

EAST WEST BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
July 20, 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**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 20, 2009**

**East West Bancorp, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**Commission file number: 000-24939**

**95-4703316**  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification number)

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135 N. Los Robles Ave., 7th Floor, Pasadena, California 91101

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (626) 768-6000

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

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 July 20, 2009, East West Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing the commencement of a public offering of its common stock. A copy of the press release is filed herewith and is incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Not Applicable.

(b) Not Applicable.

(c) Not Applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated July 20, 2009, issued by East West Bancorp, Inc. announcing commencement of a public offering of common stock.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.**

Dated: July 20, 2009

By: /s/ Thomas J. Tolda  
Name: Thomas J. Tolda  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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