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

FORM 11-K

(Mark One)

[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [FEE REQUIRED]

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998

OR

[] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]

For the transition period from to

Commission file number 0-7949

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

BANCWEST CORPORATION FUTURE PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

BANCWEST CORPORATION

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To the Qualified Account Balance Plans Committee of BancWest Corporation

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of net assets available for plan benefits present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the BancWest Corporation (the "Company") Future Plan (the "Plan") at December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for each of the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules of assets held for investment purposes as of December 31, 1998, and reportable transactions for the year then ended are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The fund information in Note 7 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis rather than to present the changes in net assets available for plan benefits of each fund. The supplemental schedules and fund information have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

	1998	1997
ASSETS:		
Investments, at fair value (note 4)	\$17,251,259	\$10,502,504
Contributions receivable from employer	1,218,346	1,384,773
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS	\$18,469,605	\$11,887,277
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

	1998	1997
ADDITIONS: Employer contributions Net appreciation of investments (Note 4) Interest and dividend income	\$ 5,138,235 1,733,257 691,499	\$ 5,616,761 636,815 708,568
	7,562,991	6,962,144
DEDUCTIONS:		
Payments made to participants Administrative expenses	893,484 87,179	333,568 97,388
	980,663	430,956
Increase in net assets	6,582,328	6,531,188
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS:		
Beginning of year	11,887,277	5,356,089
End of year	\$ 18,469,605	\$ 11,887,277

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

USE OF ESTIMATES IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for various investment options in any combination of mutual funds. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for plan benefits.

FUTURE PLAN STRUCTURE

Prior to May 1, 1997, participants in the Plan could direct the Trustee to invest their portion of the annual Company contribution or reallocate their entire Future Plan Account to any of the following trust fund investments: First Hawaiian Bank Equity Fund, First Hawaiian Bank Fixed Income Fund, Guaranteed Investment Contract Fund, and First Hawaiian Bank Investment Monitor Account ("IMA") Fund.

On May 1, 1997, the Company appointed Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company ("Putnam") as recordkeeper and Trustee of the Plan. Participants in the Plan have the option of directing the Trustee to invest their portion of the annual Company contribution or reallocate their entire Future Plan Account to any one of the following funds: Putnam Voyager Fund, Putnam Income Fund, Stable Value Fund, Putnam Vista Fund, BancWest Corporation Stock Fund, Putnam International Growth Fund, Putnam S&P 500 Index Fund, Putnam Asset Allocation - Conservative Portfolio, Putnam Asset Allocation - Balanced Portfolio, Putnam Asset Allocation - Growth Portfolio, and Putnam New Opportunities Fund.

VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS

Investments in securities traded on national securities exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the year.

OTHER

Security transactions are accounted for on a trade-date basis. The cost of investments sold is determined by the specific identification method.

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income from other investments is recorded as earned on an accrual basis.

In accordance with the policy of stating investments at fair value, net unrealized appreciation or depreciation and net realized gains or losses for the year are netted and reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits.

2. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

On November 1, 1998, the merger of the former BancWest Corporation, parent company of Bank of the West, with and into First Hawaiian, Inc. was consummated. First Hawaiian, Inc., the surviving corporation of the merger, changed its name to BancWest Corporation. Concurrently, the First Hawaiian, Inc. Future Plan was amended to change the name to the BancWest Corporation Future Plan.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established to cover the employees of substantially all subsidiaries of the Company, except for Bank of the West - CA employees. The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Plan commenced operations effective January 1, 1996. The principal provisions under the Plan are as follows:

PARTICIPATION:

Employees who receive from the Company or certain subsidiaries a regular stated compensation other than a pension, severance pay, retainer or fee under contract are eligible under the Plan. Eligible employees become members on the first day of the month coinciding with or following the completion of one year of service in which the employee worked 1,000 hours and attained age 21 or the date the employee becomes eligible.

VESTING OF BENEFITS:

100% after five years of service. Full vesting is provided in case of a member's death, retirement or disability regardless of years of service. If the lump-sum present value of accrued benefits is \$5,000 or less, a lump-sum payment of these benefits is paid.

CONTRIBUTIONS - COMPANY:

4.5% of member's pay up to the social security taxable wage base (approximately \$68,400 in 1998) plus 9% of member's pay over the social security taxable wage base.

Additional contributions shall be made between 1996 - 2002 for certain eligible employees in an amount equal to the percentage of a member's compensation for such plan year as follows:

Age plus credited service as of December 31, 1995	Additional Participating Employer Contribution
60-61	2%
62-63	3%
64-66	4%
67-69	5%
70+	6%

CONTRIBUTIONS - PARTICIPANTS: None.

