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FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

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For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 814-61

CAPITAL SOUTHWEST CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas 75-1072796  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation (I.R.S. Employer  
or organization) Identification No.)

12900 Preston Road, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75230  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 233-8242

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act: Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  
YES  NO

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required

to submit and post such files). YES  NO

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [X]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check One):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). YES  NO .

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of September 30, 2009 was \$222,149,268, based on the last sale price of such stock as quoted by The Nasdaq Stock Market on such date.

The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of May 1, 2010 was 3,741,638.

Documents Incorporated by Reference  Part of Form 10-K

Proxy Statement for Annual Meeting of Shareholders Part III  
to be held July 19, 2010

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## PART I

### Item 1. Business

#### Overview

Capital Southwest Corporation ("CSC") was organized as a Texas corporation on April 19, 1961. Until September 1969, we operated as a licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. At that time, we transferred to our wholly-owned subsidiary, Capital Southwest Venture Corporation ("CSVC"), certain assets and our license as a small business investment company ("SBIC"). CSVC is a closed-end, non-diversified investment company of the management type registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"). Prior to March 30, 1988, we were registered as a closed-end, non-diversified investment company under the 1940 Act. On that date, we elected to become a business development company ("BDC") subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act, as amended by the Small Business Incentive Act of 1980. Because we wholly own CSVC, the portfolios of both entities are referred to collectively as "our," "we" and "us." Capital Southwest Management Company ("CSMC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CSC, is the management company for CSC and CSVC. CSMC generally incurs all normal operating and administrative expenses, including but not limited to salaries and related benefits, rent, equipment and other administrative costs required for its day-to-day operations.

Our portfolio is a composite of companies in which we have major interests as well as a number of developing companies and marketable securities of established publicly traded companies. We make available significant managerial assistance to the companies in which we invest and believe that providing material assistance to such investee companies is critical to their business development activities.

The 12 largest investments we own had a combined cost of \$33,542,228 and a value of \$431,648,323, representing 90.3% of the value of our consolidated investment portfolio at March 31, 2010. For a narrative description of the 12 largest investments, see "Twelve Largest Investments - March 31, 2010" in Exhibit 13.1 of this Form 10-K which is herein incorporated by reference. Certain of the information presented on the 12 largest investments has been obtained from the respective companies and, in certain cases, from public filings of such companies. The financial information presented on each of the respective companies is from such companies' audited financial statements.

#### Investment Criteria and Objectives

We are a venture capital investment company whose objective is to achieve capital appreciation through long-term investments in businesses believed to have favorable growth potential. Our investment interests are focused on expansion financings, management buyouts, minority recapitalizations, industry consolidations and early-stage financings in a broad range of industry segments.

Our investment team has identified the following investment criteria that it believes are important in evaluating prospective portfolio companies:

- **Excellent Management:** Management teams with a proven record of achievement, exceptional ability, unyielding determination and unquestionable integrity. We believe management teams with these attributes are more likely to manage the companies in a manner that protects our debt investment and enhances the value of our equity investment.
- **Investment Size:** \$5 million to \$15 million of equity capital. We occasionally partner with other investors to engage in larger transactions.

- **Established Companies with Positive Cash Flow:** We seek to invest in established companies with sound historical financial performance. We typically focus on companies that have historically generated positive EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) or have a plan to achieve positive EBITDA in the near term.

- **Industry:** We primarily focus on companies having competitive advantages in their respective markets and/or operating in industries with barriers to entry, which may help protect their market position. Overall, our portfolio is spread over many diverse industries.
- **Location:** We focus on companies located in the United States, although we are more focused on the Southwest, Southeast, Midwest and Mountain Regions.
- **Quality referral from a reputable source:** Excellent management is a cornerstone of our investment philosophy. Accomplished managers generally have prior investors or directors willing to speak on their behalf.

#### Investment Process

Our investment team is responsible for all aspects of our investment process. Our investment strategy involves a "team" approach, whereby potential transactions are screened by the team before they are presented to the Board of Directors for approval. Our investment team generally categorizes the investment process into seven distinctive stages:

- **Deal Generation/Origination:** Deal generation and origination is maximized through long-standing and extensive relationships with industry contacts, brokers, commercial and investment bankers, entrepreneurs, service providers such as lawyers and accountants, as well as current and former portfolio companies and investors.
- **Screening:** Once it is determined that a potential investment has met our investment criteria, we will perform preliminary due diligence or screening. It is during this stage that we will take into consideration potential investment structures and price terms, as well as regulatory compliance. Upon successful screening of the proposed investment, the investment team makes a recommendation to move forward. We then issue a non-binding term sheet.
- **Term Sheet:** The non-binding term sheet will include the key economic terms based upon our analysis performed during the screening process as well as a proposed timeline and our qualitative expectation for the transaction. Upon execution of the term sheet, we begin our formal due diligence process.
- **Due Diligence:** Due diligence is performed by the leader of the designated investment team and certain external resources who together perform due diligence to understand the relationships among the prospective portfolio company's business plan, operations, and financial performance. Additionally, we may include site visits with management and key personnel; detailed review of historical and projected financial statements; interviews with key customers and suppliers; detailed evaluation of company management, including background checks; review of material contracts; in-depth industry, market and strategy analysis; and review by legal, environmental or other consultants, if needed. In certain cases, we may decide not to make an investment based on the results of due diligence.
- **Document and Close:** Upon completion of a satisfactory due diligence review, the investment team presents its findings, in writing, to our Board of Directors for approval. If any adjustments to the investment terms or structures are proposed by the Board of Directors, such changes are made and applicable analysis is updated. Upon Board approval for the investment, we will re-confirm regulatory company compliance, process and finalize all required legal documents, and fund the investment.
- **Post-Investment:** We continuously monitor the status and progress of our portfolio companies. We offer managerial assistance to our portfolio companies, giving them access to our investment experience, direct industry expertise and contacts. The same investment team lead that was involved in the investment process will continue

