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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * AKER HAZEL M

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CANCERVAX CORP [CNVX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

06/14/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

below) Sr. VP, General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

CARLSBAD, CA 92008

2110 RUTHERFORD RD.

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (T) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|--|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Share |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.82 | 06/14/2005 | | A | 35,000 | 06/14/2005(1) | 06/13/2015 | Common Stock | 35,000 |
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$ 2.82 | 06/14/2005 | | A | 15,000 | 07/14/2005(3) | 06/13/2015 | Common Stock | 15,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

AKER HAZEL M

2110 RUTHERFORD RD. Sr. VP, General Counsel

CARLSBAD, CA 92008

Signatures

/s/ Hazel M. Aker

Attorney-in-fact 06/16/2005

**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) All shares vest immediately upon disclosure of the final results from the Canvaxin(TM) MMAIT-III Phase 3 clinical trial in patients with Stage III melanoma.
- (2) Not applicable to this transaction.
- (3) 1/48 vest monthly beginning on July 14, 2005.

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