

SMITH RICHARD P  
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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 \*  
SMITH RICHARD P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TRICO BANCSHARES / [tcbk]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
63 CONSTITUTION DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

(Street)  
CHICO, CA 95973

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

(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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/22/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>	0 A \$ 0	159,189.83 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

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 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option Common Stock	\$ 14.54	12/20/2011		X		4,000		12/20/2012	12/20/2021	Common Stock	4,000
Option Common Stock	\$ 14.54	12/20/2011		X		12,200		12/20/2012	12/20/2021	Common Stock	12,200
Option Common Stock	\$ 14.54	12/20/2011		X		12,200		12/20/2013	12/20/2021	Common Stock	12,200
Option Common Stock	\$ 14.54	12/20/2011		X		12,200		12/20/2014	12/20/2021	Common Stock	12,000
Option Common Stock	\$ 14.54	12/20/2011		X		12,200		12/20/2015	12/20/2021	Common Stock	12,200
Option Common Stock	\$ 14.54	12/20/2011		X		12,200		12/20/2016	12/20/2021	Common Stock	12,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH RICHARD P 63 CONSTITUTION DRIVE CHICO, CA 95973	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/S/ Richard P Smith By Suzanne Youngs  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/22/2011

\_\_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) No transactions occurred among these shares, intended only to reflect number of shares beneficially owned.

(2) Include 24,458.80 shares owned through ESOP and 196.0340 shares held solely by his wife.

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