CENTRAL PACIFIC FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K April 12, 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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):

April 10, 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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O	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 10, 2011, the Company issued a press release announcing the commencement of its common stock rights offering. The text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated April 10, 2011.

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SIGNATURE

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: April 11, 2011 By: /s/ Glenn K.C. Ching

Glenn K.C. Ching

Senior Vice President, Corporate Secretary and

General Counsel

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