LOANS FROM MEMBER ACCOUNTS: Not available.

TREATMENT OF FORFEITURES: Forfeitures are applied to reduce future

contributions and administrative expenses of the

Company. Forfeitures applied to reduce

contributions and administrative expenses of the Company amounted to \$144,963 and \$150,917 in 1998

and 1997, respectively.

BENEFIT PAYMENTS: After the applicable benefit condition is met,

employees may elect to receive their benefits in

a lump-sum distribution or as an annuity.

PLAN TERMINATION: In the event the Plan terminates, all amounts credited to affected members' accounts shall become fully vested and nonforfeitable and each

member or the beneficiary of any member shall be entitled to receive his entire interest in the

Plan.

GENDER: The masculine pronoun, whenever used herein,

includes the feminine pronoun.

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3. INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

The funds listed below were the investment options available to Plan participants as of December 31, 1998 and 1997. Any of these funds may be held in cash pending investment or distribution.

(a) PUTNAM VOYAGER FUND

The objective of this fund is to provide maximum growth through a two-part strategy. Holdings are generally split between two types of common stocks: foundation stocks and opportunity stocks. Foundation stocks represent small to medium-sized companies with the potential for above-average sales and earnings growth. Opportunity stocks represent larger, well-established companies that show near-term growth potential generally resulting from some change in the company's business plan or competitive environment.

(b) PUTNAM INCOME FUND

The objective of this fund is to provide high current income. This fund primarily invests in debt securities, including both government and corporate obligations, preferred stocks and dividend-paying common stocks. A portion of the portfolio may also include lower-rated bonds that may offer a higher yield in compensation for increased risk.

(c) STABLE VALUE FUND

The objective of this fund is to provide stability of principal while earning a competitive rate of return. This fund invests in guaranteed investment contracts ("GICs") or similar contracts issued by insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions. Investments are made only in companies that receive high credit ratings from the major rating agencies.

This fund is a combination of shares of Putnam Stable Value Fund, shares of the U.S. Trust Capital Preservation Fund, a Metropolitan Life Insurance Company investment contract, and money market instruments. Participant contributions made on or after May 1, 1997 were directed to Putnam Stable Value Fund. All investments should be in Putnam Stable Value Fund by January 1, 1999.

(d) PUTNAM VISTA FUND

The objective of this fund is to create long-term capital appreciation through investing primarily in mid-cap growth stocks. This fund invests primarily in common stocks of medium-sized companies with equity market capitalizations from \$300 million to \$5 billion.

(e) BANCWEST CORPORATION STOCK FUND

This fund consists of that portion of the assets of the Plan that participants have elected to have invested, to the extent possible, in shares of common stock of BancWest Corporation. The portion of this fund not invested in shares will be held in cash or cash equivalent investments pending the purchase of shares.

(f) PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL GROWTH FUND

The objective of this fund is to create long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity securities of companies located in a country other than the United States. The fund's investments will normally include common stocks, preferred stocks, securities convertible into common or preferred stocks, and warrants to purchase common or preferred stocks.

(g) PUTNAM S&P 500 INDEX FUND

The objective of this fund is to closely approximate the return of the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index. The fund primarily invests in publicly traded common stocks either directly or through collective investment trusts having a similar investment objective.

(h) PUTNAM ASSET ALLOCATION FUNDS

The Putnam Asset Allocation Funds provide different investment objectives based on asset allocation. Common stocks are normally the main type of the fund's equity investments. However, the fund may also purchase preferred stocks, convertible securities, warrants and other equity-type securities. The fund invests its assets allocated to the fixed income securities in a diversified portfolio including both U.S. and foreign government obligations and corporate obligations. The following three investment portfolios are provided:

CONSERVATIVE PORTFOLIO

The objective of this fund is to provide long-term preservation of capital by investing 35% of the Plan assets in equity securities and 65% of the Plan assets in fixed income securities.

BALANCED PORTFOLIO

The objective of this fund is to maximize total return by investing 65% of the Plan assets in equity securities and 35% of the Plan assets in fixed income securities.

GROWTH PORTFOLIO

The objective of this fund is to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing 80% of the Plan assets in equity securities and 20% of the Plan assets in fixed income securities.

(i) PUTNAM NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUND

The objective of this fund is to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing principally in common stocks of companies that possess above-average long-term growth potential. Current dividend income is only an incidental consideration. At present, Putnam has identified the following sectors of the economy as having an above-average growth potential over the next three to five years: personal communications, media/entertainment, medical technology/cost-containment, environmental services, applied/advanced technology, personal financial services, and value-oriented consuming.

