

FIRST PACTRUST BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
March 04, 2011

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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):

February 28, 2011

**First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

000-49806

04-3639825

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

610 Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, California

91910

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(619) 691-1519

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

Effective February 28, 2011, the Board of Directors of First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") approved an amendment to Section A of Article 6 of the Company's charter to increase the number of shares of common stock the Company is authorized to issue from 20,000,000 to 200,000,000 and the number of shares of preferred stock the Company is authorized to issue from 5,000,000 to 50,000,000.

While the Company has no immediate plans to issue any of the additional authorized shares, the purpose of the amendment is to give the Company greater flexibility in connection with the implementation of its previously announced growth strategy.

A copy of the articles of amendment to the Company's charter to effect the amendment, as filed with and accepted by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation on March 3, 2011, is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

3.1 Articles of Amendment to the Company's Charter

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**SIGNATURES**

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.

First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc.

*March 4, 2011*

By: */s/ James P. Sheehy*

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*Name: James P. Sheehy*

*Title: Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
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