

PACWEST BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
March 10, 2009

**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**

**March 5, 2009**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**PACWEST BANCORP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**00-30747**  
(Commission File Number)

**33-0885320**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**401 West A Street**  
**San Diego, California 92101**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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(619) 233-5588

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On March 5, 2009, Mr. Gary W. Deems and Mr. David S. Williams, both directors of PacWest Bancorp, notified the Company that they intend to retire from service on the Company's board of directors effective on the date of the Company's 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, currently scheduled for May 12, 2009. Mr. Williams is a founding director of the Company, having served on the Company's board of directors since its formation in 2000. Mr. Deems began his service on the board of directors in October 2006, following the Company's acquisition of Community Bancorp, Inc.

**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.

**PACWEST BANCORP**

Date: March 10, 2009

By: /s/ Jared M. Wolff

Name: Jared M. Wolff

Title:

Executive Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary