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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):

December 31, 2011

Central Pacific Financial Corp. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Hawaii (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-10777 (Commission File Number) 99-0212597 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

220 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii (Address of principal executive offices)

96813 (Zip Code)

(808) 544-0500 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On January 25, 2012, Central Pacific Financial Corp. issued a press release regarding its results of operations and financial condition for the quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

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Press release dated January 25, 2012

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SIGNATURES

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

Central Pacific Financial Corp. (Registrant)

Date: January 25, 2012 /s/ John C. Dean

John C. Dean

President and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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99 Press release dated January 25, 2012

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