

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BRADFORD DANA | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2011 | | | | | |
| 17851 N. 85TH STREET | | | 4. 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 | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | | | |
| SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | | | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK (1) | | | | | | | | 1,000,000 | I | By Southwest Value Partners Fund, LP |
| MTH COMMON STOCK (2) | | | | | | | | 1,185,920 | I | By Fulcrum Homes, LLC |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 02/09/2011 | | A | | 6,000 (3) | A | \$ 0 | 21,000 (4) | 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 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BRADFORD DANA 17851 N. 85TH STREET SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | X | | | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Dana C. Bradford | | 02/11/2011 |
| <small>Signature of Reporting Person</small> | | <small>Date</small> |

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) These shares are owned of record by Southwest Value Partners, XIV, L.P. Mr. Bradford may be deemed to control the voting, disposition or purchase of these shares and thus may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of these shares. Mr. Bradford disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(2) These shares are owned of record by Fulcrum Homes, LLC. Mr. Bradford may be deemed to control the voting, disposition or purchase of these shares and thus may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of these shares. Mr. Bradford disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(3) Balance represents the grant of restricted stock. The restricted stock will fully cliff vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

(4) Balance includes all unvested restricted stock grants.

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