involvement in the portfolio company post-investment. This provides for continuity of knowledge and allows the investment team to maintain a strong business relationship with key management of our portfolio companies for post-investment assistance and monitoring purposes. As part of the monitoring process, the investment team leader will analyze monthly/quarterly/annual financial statements versus the previous periods, review financial projections, meet with management, attend board meetings, and review all compliance certificates and covenants. While we maintain limited involvement in the ordinary course of operations of our portfolio companies, we maintain a higher level of involvement in non-ordinary course financings, potential acquisitions and other strategic activities.



- Exit Strategies: While our approach is primarily focused on providing long-term patient capital for sustained growth, we assist our portfolio companies in developing and planning exit opportunities, including any sale or merger of our portfolio companies, at the appropriate time. We assist in the structure, timing, execution and transition of the exit strategy.

#### Determination of Net Asset Value and Portfolio Valuation Process

We determine our net asset value per share on a quarterly basis. The net asset value per share is equal to our total assets minus liabilities and any preferred stock outstanding divided by the total number of shares of common stock outstanding.

We determine in good faith the fair value of our portfolio investments pursuant to a valuation policy in accordance with Accounting Standard Codification ("ASC") Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures ("ASC 820") and a valuation process approved by our Board of Directors and in accordance with the 1940 Act. Our valuation policy is intended to provide a consistent basis for determining the fair value of the portfolio.

As described below, we undertake a multi-step valuation process each quarter in connection with determining the fair value of our investments, with our Board of Directors ultimately and solely responsible for overseeing, reviewing and approving, in good faith, our estimate of the fair value of each individual investment.

- Our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment team leader responsible for the portfolio investment; and
  - Preliminary valuation conclusions will then be reviewed and discussed with the Investment Team; and
- The Board of Directors will assess the valuations and will ultimately approve the fair value of each investment in our portfolio, in good faith.

Our Board of Directors is ultimately and solely responsible for determining the fair value of portfolio investments on an annual basis. Duff & Phelps, LLC ("Duff & Phelps") provided third party valuation consulting services to our Board of Directors, which consisted of certain limited procedures that our Board of Directors identified and requested them to perform. For the year ended March 31, 2010, the Board of Directors asked Duff & Phelps to perform the limited procedures on eight investments comprising approximately 81.3% of the total investments at fair value as of March 31, 2010. Upon completion of the limited procedures, Duff & Phelps concluded that the fair value of those investments, subject to the limited procedures, did not appear unreasonable.

#### Competition

We compete for attractive investment opportunities with private equity funds, venture capital partnerships and corporations, venture capital affiliates of industrial and financial companies, SBICs and wealthy individuals.

## 1940 Act Regulations

The Small Business Investment Incentive Act of 1980 added the provisions of the 1940 Act making them applicable to BDCs. BDCs are a special type of investment company. After a company files its election to be treated as a BDC, it may not withdraw its election without first obtaining the approval of the holders of a majority of its voting securities. The following is a brief description of the 1940 Act provisions applicable to BDCs, qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the 1940 Act and rules issued thereunder by the SEC.

Generally, to be eligible to elect BDC status, a company must primarily engage in the business of furnishing capital and making significant managerial assistance available to companies that do not have ready access through conventional financial channels. Such companies that satisfy certain additional criteria are termed to be "eligible portfolio companies." In general, in order to qualify as a BDC, a company must: (i) be a domestic company; (ii) have registered a class of its securities pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; (iii) operate for the purpose of investing in the securities of certain types of portfolio companies, including early stage or emerging companies and businesses suffering or just recovering from financial distress (see following paragraph); (iv) make available significant managerial assistance to such portfolio companies; and (v) file a proper notice of election with the SEC.

An eligible portfolio company generally is a domestic company that is not an investment company or a company excluded from investment company status pursuant to exclusions for certain types of financial companies (such as brokerage firms, banks, insurance companies and investment banking firms) and that: (i) has a market capitalization of less than \$250 million and has a class of equity securities listed on a national securities exchange; (ii) does not have a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange; or (iii) is controlled by the BDC itself or together with others (control under the 1940 Act is presumed to exist where a person owns at least 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the portfolio company) and has a representative on the Board of Directors of such company.

As with other companies regulated by the 1940 Act, a BDC must adhere to certain substantive regulatory requirements. A majority of the directors must be persons who are not interested persons, as that term is defined by the 1940 Act. Additionally, we are required to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company to protect the BDC. Furthermore, as a BDC, we are prohibited from protecting any director or officer against any liability to us or our shareholders arising from willful malfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such person's office.

