   |     |     | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Own (Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------|----------|----------------------|---|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|---|---|----------------|
|                              |          |                      | Code  | V | (A) | (D) |                  |                 | Title                       | Amount or Number of Shares |            |   |   |                |
|                              |          |                      |   |   |     |     |                  |                 |                             |                            |            |   |   |                |

Explanation of Responses:

**William Peoples disclaims beneficial ownership in these shares sold by his wife, Ardyce Peoples.**

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

**/s/ William R. Peoples by Susan Thompson 03/17/2003**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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