

COMPTON CRAIG S  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**COMPTON CRAIG S**

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**  
  
(Street)

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

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

**CHICO, CA 95973**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>		0	A	\$ 0	69,062	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>		0	A	\$ 0	34,814	D	<sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	12/21/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>		0	A	\$ 0	105,464	I	Mother's Trust I am successor trustee
Common Stock	12/21/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>		0	A	\$ 0	651	I	By daughter shares held with broker

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Common Stock	12/21/2011	J <sup>(1)</sup>	0	A	\$ 0	607	I	By son shares held with broker
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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. 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

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COMPTON CRAIG S 63 CONSTITUTION DRIVE CHICO, CA 95973		X		

## Signatures

/S/ Craig Compton By Suzanne Youngs Attorney-in-Fact	12/21/2011
**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) Shares held with broker.

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