PRAGER MORGAN KAROLE

Form 4

December 17, 2009

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

2100 Q STREET

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PRAGER MORGAN KAROLE

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MCCLATCHY CO [MNI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/15/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

VP, General Counsel, Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

Person

Issuer

SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securitie Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 | (| Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|---|--|-----|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code ' | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Number of Shar |
| Employee Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 3.42 | 12/15/2009 | | A | ; | 80,000 | | <u>(1)</u> | 12/15/2019 | Class A Common Stock | 80,00 |
| Employee Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 12/15/2009 | | A | (| 60,000 | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 60,00 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PRAGER MORGAN KAROLE 2100 Q STREET SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

VP, General Counsel, Secretary

Signatures

/s/Karole

Morgan-Prager 12/15/2009

**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).
- (1) The stock appreciation rights provide for vesting in four equal installments beginning on March 1, 2011.
- (2) Stock appreciation rights granted pursuant to The McClatchy Company 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of McClatchy Class A Common Stock.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest on March 1, 2012.
- (5) Restricted stock units granted pursuant to The McClatchy Company 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.

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