

Edmonds-Waters Christopher
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 *
 Edmonds-Waters Christopher

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3005 TASMAN DRIVE
 (Street)

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/24/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Head of Human Resources

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 (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2017 | | A | V 13 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 152.524 | 5,931 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/24/2018 | | A | 2,000 ⁽²⁾ A ⁽³⁾ 7,931 | 7,931 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,806 ⁽⁴⁾ | I | By 401(k)/ESOP |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 01/24/2018 | | M | 2,000 (2) | 01/30/2018 03/30/2022 | Common Stock | 2,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|---|
| Edmonds-Waters Christopher 3005 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | Director 10% Owner Officer Head of Human Resources |

Signatures

Denise West, Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher Edmonds-Waters
 Edmonds-Waters
 01/26/2018

__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) These shares were acquired under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan in transactions that were exempt under both Rule 16b-3(d) and Rule 16b-3(c).
- (2) To the extent deemed earned on January 24, 2018, these awards are scheduled to complete their time-based vesting, and cliff vest on January 30, 2018.
- (3) Each performance-based restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common Stock.
- (4) The information in this report is based on 401(k)/ESOP Plan statement dated as of December 31, 2017.

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