We are required to adopt and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation of the federal securities laws, review these policies and procedures annually for their adequacy and the effectiveness of their implementation, and to designate a chief compliance officer to be responsible for administering these policies and procedures.

The 1940 Act provides that we may not make an investment in non-qualifying assets unless at the time at least 70% of the value of our total assets (measured as of the date of our most recently filed financial statements) consists of qualifying assets. Qualifying assets include: (i) securities of eligible portfolio companies; (ii) securities of certain companies that were eligible companies at the time we initially acquired their securities and in which we retain a substantial interest; (iii) securities of certain controlled companies; (iv) securities of certain bankrupt, insolvent or distressed companies; (v) securities received in exchange for or distributed in or with respect to any of the foregoing; and (vi) cash items, U.S. government securities and high-quality short-term debt. The SEC has adopted a rule permitting a BDC to invest its funds in certain money market funds. The 1940 Act also places restrictions on the nature of the transactions in which, and the persons for whom, securities can be purchased in some instances in order for the securities to be considered qualifying assets.

We are permitted by the 1940 Act, under specific conditions, to issue multiple classes of debt and a single class of preferred stock if our asset coverage, as defined by the 1940 Act, is at least 200% after the issuance of the debt or the preferred stock (i.e. such senior securities may not be in excess of our net assets). Under specific conditions, we are also permitted by the 1940 Act to issue warrants.

Except under certain conditions, we may sell our securities at a price that is below the prevailing net asset value per share only during the 12-month period after (i) a majority of our directors and our disinterested investors have determined that such sale would be in the best interests of us and our stockholders and (ii) the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities and the holders of a majority of our voting securities held by persons who are not affiliated person of ours approve such issuances. A majority of the disinterested directors must determine in good faith that the price of the securities being sold is not less than a price which closely approximates market value of the securities, less any distribution discount or commission.

Certain transactions involving certain closely related persons of the Company, including its directors, officers and employees, may require approval of the SEC. However, the 1940 Act ordinarily does not restrict transactions between us and our portfolio companies.

We may be periodically examined by the SEC for compliance with the 1940 Act.

#### Small Business Investment Company Regulations

CSVC is licensed by the Small Business Administration ("SBA") to operate as a SBIC under Section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

SBICs are designed to stimulate the flow of private equity capital to eligible small businesses. Under SBIC regulations, a SBIC may make loans to eligible small businesses, invest in equity securities of such businesses and provide them with consulting and advisory services.

Under present SBIC regulations, eligible small businesses generally include businesses that (together with their affiliates) have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$18 million and have average annual net income after federal income taxes not exceeding \$6 million (average net income to be computed without benefit of any carryover loss) for the two most recent fiscal years. In addition, an SBIC must devote 20% of its investment activity to "smaller" concerns as defined by the SBA. A smaller concern generally includes businesses that have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$6 million and have average annual net income after federal income taxes not exceeding \$2 million (average net income to be computed without benefit of any net carryover loss) for the two most recent fiscal years. SBIC regulations also provide alternative size standard criteria to determine eligibility for designation as an eligible small business or smaller concern, which criteria depend on the primary industry in which the business is engaged and are based on such factors as the number of employees and gross revenue. However, once a SBIC has invested in a company, it may continue to make follow on investments in the company, regardless of the size of the portfolio company at the time of the follow on investment, up to the time of the portfolio company's initial public offering.

The SBA prohibits a SBIC from providing funds to small businesses for certain purposes, such as relending and investment outside the United States, to businesses engaged in a few prohibited industries, and to certain "passive" (non-operating) companies. In addition, without prior SBA approval, a SBIC may not invest an amount equal to more than approximately 30% of the SBIC's regulatory capital in any one portfolio company and its affiliates.

The SBA places certain limitations on the financing terms of investments by SBICs in portfolio companies (such as limiting the permissible interest rate on debt securities held by a SBIC in a portfolio company). Although prior regulations prohibited a SBIC from controlling a small business concern except in limited circumstances, regulations adopted by the SBA in 2002 now allow a SBIC to exercise control over a small business for a period of seven years from the date on which the SBIC initially acquires its control position. This control period may be extended for an additional period of time with the SBA's prior written approval.



The SBA restricts the ability of a SBIC to lend money to any of its officers, directors and employees or to invest in affiliates thereof. The SBA also prohibits, without prior SBA approval, a "change of control" of a SBIC or transfers that would result in any person (or a group of persons acting in concert) owning 10% or more of a class of capital stock of a licensed SBIC. A "change of control" is any event which would result in the transfer of the power, direct or indirect, to direct the management and policies of a SBIC, whether through ownership, contractual arrangements or otherwise.

A SBIC (or group of SBICs under common control) may generally have outstanding debentures guaranteed by the SBA in amounts up to twice the amount of the privately-raised funds of the SBIC(s). Debentures guaranteed by the SBA have a maturity of 10 years, require semi-annual payments of interest, do not require any principal payments prior to maturity, and, historically, were subject to certain prepayment penalties. Those prepayment penalties no longer apply as of September 2006. As of March 31, 2010, we had no SBA-guaranteed debentures.

