# 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): May 20, 2014

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)

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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#### ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On May 20, 2014, the Board of Directors of Central Pacific Financial Corp. (the "Company") approved the repurchase of up to \$30 million of the Company's common stock from time to time. A copy of the press release relating to this repurchase program is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

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Press release dated May 20, 2014

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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: May 20, 2014 /s/ Denis K. Isono

Denis K. Isono

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99 Press release dated May 20, 2014

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