MACDONNELL ROBERT I

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MACDONNELL ROBERT I

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

(First)

(Street)

SAFEWAY INC [SWY] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

01/14/2009

C/O ROUND POND, P.O. BOX 556

(Middle)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

RUTHERFORD, CA 94573

(State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security		Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/14/2009	A		166.7436		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	166.7436

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MACDONNELL ROBERT I C/O ROUND POND P.O. BOX 556 RUTHERFORD, CA 94573	X						

Signatures

/s/ Laura A. Donald, Attorney-in-Fact 01/16/2009

**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).

As a result of the 01/14/2009 dividend, a dividend equivalent payment was credited to the director's phantom stock unit account in the form of additional units. Phantom stock units are to be settled in cash on a 1-for-1 basis upon retirement from the Board or at a permissible future time elected by the director.

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