

PIMCO CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hodge Douglas M (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PIMCO, 840 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 100 (Street) NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2010 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIMCO CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III [PZC] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive Committee Member | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| NO SECURITIES ARE BENEFICIALLY OWNED | 0 | D | |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hodge Douglas M C/O PIMCO 840 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 100 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 | ^ | ^ | ^ | Executive Committee Member |

Signatures

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| Michael Flaherty, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas M. Hodge | 01/25/2010 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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Remarks:

Pacific Investment Management Company LLC (PIMCO) is the investment adviser of the Issuer. ^ ^ M

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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