SBICs must invest idle funds that are not being used to make loans in investments permitted under SBIC regulations in the following limited types of securities: (i) direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by, the United States government, which mature within 15 months from the date of the investment; (ii) repurchase agreements with federally insured institutions with a maturity of seven days or less (and the securities underlying the repurchase obligations must be direct obligations of or guaranteed by the federal government); (iii) certificates of deposit with a maturity of one year or less, issued by a federally insured institution; (iv) a deposit account in a federally insured institution that is subject to a withdrawal restriction of one year or less; (v) a checking account in a federally insured institution; or (vi) a reasonable petty cash fund.

SBICs are periodically examined and audited by the SBA's staff to determine their compliance with SBIC regulations and are periodically required to file forms with the SBA.

#### The Nasdaq Global Select Market Corporate Governance Regulations

The Nasdaq Global Select Market has adopted corporate governance regulations that listed companies must comply with in order to remain listed. We believe we are in compliance with such corporate governance listing standards. We intend to monitor our compliance with all future listing standards and to take all necessary actions to ensure that we stay in compliance.

#### Taxation as a Regulated Investment Company

We elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (a "RIC"), taxable under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), for federal income tax purposes. In general, a RIC is not taxed on its income or gains to the extent it distributes such income or gains to its shareholders. In order to qualify as a RIC, we must, in general, (1) annually derive at least 90% of our gross income from dividends, interest and gains from the sale of securities and similar sources (the "Income Source Rule"); (2) quarterly meet certain investment asset diversification requirements; and (3) annually distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income as a dividend (the "Income Distribution Rule"). Any taxable investment company income not distributed is subject to corporate level tax. Any taxable investment company income distributed generally is taxable to shareholders as dividend income.

In addition to the requirement that we must annually distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, we may either distribute or retain our realized net capital gains from investments, but any net capital gains not distributed may be subject to corporate level tax. It is our current intention not to distribute net capital gains. Any net capital gains distributed generally will be taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gains.

In lieu of actually distributing our realized net capital gains, we as a RIC may retain all or part of our net capital gains and elect to be deemed to have made a distribution of the retained portion to our shareholders under the "designated undistributed capital gain" rules of the Code. We currently intend to retain and so designate all of our net capital gains. In this case, the "deemed distribution" generally is taxable to our shareholders as long-term capital gains. Although we pay tax at the corporate rate on the amount deemed to have been distributed, our shareholders receive a tax credit equal to their proportionate share of the tax paid and an increase in the tax basis of their shares by the amount per share retained by us.

To the extent that we retain capital gains and have a "deemed distribution," each shareholder will receive an IRS Form 2439 that will reflect each shareholder's receipt of the deemed distribution income and a tax credit equal to each shareholder's proportionate share of the tax paid by us. This tax credit, which is paid at the corporate rate, is often credited at a higher rate than the actual tax due by a shareholder on the deemed distribution income. The "residual" credit can be used by the shareholder to offset other taxes due in that year or to generate a tax refund to the shareholder. Tax exempt investors may file for a refund.

Although we may retain income and gains subject to the limitations described above (including paying corporate level tax on such amounts), we could be subject to an additional 4% excise tax if we fail to distribute 98% of our aggregate annual taxable income.

#### Corporate information

Our principal executive offices are located at 12900 Preston Road, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75230. We maintain a website on the internet at [www.capitalsouthwest.com](http://www.capitalsouthwest.com). You can review the filings we have made with the SEC, free of charge by linking directly from our website to NASDAQ, a database that links to EDGAR, the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval System of the SEC. You may also use the site to access our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The public may read and copy materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that contains the reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. The charters adopted by the committees of our board of directors are also available on our website.

#### Employees

As of March 31, 2010, we had nine employees, each of whom was employed by our management company, Capital Southwest Management Corporation. These employees include our corporate officers, investment and portfolio management professionals and administrative staff. We will hire additional investment professionals, and additional administrative personnel, as necessary. All of our employees are located in our Dallas office.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Investing in our common stock involves a number of significant risks. In addition to other information contained in this annual report on Form 10-K, investors should consider the following information before making an investment in our common stock. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us, or not presently deemed material by us, may also impair our operations and performance. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. If that happens, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

The current state of the economy and financial markets increase the likelihood of adverse effects on our financial position and results of operations. Continued economic adversity could impair our portfolio companies' financial position and operating results and affect the industries in which we invest, which could, in turn, harm our operating results.





The broader economic fundamentals of the U.S. economy remain at depressed levels. Unemployment levels remain elevated and consumer fundamentals remain depressed, which has led to significant reductions in spending by both consumers and businesses. In the event that the U.S. economy remains depressed, it is likely that the financial results of small to mid-size companies, like those in which we invest, could experience deterioration or limited growth from current levels, which could ultimately lead to difficulty in meeting their debt service requirements and increase in defaults. In addition, the end markets for certain of our portfolio companies' products and services have experienced negative economic trends. We are seeing reduced operating results at several of the portfolio companies due to the general economic difficulties. We expect the trend of reduced operating results to continue in 2010. Consequently, we can provide no assurance that the performance of certain of our portfolio companies will not be negatively impacted by these economic and other conditions, which could also have a negative impact on our future results.

Our investment portfolio is and will continue to be recorded at fair value, with our Board of Directors having final responsibility for overseeing, reviewing and approving, in good faith, our estimate of fair value and, as a result, there is and will continue to be uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments.

