

EAST WEST BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
April 10, 2012

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

FORM 8-K

Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

April 9, 2012
Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 000-24939

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| Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) | 95-4703316 (IRS Employer Identification Number) |
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135 N Los Robles Ave., 7th Floor, Pasadena, California 91101
(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(626) 768-6000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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CFR240.14d-2(b))

- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR240.13e-(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors, Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On April 9, 2012, the Named Executive Officers of East West Bancorp, signed agreements to terminate the right of automatic vesting of restricted stock compensation upon a change of control. The agreement also states all current restricted stock awards which the employee has been granted, as well as awards to be granted in the future, will be “clawedback” in the event of a financial restatement, regardless of reason for the financial restatement.

The employee agreements of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Ng, the Chief Risk Officer, Douglas P. Krause, and the Chief Human Resources Officer, James T. Schuler, were also amended so that they are not evergreen and instead have a 3 year term with an expiration date of April 8, 2015.

The Form Amendment to Employment Agreement and the Form of Agreement Regarding Grants of Incentive Shares and Clawbacks, which detail, governs the changes above is attached hereto as Exhibits 10.1, 10.3 -3.4, 10.5, 10.9.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 10.1 Form of Amendment to Employment Agreement- Mr. Ng
- 10.5 Form of Amendment to Employment Agreement- Mr. Krause
- 10.9.1 Form of Amendment to Employment Agreement- Mr. Schuler
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- 10.3.3 Form of Agreement Regarding Grants of Incentive Shares and Clawbacks – Ms. Oh
- 10.3.4 Form of Agreement Regarding Grants of Incentive Shares and Clawbacks – Mr. Schuler

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 9, 2012

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Douglas P. Krause
Douglas P. Krause, Esq.
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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