

First California Financial Group, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 24, 2011

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

August 24, 2011  
Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

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FIRST CALIFORNIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

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| Delaware                 | 000-52498                | 38-3737811                              |
| (State of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification<br>Number) |

3027 Townsgate Road, Suite 300  
Westlake Village, CA 91361  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(805) 322-9655  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.\*

First California Financial Group, Inc., the holding company of First California Bank, issued a press release today that it has completed the repurchase of a warrant held by the U.S. Treasury Department. The 10-year warrant was issued on December 19, 2008 as part of the Company's participation in the U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program (CPP), and entitled the Treasury to purchase 599,042 shares of First California Financial Group Inc. stock at an exercise price of \$6.26 per share. The Company paid a total of \$599,042 to the Treasury to repurchase the warrant.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.\*

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| <u>99.1</u> | <u>First California Financial Group, Inc. Press Release dated August 24, 2011</u> |
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\*The information furnished under Item 8.01 and Item 9.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liabilities under that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any registration statement or other filings of First California Financial Group, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST CALIFORNIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Dated: August 24, 2011

By: /s/ Romolo Santarosa  
Name: Romolo Santarosa  
Title: Senior Executive Vice President and  
Chief Operating Officer/Chief  
Financial Officer

