

Vella Matthew

Form 3

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**FORM 3****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Â Vella Matthew  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

500 NEWPORT CENTER  
DRIVE,Â 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEWPORT  
BEACH,Â CAÂ 92660

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
09/04/2012

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ACACIA RESEARCH CORP [ACTG]4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

5. 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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

142,671

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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)  
Title

4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative  
Security

5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:  
Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Vella Matthew 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE 7TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	Â	Â	Â President	Â

## Signatures

Matthew Vella 09/11/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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