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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Preston Michael L.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1 WORLD TRADE CENTER, SUITE 1500</u> (Street) <u>LONG BEACH CA 90831</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>California Resources Corp [CRC]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Chf Strategy Officer & GC</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/25/2024</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication ☐ Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.	

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/25/2024		M ⁽¹⁾		83,124	A	(1)	200,706	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2024		F ⁽²⁾		44,799	D	\$51.53	155,907	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2024		F ⁽³⁾		42,017	D	\$51.53	113,890	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. 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Performance Stock Units	(1)	01/25/2024		M		83,124	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	83,124	(1)	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents vesting of performance stock units ("PSUs") granted on January 25, 2021. Pursuant to the terms of the PSU award, settlement will occur within 45 days following the end of the three-year performance period.
2. Represents shares cancelled for payment of taxes on vested PSUs.
3. Represents shares cancelled for payment of taxes on vested restricted stock units.

Remarks:

/s/ Ulrik Damborg, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael L. Preston 01/29/2024

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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