Under the 1940 Act, we are required to carry our portfolio investments at market value or, if there is no readily available market value, at fair value as determined by us, with our Board of Directors having final responsibility for overseeing, reviewing and approving, in good faith, our estimate of fair value. Typically, there is not a public market for the securities of the privately held companies in which we have invested and generally will continue to invest. As a result, we value these securities quarterly at fair value based on inputs from management and our investment team, along with the oversight, review and approval of our Board of Directors.

The determination of fair value and consequently, the amount of unrealized gains and losses in our portfolio, are to a certain degree, subjective and dependent on a valuation process approved by our Board of Directors. Certain factors that may be considered in determining fair value of our investments include external events, such as private mergers, sales and acquisitions involving comparable companies. Because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuation of portfolio securities which do not have readily ascertainable market values, our fair value determinations may differ materially from the values a third party would be willing to pay for such securities or the values which would be applicable to unrestricted securities having a public market. Due to this uncertainty, our fair value determinations may cause our net asset value on a given date to be materially understated or overstate the value that we may ultimately realize on one or more of our investments. As a result, investors purchasing our common stock based on an overstated net asset value would pay a higher price than the value of our investments might warrant. Conversely, investors selling shares during a period in which the net asset value understates the value of our investments will receive a lower price for their shares than the value of our investments might warrant.

Our financial condition and results of operations will depend on our ability to effectively manage any future growth and deploy capital.

Our ability to achieve our investment objective of maximizing our portfolio's total return by generating income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity and equity-related investments, depends on our ability to effectively manage and deploy capital, which depends, in turn, on our investment team's ability to identify, evaluate and monitor, and our ability to finance and invest in, companies that meet our investment criteria.

Accomplishing our investment objective on a cost-effective basis is largely a function of our investment team's handling of the investment process, its ability to provide competent, attentive and effective services and our access to investments offering acceptable terms. In addition to monitoring the performance of our existing investments, members of our investment team are called upon, from time to time, to provide managerial assistance to some of our portfolio companies. These demands on their time may distract them and slow the rate of investment.



Sustaining growth depends on our ability to identify, evaluate, finance, and invest in companies that meet our investment criteria. Accomplishing such results on a cost-effective basis is a function of our marketing capabilities and skillful management of the investment process. Failure to achieve future growth could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. The results of our operations will depend on many factors, including the availability of opportunities for investment, readily accessible short and long-term funding alternatives in the financial markets and economic conditions. Furthermore, if we cannot successfully operate our business or implement our investment policies and strategies as described herein, it could negatively impact our ability to pay dividends.

If we fail to invest our capital effectively, our return on equity may be decreased, which could reduce the price of the shares of our common stock.

Fluctuations may occur in our quarterly results.

Our quarterly operating results may fluctuate materially due to a number of factors including, among others, variations in and the timing of the recognition of realized and unrealized gains or losses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our portfolio companies' markets, the ability to find and close suitable investments, and general economic conditions. As a result of these factors, results for any period should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future periods.

We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities.

We compete for attractive investment opportunities with private equity funds, venture capital partnerships and corporations, venture capital affiliates of industrial and financial companies, SBICs and wealthy individuals. Some of these competitors are substantially larger and have greater financial, technical and marketing resources, and some are subject to different and frequently less stringent regulations. As a result of this competition, we may not be able to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities from time to time and there can be no assurance that we will be able to identify and make investments that satisfy our objectives. A significant increase in the number and/or size of our competitors in our target market could force us to accept less attractive investment terms. Furthermore, many of our competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a BDC.

We are dependent upon management for our future success.

Selection, structuring and closing our investments depends upon the diligence and skill of our management, which is responsible for identifying, evaluating, negotiating, monitoring and disposing of our investments. Our management's capabilities may significantly impact our results of operations. If we lose any member of our management team and he/she cannot be promptly replaced with an equally capable team member, our results of operations could be significantly impacted.

The competitive environment for qualified personnel may require us to take certain measures to ensure that we are able to attract and retain experienced personnel. Such measures may include increasing the attractiveness of our overall compensation packages, altering the structure of our compensation packages through the use of additional forms of compensation, or other steps. The inability to attract and retain experienced personnel would have a material adverse effect on our business.

The lack of liquidity of our restricted securities may adversely affect our business.

Our portfolio contains many securities which are subject to restrictions on sale because they were acquired from issuers in "private placement" transactions or because we are deemed to be an affiliate of the issuer. Unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 is available, we will not be able to sell these securities publicly without the expense and time required to register the securities under applicable federal and state securities laws. In addition, contractual or practical limitations may restrict our ability to liquidate our securities in portfolio companies, because we may own a relatively large percentage of the issuer's outstanding securities. Sales may also be limited by unfavorable market conditions. The illiquidity of our investments may preclude or delay the disposition of such securities, which may make it difficult for us to obtain cash equal to the value at which we record our investments.

