

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Melton Brian L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
 [AXAS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 18803 MEISNER DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/10/2016

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

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock					34,281	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)

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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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option	\$ 1.34	05/10/2016		A		25,000		05/10/2016	05/10/2026	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	25,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 3.66							05/05/2015	05/05/2025	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	25,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 5.38							05/06/2014	05/06/2024	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	12,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.39							05/14/2013	05/14/2023	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	12,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.9							05/04/2012	05/04/2022	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	12,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.13							05/05/2011	05/05/2021	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,500
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.36							05/19/2010	05/19/2020	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 1.64							11/12/2009	11/12/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Melton Brian L 18803 MEISNER DRIVE SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258		X		

Signatures

BRIAN L. MELTON	05/16/2016
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 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).

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