FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MARTIN GARY L							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CAPITAL SOUTHWEST CORP</u> [CSWC]								5. Relationship of Reportin (Check all applicable) X Director			10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 12900 PRESTON ROAD SUITE 700						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2012									X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President				
(Street) DALLAS TX 75230 (City) (State) (Zip)				- 4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			Code	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			5. Amou Securition Benefici Owned I Reporte	ies Formially (D) (Following (I) (I		wnership n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
										v	Amount	(A) (D)	or Pri	ice	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(111311.4)
Common Stock 05/18/2						2012		М		7,500) <i>A</i>	\$	76.74	4 97,423			D		
	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		ı of		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		!	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		[9 (8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s lly	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber					
Non- Qualified Stock Option ⁽¹⁾	\$76.74	05/18/2012			M		7,500		07/30/20	09 1	0/19/2018	Commo Stock	ⁿ 7,5	00	\$76.74	7,500)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

 $1.\ Non-Qualified\ Stock\ Option\ vests\ annually\ in\ five\ equal\ installments\ of\ 3,500\ shares\ each\ beginning\ 7/30/2009.$

/s/ Gary L. Martin

05/22/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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