4. INVESTMENTS

Plan assets were managed by First Hawaiian Bank under a trust agreement through April 30, 1997. Beginning May 1, 1997, Plan assets were managed by Putnam. At December 31, 1998 and 1997, investments of the Plan were as follows:

	1998		19	97
	COST	FAIR VALUE	COST	FAIR VALUE
INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE AS DETERMINED				
BY QUOTED MARKET PRICE:				
Mutual Funds:				
Putnam Voyager Fund	\$ 3,028,343	\$ 3,346,582	\$ 1,812,019	\$ 2,007,085
Putnam Income Fund	432,059	421,258	319,485	324,045
Stable Value Fund	761,981	761,981	426,665	426,665
Putnam Vista Fund	1,478,561	1,587,330	964,739	977 , 957
BancWest Corporation Stock Fund	617,533	752,732	387,122	432,164
Putnam International Growth Fund	953,205	1,050,690	686,880	644,082
Putnam S&P 500 Index Fund	1,561,204	1,882,335	866,361	937,407
Putnam Asset Allocation Fund -				
Conservative Portfolio	1,319,543	1,360,907	1,075,113	1,049,771
Putnam Asset Allocation Fund -				
Balanced Portfolio	1,162,791	1,234,124	843,395	809 , 297
Putnam Asset Allocation Fund -				
Growth Portfolio	1,461,872	1,581,777	1,053,986	1,021,609
Putnam New Opportunities Fund	2,833,852	3,271,543	1,742,162	1,872,422
Total investments	\$15,610,944	\$17,251,259	\$10,177,927	\$10,502,504
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For the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, the net appreciation of investments, which consisted of realized and unrealized gains and losses, was comprised of the following:

	1998	1997
INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE AS DETERMINED BY QUOTED MARKET PRICE:		
Common stocks:		
BancWest Corporation	\$ 136,177	\$ 31,415
Other		293
First Hawaiian Bank Investment Funds for Employee Benefit Trusts:		
Pooled Equity Fund		92,919
Pooled Fixed Income Fund		2,420
Mutual funds	1,597,080	491,135
INVESTMENTS AT ESTIMATED FAIR VALUE:		
Guaranteed investment contracts with life insurance companies		18,633
Net appreciation of investments	\$1,733,257	\$636,815
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Dividend income earned from investments in BancWest Corporation common stock amounted to \$17,268 and \$7,429 in 1998 and 1997, respectively.

5. TAX STATUS

The Plan constitutes a qualified trust under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and is therefore exempt from Federal income taxes under the provisions of Section 501(a).

The Plan was amended, effective January 1, 1997, to incorporate the Small Business Protection Act of 1996. The Plan's management received an updated tax determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service in 1997. Although amended since 1997, management believes that the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

6. PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits includes certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by fund. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Plan's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, from which the summarized information was derived.

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7. CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS BY FUND

The following summarizes the changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 1998:

YEAR	ENDED	DECEMBER	31.	1998

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	PUTNAM VOYAGER FUND	PUTNAM INCOME FUND	STABLE VALUE FUND	PUTNAM VISTA FUND
ADDITIONS:				
Employer contributions Net appreciation (depreciation)	\$ 931,867	\$ 133,480	\$221,111	\$ 472,946
of investments Interest and dividend income	359,452 226,319	(10,575) 23,949		113,553 115,122
	1,517,638			701,621
DEDUCTIONS:				
Payments made to participants Administrative expenses		31,764 2,157		68,652 5,293
	183,992	33,921		73,945
Increase in net assets	1,333,646	112,933		627,676
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS:				
Beginning of year Transfer (to) from other funds, net		361,722 (22,546)		
End of year	\$ 3,570,292 =======	\$ 452,109 ======		\$ 1,702,351 =======