We may not continue to qualify as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

We may not qualify for conduit tax treatment as a RIC if we are unable to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Code. To maintain RIC tax treatment under the Code, we must meet the following annual distribution, income source and asset diversification requirements:

- The annual distribution requirement for a RIC will be satisfied if we distribute to our stockholders on an annual basis at least 90% of our net ordinary income and realized short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year distributions into the next year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income. Any such carryover taxable income must be distributed through a dividend declared prior to filing the final tax return related to the year which generated such taxable income.
- The source of income requirement will be satisfied if we obtain 90% of our income for each year from distributions, interest, gains from the sale of stock or securities or similar sources.
- The asset diversification requirement will be satisfied if we meet certain asset diversification requirements at the end of each quarter of our taxable year. To satisfy this requirement, at least 50% of the value of our assets must consist of cash, cash equivalents, U.S Government securities, securities of other RIC's, and other acceptable securities; no more than 25% of the value of our assets can be invested in the securities, other than U.S Government securities or securities of other RIC's, of two or more issuers that are controlled, as determined under applicable Code rules, by us and that are engaged in the same or similar or related trades or businesses or of certain "qualified publicly traded partnerships."

Failure to meet these requirements may result in our having to dispose of certain investments quickly in order to prevent the loss of RIC status. If we fail to maintain RIC tax treatment for any reason and are subject to corporate income tax, the resulting corporate taxes could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution and the amount of our distributions. In addition, to the extent we had unrealized gains, we would have to establish reserves for taxes, which would reduce our net asset value accordingly. In addition, our shareholders would lose the tax credit realized when we, as a RIC, decide to retain the net realized capital gain and make deemed distributions of net realized capital gains, and pay taxes on behalf of our shareholders at the end of the tax year. The loss of this pass-through tax treatment could have a material adverse effect on the total return, if any, obtainable from an investment in our common stock.

Historically, we have distributed net investment income semi-annually. Our current intention is to continue these distributions of ordinary income to our shareholders. Also, historically, we have retained net realized capital gains, paid the resulting tax at the corporate level and retained the after-tax gains to supplement our equity capital and support continuing additions to our portfolio. Our shareholders then report such capital gains on their tax returns, receive credit for the tax we paid and are deemed to have reinvested the amount of the retained after-tax gain. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results or maintain a RIC tax status that will allow any specified level of cash distributions or our shareholders' current tax treatment of realized and retained capital gains.

Changes in laws or regulations governing our operations or our failure to comply with those laws or regulations may adversely affect our business.

We and our portfolio companies are subject to regulation by laws at the local, state and federal level. These laws and regulations, as well as their interpretation, may be changed from time to time. Accordingly, any changes in these laws and regulations or failure to comply with them could have a material adverse effect on our business. Certain of these laws and regulations pertain specifically to BDCs such as ours.



There is limited publicly available information regarding the companies in which we invest.

Many of the securities in our portfolio are issued by privately held companies. There is generally little or no publicly available information about such companies, and we must rely on the diligence of our management to obtain the information necessary for our decision to invest. There can be no assurance that such diligence efforts will uncover all material information necessary to make fully informed investment decisions.

Certain of our portfolio companies are highly leveraged.

Many of our portfolio companies have incurred substantial indebtedness in relation to their overall capital base. Such indebtedness often has a term that will require the balance of the loan to be refinanced when it matures. If portfolio companies cannot generate adequate cash flow to meet the principal and interest payments on their indebtedness, the value of our investments could be reduced or eliminated through foreclosure on the portfolio company's assets or by the portfolio company's reorganization or bankruptcy.

Investment in shares of our common stock should not be considered a complete investment program.

Our stock is intended for investors seeking long-term capital appreciation. Our investments in portfolio securities generally require many years to reach maturity, and such investments generally are illiquid. An investment in our shares should not be considered a complete investment program. Each prospective purchaser should take into account his or her investment objectives as well as his or her other investments when considering the purchase of our shares.

Our common stock often trades at a discount from net asset value.

Our common stock is listed on The Nasdaq Global Market ("NASDAQ"). Shareholders desiring liquidity may sell their shares on NASDAQ at current market value, which has often been below net asset value. Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at discounts from net asset value, which is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that a fund's performance will cause its net asset value to decrease.

The market price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly.

The market price and marketability of shares of our common stock may from time to time be significantly affected by numerous factors, including our investment results, market conditions, and other influences and events over which we have no control and that may not be directly related to us.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

We have no unresolved staff comments to report pursuant to Item 1B.

Item 2. Properties

We maintain our offices at 12900 Preston Road, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75230, where we rent approximately 5,400 square feet of office space pursuant to a lease agreement expiring in April 2013. We believe that our offices are adequate to meet our current and expected future needs.



Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We may, from time to time, be involved in litigation arising out of our operations in the normal course of business or otherwise. Furthermore, third parties may try to seek to impose liability on us in connection with the activities of our portfolio companies. We have no current pending legal proceedings to which we are party or to which any of our property is subject.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the quarter ended March 31, 2010.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Information set forth under the captions "Shareholder Information - Shareholders, Market Prices and Dividends" in Exhibit 13.1 of this Form 10-K is herein incorporated by reference.

Performance Graph

The following graph compares our cumulative total shareholder return during the last five years (based on the market price of our common stock and assuming reinvestment of all dividends and tax credits on retained long-term capital gains) with the Total Return Index for NASDAQ (U.S. companies) and with the Total Return Index for Nasdaq Financial Stocks, both of which indices have been prepared by the Center for Research in Security Prices at the University of Chicago.

Comparison of Five Year Cumulative Total Returns

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Information set forth under the captions "Selected Consolidated Financial Data" in Exhibit 13.1 of this Form 10-K is herein incorporated by reference.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Information set forth under the captions "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in Exhibit 13.1 of this Form 10-K is herein incorporated by reference.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in marketable equity security prices. We do not use derivative financial instruments to mitigate any of these risks.

