EAST WEST BANCORP INC Form 8-K January 26, 2011

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

January 25, 2011

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

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 95-4703316 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

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)

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 (See General Instruction A.2.):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR240.13e-(c))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 25, 2011, East West Bancorp, Inc. announced, via press release, its preliminary results of operations for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2010. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incoproarted herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated January 25, 2011, issued by East West Bancorp, Inc.

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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: January 25, 2011

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Irene H. Oh

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Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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