

TANG ANTHONY M
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 TANG ANTHONY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Senior EVP

777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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)	(A) or (D)	Amount or Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock							350,584	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2009		J ⁽¹⁾	1,405	A	\$ 11.8101	88,185	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	01/21/2009		J ⁽²⁾	1,452.864	A	\$ 18.5984	328,721.88	I	By spouse
Common Stock	05/14/2009		J ⁽²⁾	1,783.519	A	\$ 11.6083	328,721.88	I	By spouse

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Common Stock	08/20/2009	Â	J ⁽²⁾	273.344	A	\$ 9.533	328,721.88	I	By spouse
Common Stock	12/08/2009	Â	J ⁽²⁾	347.779	A	\$ 7.5	328,721.88	I	By spouse

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 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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/18/2002 ⁽³⁾ 01/18/2011	Common Stock 26,360
Stock Option	\$ 16.275	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/21/2003 ⁽³⁾ 02/21/2012	Common Stock 26,000
Stock Option	\$ 19.925	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/16/2004 ⁽³⁾ 01/16/2013	Common Stock 47,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.8	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/20/2004 ⁽³⁾ 11/20/2013	Common Stock 105,140
Stock Option	\$ 37	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/17/2006 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/17/2015	Common Stock 39,820
Stock Option	\$ 36.24	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/25/2007 ⁽⁵⁾ 01/25/2016	Common Stock 42,690
Stock Option	\$ 23.37	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/21/2009 ⁽⁶⁾ 02/21/2018	Common Stock 44,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TANG ANTHONY M 777 NORTH BROADWAY	Â X	Â	Â Senior	Â

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

EVP

Signatures

Anthony M.
Tang

02/12/2010

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) ESOP Earning Allocation.
- (2) Dividend Reinvestment.
- (3) The option is fully exercisable.
- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/17/06.
- (5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/25/07.
- (6) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/09.

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Remarks:

The reporting person no longer has a reportable beneficial interest in 80,322 shares transferred from

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