Our investment performance is a function of our portfolio companies' profitability, which may be affected by economic cycles, competitive forces, foreign currency fluctuations and production costs including labor rates, raw material prices and certain basic commodity prices. Most of the companies in our investment portfolio do not hedge their exposure to raw material and commodity price fluctuations. However, the portfolio company with the greatest exposure to foreign currency fluctuations generally hedges its exposure. All of these factors may have an adverse effect on the value of our investments and on our net asset value.

Our investment in portfolio securities includes fixed-rate debt securities which totaled \$14,570,160 at March 31, 2010, equivalent to 3.0% of the value of our total investments. Generally, these debt securities are below investment grade and have relatively high fixed rates of interest; therefore, minor changes in market yields of publicly traded debt securities have little or no effect on the values of debt securities in our portfolio and no effect on interest income. Our investments in debt securities are generally held to maturity and their fair values are determined on the basis of the terms of the debt security and the financial condition of the issuer.

A portion of our investment portfolio consists of debt and equity securities of private companies. We anticipate little or no effect on the values of these investments from modest changes in public market equity valuations. Should significant changes in market valuations of comparable publicly traded companies occur, there may be a corresponding effect on valuations of private companies, which would affect the value and the amount and timing of proceeds eventually realized from these investments. A portion of our investment portfolio also consists of restricted common stocks of publicly traded companies. The fair values of these restricted securities are influenced by the nature of applicable resale restrictions, the underlying earnings and financial condition of the issuers of such restricted securities and the market valuations of comparable publicly traded companies. A portion of our investment portfolio also consists of unrestricted, freely marketable common stocks of publicly traded companies. These freely marketable investments, which are valued at the public market price, are directly exposed to equity price risks; in that a change in an issuer's public market equity price would result in an identical change in the value of our investment in such security.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

Information set forth under the captions "Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules " in Item 15 of this Form 10-K is herein incorporated by reference.



## Selected Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

The following presents a summary of the unaudited quarterly consolidated financial information for the years ended March 31, 2010 and 2009.

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total
(In thousands, except per share amounts)					
2010					
Net investment income	\$ 444	\$ 362	\$ 1,915	\$ (630 )	\$ 2,091
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	-	1,846	(1,021 )	-	825
Net increase in unrealized appreciation of investments	10,249	27,013	3,158	30,204	70,624
Net increase in net assets from operations	10,694	29,221	4,051	29,575	73,541
Net increase in net assets from operations per share	2.86	7.81	1.08	7.90	19.65
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total
(In thousands, except per share amounts)					
2009					
Net investment income	\$ 585	\$ 429	\$ 9,471	\$ (302 )	\$ 10,183
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	-	(48 )	10,762	42	10,756
Net decrease in unrealized appreciation of investments	(257 )	(30,970 )	(67,136 )	(60,884 )	(159,247 )
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	328	(30,589 )	(46,903 )	(61,143 )	(138,307 )
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per share	.08	(8.18 )	(12.53 )	(16.34 )	(36.97 )

## Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

## Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

## (a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this annual report on Form 10-K, our Chairman of the Board and President, and Chief Financial Officer conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon this evaluation, our Chairman of the Board and President, and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure of any material information relating to us that is required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

## (b) Management's report on internal control over financial reporting

The Company's management report on internal control over financial reporting is set forth in our 2010 Annual Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Attestation report of the registered public accounting firm

Our independent registered public accounting firm, Grant Thornton LLP, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2010, which is set forth in our 2010 Annual Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There has been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that occurred during our most recently completed fiscal quarter, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information required by this Item 10 will be contained in the definitive proxy statement relating to our 2010 annual meeting of shareholders under the headings of "Election of Directors," "Corporate Governance," "Executive Officers" and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before June 19, 2010, and is incorporated herein by reference.

We have adopted a code of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act that applies to all our directors, officers and employees. We have made the Code of Conduct and Ethics available on our website at [www.capitalsouthwest.com](http://www.capitalsouthwest.com). Shareholders may request a free copy of the Code of Conduct and Ethics from: Tracy L. Morris, Corporate Secretary, at our principal executive office.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by this Item 11 will be contained in the definitive proxy statement relating to our 2010 annual meeting of shareholders under the headings of "Compensation of Executive Officers," "Compensation of Directors," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Compensation Committee Report" to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before June 19, 2010, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information in the sections of our 2010 Proxy Statement captioned "Stock Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners" is incorporated in this Item 12 by reference.

The table below sets forth certain information as of March 31, 2010 regarding the shares of our common stock available for grant or granted under stock option plans that (i) were approved by our shareholders, and (ii) were not approved by our shareholders.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

Plan Category	Number of Securities To Be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants And Rights	Weighted-Average Exercise Price Of Outstanding Options, Warrants And Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available For Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders (1)	166,650	\$103.65	81,250
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders (2)	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,650</b>	<b>\$103.65</b>	<b>81,250</b>

(i) Includes the 1999 Stock Option Plan and the 2009 Stock Incentive Plan. For a description of both plans, please refer to Footnote 5 contained in our consolidated financial statements.

(ii) We have no equity compensation plans that were not approved by security holders.

