

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM SC 13G/A

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SUBJECT COMPANY

GREAT WESTERN FINANCIAL CORP

CIK: **43512** | IRS No.: **951913457** | State of Incorp.: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
Type: **SC 13G/A** | Act: **34** | File No.: **005-12285** | Film No.: **94505620**
SIC: **6035** Savings institution, federally chartered

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CAPITAL GROUP INC

CIK: **732812** | State of Incorp.: **CA** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
Type: **SC 13G/A**

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SCHEDULE 13G
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(AMENDMENT NO. 3)*

GREAT WESTERN FINANCIAL CORP.
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON
(Title of Class of Securities)

391442100
(CUSIP Number)

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Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement []. (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
THE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.
86-0206507

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) []
(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

DELAWARE

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 2,102,440

SHARES

SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

6

NONE

OWNED BY

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

7

REPORTING 12,914,030

PERSON

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

8

NONE

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

12,914,030 Beneficial ownership disclaimed pursuant to Rule 13d-4

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

10

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

11

9.78%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

12

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
CAPITAL RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT COMPANY
95-1411037

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

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(a) []
(b) []

SEC USE ONLY

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

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DELAWARE

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	5	
NUMBER OF		NONE
SHARES		
		SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY	6	
OWNED BY		NONE
EACH		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	7	
REPORTING		9,135,000
PERSON		
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH	8	
		NONE

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9
 9,135,000 Beneficial ownership disclaimed pursuant to Rule 13d-4

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

11

6.92%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

12

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

Schedule 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Fee enclosed [] or Amendment No. 3

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:
Great Western Financial Corp.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
8484 Wilshire Blvd.
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

Item 2(a) Name of Person(s) Filing:
The Capital Group, Inc. and Capital Research and Management
Company

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:
333 South Hope Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Item 2(c) Citizenship: N/A

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number: 391442100

Item 3 The person(s) filing is(are):

(b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act.

(e) Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

(g) Parent Holding Company in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).

Item 4 Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:
See item 9, pg. 2 and 3

(b) Percent of Class: See item 11, pg. 2 and 3

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote See item 5, pg. 2 and 3

ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote None

iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of See item 7, pg. 2 and 3

iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of None - beneficial ownership disclaimed pursuant to Rule 13d- 4

Item 5 Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class: N/A

Item 6 Ownership of More than 5% on Behalf of Another Person: N/A

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

(1) Capital Guardian Trust Company is a Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act and a wholly owned subsidiary of The Capital Group, Inc.

(2) Capital Research and Management Company is an Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Capital Group, Inc.

(3) Capital International Limited (CIL) does not fall within any of the categories described in Rule 13d-1-(b)(ii)(A-F) but its holdings of any reported securities come within the five percent limitation as set forth in a December 15, 1986 no- action letter from the Staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission to The Capital Group, Inc. CIL is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Capital Group, Inc.

(4) Capital International S.A. (CISA) does not fall within any of the categories described in Rule 13d-1-(b)(ii)(A-F) but its holdings of any reported securities come within the five percent limitation as set forth in a December 15, 1986 no-action letter from the Staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission to The Capital Group, Inc. CISA is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Capital Group, Inc.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: N/A

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of the Group: N/A

Item 10 Certification

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 11, 1994

Signature: /s/ Philip de Toledo
Name/Title: Philip de Toledo, Vice President and Treasurer
The Capital Group, Inc.

Date: February 11, 1994

Signature: /s/ Paul G. Haaga, Jr.
Name/Title: Paul G. Haaga, Jr., Senior Vice President
Capital Research and Management Company

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AGREEMENT

Los Angeles, California

February 11, 1994

Capital Research and Management Company ("CRMC") and The Capital Group, Inc. ("CG") hereby agree to file a joint statement on Schedule 13G under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") in connection with their beneficial ownership of common stock issued by Great Western Financial Corp.

CRMC and CG state that they are both entitled to individually use Schedule 13G pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) of the Act.

Both CRMC and CG are responsible for the timely filing of the statement and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning each of them contained therein but neither is responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning the other.

CAPITAL RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT COMPANY

BY: /s/ Paul G. Haaga, Jr.
Paul G. Haaga, Jr.
Senior Vice President

THE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

BY: /s/ Philip de Toledo
Philip de Toledo
Vice President and Treasurer

EXHIBIT A