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

		PUTNAM		PUTNAM ASSET	
	BANCWEST	INTERNATIONAL	PUTNAM	ALLOCATION -	
	CORP.	GROWTH	S&P 500	CONSERVATIVE	
	STOCK FUND	FUND	INDEX FUND	PORTFOLIO	
ADDITIONS:					
Employer contributions	\$ 214,646	\$ 350,308	\$ 535,615	\$ 398,243	
Net appreciation (depreciation)					
of investments	136,177	101,752	338,707	43,241	
Interest and dividend income	18,456	30,410		59,600	
	369,279	482,470	874,322	501,084	
DEDUCTIONS:					
Payments made to participants	28,714	57,629	78,412	107,907	
Administrative expenses	3,657	7,446	2,336	27,442	
	32,371	65,075	80,748	135,349	
Increase in net assets	336,908	417,395	793,574	365,735	
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS:					
Beginning of year	492,040	743,009	1,072,837	1,170,199	
Transfer (to) from other funds, net	(24,853)	(26,738)	150,041		
End of year	\$ 804,095	\$ 1,133,666	\$2,016,452		
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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	PUTNAM ASSET ALLOCATION - BALANCED PORTFOLIO	PUTNAM ASSET ALLOCATION - GROWTH PORTFOLIO	PUTNAM NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUND	TOTAL
ADDITIONS:				
Employer contributions Net appreciation (depreciation)	\$ 382,611	\$ 526,302	\$ 971,106	\$ 5,138,235
of investments	70,681	122,051	458,218	1,733,257
Interest and dividend income	38,227	42,306	101,759	691,499
	491,519	690,659	1,531,083	7,562,991

DEDUCTIONS:				
Payments made to participants	54,184	63,979	170,355	893,484
Administrative expenses	3,008	2,959	14,914	87,179
	57,192	66,938	185,269	980,663
Increase in net assets	434,327	623,721	1,345,814	6,582,328
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS:				
Beginning of year	914,615	1,165,855	2,126,416	11,887,277
Transfer (to) from other funds, net	(24,668)	(83,115)	35,074	
End of year	\$1,324,274	\$ 1,706,461	\$3,507,304	\$18,469,605

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IDENTITY OF ISSUER, BORROWER,	MATURITY	INTEREST		VALUE, UNITS		
LESSOR OR SIMILAR PARTY	DATE	RATE	COLLATERAL	OR SHARES	COST	FAIR VALUE
MUTUAL FUNDS:						
Putnam Voyager Fund				152,672	\$ 3,028,343	\$ 3,346,582
Putnam Income Fund				60,875	432,059	421,258
Stable Value Fund				761,981	761,981	761,981
Putnam Vista Fund				121,448	1,478,561	1,587,330
BancWest Corporation Stock Fund				15,681	617,533	752 , 732
Putnam International Growth Fund				54,638	953,205	1,050,690
Putnam S&P 500 Index Fund				65 , 065	1,561,204	1,882,335
Putnam Asset Allocation Fund -						
Conservative Portfolio				131,108	1,319,543	1,360,907
Putnam Asset Allocation Fund -						
Balanced Portfolio				102,758	1,162,791	1,234,124
Putnam Asset Allocation Fund -						
Growth Portfolio				116,051	1,461,872	1,581,777
Putnam New Opportunities Fund				55,990	2,833,852	3,271,543
Total assets held for						
investment purposes					\$15,610,944	\$17,251,259

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ITEM 27d - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

IDENTITY OF PARTY INVOLVED	RELATIONSHIP	DESCRIPTION OF ASSET	PURCHASE PRICE	SELLING PRICE	COST OF ASSET	FAIR VALUE OF ASSET(B)	NET GAIN (LOSS)
Putnam Vista Fund	(C)	Mutual Fund	\$ 726,850(A)	\$	\$ 726,850	\$ 726,850	\$
Putnam Voyager Fund	(C)	Mutual Fund	1,365,818(A)		1,365,818	1,365,818	
Putnam New Opportunities Fund	(C)	Mutual Fund	1,253,427(A)		1,253,427	1,253,427	
Putnam Asset Allocation Fund -							
Growth Portfolio	(C)	Mutual Fund	610,831(A)		610,831	610,831	
Putnam S&P 500 Index Fund	(C)	Mutual Fund	997,439(A)		997,439	997,439	
Stable Value Fund	(C)	Mutual Fund	975,570(A)		975,570	975,570	
			, <u></u> ,	640,254(A)	640,254	640,254	

Note:

- (A) Includes numerous transactions.
- (B) Fair value at date of transaction.
- (C) Fund is managed by Putnam, trustee of Plan.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File Nos. 333-22107 and 333-75483) of BancWest Corporation of our report dated June 15, 1999 relating to the financial statements and schedules of the BancWest Corporation Future Plan as of and for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, which appears in this Form 11-K.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Honolulu, Hawaii June 25, 1999

REQUIRED INFORMATION

BancWest Corporation Future Plan ("Plan") is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). Therefore, in lieu of the requirements of Items 1-3 of Form 11-K, the financial statements and schedules of the Plan for the two fiscal years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, which have been prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ERISA, are incorporated herein by this reference.

SIGNATURES

The Plan: Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BANCWEST CORPORATION FUTURE PLAN

Date June 25, 1999

By /s/ SHEILA M. SUMIDA

SHEILA M. SUMIDA

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR