

Santrella David P
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Santrella David P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SALEM COMMUNICATIONS
 CORP /DE/ [SALM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/07/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President - Radio Division

CAMARILLO, CA 93012
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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 Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (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 | Am Nun Sha |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.74 | 03/07/2012 | A | 100,000 | | | | | 03/07/2015 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/07/2021 ⁽²⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 10 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Santrella David P 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | | | President - Radio Division | |

Signatures

/s/Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for David P. Santrella pursuant to a continuing power of attorney 03/09/2012

__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) The option shall vest fifty percent (50%) on March 7, 2015 and fifty percent (50%) on March 7, 2016. Upon any exercise, the reporting person must hold at least fifty percent (50%) of the shares purchased in each exercise for a period of at least two (2) years.
- (2) The option expires on the fifth (5th) anniversary of each vesting date. The first installment to vest will expire on March 7, 2020 and the last installment to vest will expire on March 7, 2021.

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