Other information required by this Item 12 will be contained in the definitive proxy statement relating to our 2010 annual meeting of shareholders under the heading of "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before June 19, 2010, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required by this Item 13 will be contained in the definitive proxy statement relating to our 2010 annual meeting of shareholders under the headings of "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" and "Corporate Governance" to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before June 19, 2010, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The information required by this Item 14 will be contained in the definitive proxy statement relating to our 2010 annual meeting of shareholders under the heading of "Ratification and Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Year ended March 31, 2011" to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before June 19, 2010, and is incorporated herein by reference.





PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a)(1) The following information included in Exhibit 13.1 is herein incorporated by reference:

- (A) Consolidated Schedule of Investments – March 31, 2010 and 2009  
Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities - March 31, 2010 and 2009  
Consolidated Statements of Operations - Years Ended March 31, 2010, 2009  
and 2008  
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets - Years Ended March 31,  
2010, 2009 and 2008  
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Years Ended March 31, 2010, 2009  
and 2008
- (B) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
- (C) Notes to Consolidated Schedule of Investments
- (D) Schedule of Investments in and Advances to Affiliates
- (E) Selected Per Share Data and Ratios
- (F) Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting
- (G) Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- (H) Portfolio Changes During the Year

(a)(2) All schedules are omitted because they are not applicable or not required, or the information is otherwise supplied.

(a)(3) See the Exhibit Index.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CAPITAL SOUTHWEST CORPORATION

Gary L. Martin, Chairman of the Board and President

By: /s/ Gary L. Martin

Date: May 28, 2010

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that each of Capital Southwest Corporation and its Subsidiaries undersigned directors hereby constitutes and appoints Gary L. Martin, its or his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, for it or him and in its or his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, with full power to act alone, to sign any and all amendments to this Report, and to file each such amendment to the Report, with all exhibits thereto, and any and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform any and all acts and things requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as it or he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Gary L. Martin Gary L. Martin	Chairman of the Board and President (chief executive officer)	May 28, 2010
/s/ Donald W. Burton Donald W. Burton	Director	May 28, 2010
/s/ Graeme W. Henderson Graeme W. Henderson	Director	May 28, 2010
/s/ Samuel B. Ligon Samuel B. Ligon	Director	May 28, 2010
/s/ Gary L. Martin Gary L. Martin	Director	May 28, 2010
/s/ John H. Wilson John H. Wilson	Director	May 28, 2010

/s/ Tracy L. Morris  
Tracy L. Morris

Chief Financial Officer  
(chief financial/accounting officer)

May 28, 2010

## EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibits are filed with this report or are incorporated herein by reference to a prior filing, in accordance with Rule 12b-32 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Asterisk denotes exhibits filed with this report. Double asterisk denotes exhibits furnished with this report.

## Exhibit No. Description

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| 3.1(a) | Articles of Incorporation and Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, dated June 25, 1969 (filed as Exhibit 1(a) and 1(b) to Amendment No. 3 to Form N-2 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1979).                    |
| 3.1(b) | Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, dated July 20, 1987 (filed as an exhibit to Form N-SAR for the six month period ended September 30, 1987).   |
| 3.2    | By-Laws of the Company, as amended (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007).   |
| 4.1    | Specimen of Common Stock certificate (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002).   |
| 10.1   | The RectorSeal Corporation and Jet-Lube, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as revised and restated effective April 1, 2007 (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007).                         |
| 10.2   | Retirement Plan for Employees of Capital Southwest Corporation and Its Affiliates as amended and restated effective April 1, 2006 (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007).                   |
| 10.3   | Capital Southwest Corporation and Its Affiliates Restoration of Retirement Income Plan as amended and restated effective January 1, 2008 (filed as Exhibit 10.3 to form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009).            |
| 10.6   | Form of Indemnification Agreement which has been established with all directors and executive officers of the Company (filed as Exhibit 10.9 to Form 8-K dated February 10, 1994).   |
| 10.7   | Capital Southwest Corporation 1999 Stock Option Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.10 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000).   |
| 10.8   | Severance Pay Agreement with William M. Ashbaugh (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K dated July 18, 2005).  |
| 10.10  | Severance Pay Agreement with Jeffrey G. Peterson (filed as Exhibit 10.4 to Form 8-K dated July 18, 2005).  |
| 10.11  | Amendment One to Retirement Plan for Employees of Capital Southwest Corporation and its Affiliates as amended and restated effective April 1, 2006 (filed as Exhibit 10.11 to form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008). |

10.12\* Amendment Two to Retirement Plan for Employees of Capital Southwest Corporation and its Affiliates as amended and restated effective April 1, 2006.

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10.13\* Amendment Three to Retirement Plan for Employees of Capital Southwest Corporation and its Affiliates as amended and restated effective April 1, 2006.

10.14\* Amendment Four to Retirement Plan for Employees of Capital Southwest Corporation and its Affiliates as amended and restated effective April 1, 2006.

13.1\* Selected Consolidated Financial Data.

21.1\* List of subsidiaries of the Company.

23.1\* Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm – Grant Thornton LLP.

31.1\* Certification of Chairman of the Board and President required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), filed herewith.

31.2\* Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Exchange Act, filed herewith.

32.1\*\* Certification of Chairman of the Board and President required by Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Exchange Act and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code, furnished herewith.

32.2\*\* Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Exchange Act and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code, furnished herewith.