#### WATTS DAVID HENDERSON

Form 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* WATTS DAVID HENDERSON

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

**GRANITE CONSTRUCTION INC** [GVA]

Issuer

below)

10% Owner \_ Other (specify Officer (give title

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/30/2010

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

\_X\_\_ Director

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

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WATSONVILLE, CA 95076

585 WEST BEACH STREET

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - N	on-	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)				4. Securitie onor Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (E and 5)	<b>D</b> )	5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	07/15/2010		A	V	23.8478 (1)	A	\$ 23.58	11,161.0627 (2)	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2010		A	V	24.865 (1)	A	\$ 22.74	11,185.9277 (3)	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2010		A	V	6,184 (4)	A	\$ 25.37	17,369.9277 (3)	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2010		F		1,546 (5)	D	\$ 25.37	15,823.9277 (3)	D	
Common Stock								223 (6)	I	by 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. Transa Code (Instr.	1 '		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amor Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		
	·			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nu Sha
Performance Units [Right to Receive]	\$ 0	07/15/2010		A	V	304.9757 (7)	(D)	(8)	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	30
Performance Units (Right to Receive]	\$ 0	10/15/2010		A	V	314.8147 (7)		(8)	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	31
Performance Units (Right to Receive)	\$ 0	11/30/2010		D			6,184	(8)	(9)	Common Stock	

# **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WATTS DAVID HENDERSON 585 WEST BEACH STREET	X						
WATSONVILLE, CA 95076							

## **Signatures**

Terry K. Eller, Attorney-in-Fact, for David H.
Watts

\*\*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) Dividends on stock units granted pursuant to the Granite Construction Incorporated Amended and Restated 1999 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) Includes 4,349.4727 stock units and dividend shares on stock units.
- (3) Includes 4,374.3377 stock units and dividend shares on stock units.

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- (4) This distribution represents the second of 10 installments of performance-based compensation and accrued dividends. The deferred performance-based compensation is paid in shares of common stock issued under the Granite Construction Incorporated Amended and Restated 1999 Equity Incentive Plan. Shares accrue dividends, payable upon distribution of shares of common stock. Mr. Watts elected to receive the shares annually in 10 equal installments.
- (5) Shares surrendered for taxes upon stock distribution.
- (6) Previously reported.
- (7) Dividends on performance-based compensation.
- (8) Each performance right represents a right to receive one share of common stock. The performance rights vested upon acquisition; however, because Mr. Watts chose to defer payment, the stock became payable upon retirement.
- (9) No expiration date.

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