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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):

October 24, 2007

TriCo Bancshares  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California	0-10661	94-2792841
----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	----- (Commission File No.)	----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

63 Constitution Drive, Chico, California 95973

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (530) 898-0300

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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 2.02: Results of Operations and Financial Condition

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On October 24, 2007 TriCo Bancshares announced its quarterly earnings for the  
period ended September 30, 2007. A copy of the press release is attached as  
Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01: Exhibits

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(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated October 24, 2007

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

TRICO BANCSHARES

Date: October 24, 2007

By: /s/ Thomas J. Reddish

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Thomas J. Reddish, Executive Vice  
President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting  
Officer)

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	Press release dated October 24, 2007

[GRAPHIC OMITTED]

PRESS RELEASE  
For Immediate Release

Contact: Thomas J. Reddish  
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TRICO BANCSHARES ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY EARNINGS

CHICO, Calif. - (October 24, 2007) - TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK), parent company of Tri Counties Bank, today announced quarterly earnings of \$6,793,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. This represents a decrease of \$27,000 (0.4%) when compared with earnings of \$6,820,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. Diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 were \$0.42 compared to \$0.42 for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. Total assets of the Company increased \$49,519,000 (2.6%) to \$1,953,523,000 at September 30, 2007 from \$1,904,004,000 at September 30, 2006. Total loans of the Company increased \$27,917,000 (1.9%) to \$1,535,076,000 at September 30, 2007 from \$1,507,159,000 at September 30, 2006. Total deposits of the Company increased \$6,968,000 (0.5%) to \$1,532,142,000 at September 30, 2007 from \$1,525,174,000 at September 30, 2006. Diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 were \$1.22 and \$1.22, respectively, on earnings of \$19,992,000 and \$19,912,000, respectively.

The decrease in earnings from the quarter ended September 30, 2006 was due to a \$5,000 (0.02%) decrease in fully tax-equivalent (FTE) net interest income to \$21,840,000, and a \$465,000 (198%) increase in the provision for loan losses to \$700,000 that were substantially offset by a \$198,000 (3.0%) increase in noninterest income to \$6,847,000 and a \$274,000 (1.6%) decrease in noninterest expense to \$16,752,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.

The \$5,000 (0.02%) decrease in net interest income (FTE) was due to a 0.07%

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decrease in net interest margin (FTE) to 5.12% that was substantially offset by a \$20,381,000 (1.2%) increase in average balances of interest-earning assets to \$1,721,547,000. This decrease in net interest margin was mainly due to a 0.18% decrease in net interest spread as the average yield on interest-earning assets increased 0.14% while the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities increased 0.32% from the quarter ended September 30, 2006. The effect of the 0.18% decrease in net interest spread was partially offset by a 0.11% increase in the impact of net noninterest-bearing funds from the quarter ended September 30, 2006.

The Company provided \$700,000 for loan losses in the third quarter of 2007 versus \$235,000 in the third quarter of 2006. During the third quarter of 2007, the Company recorded \$560,000 of net loan charge-offs versus \$135,000 of net loan charge-offs in the year earlier quarter. The \$560,000 of net loan charge-offs during the third quarter of 2007 represented 0.15% of average loan balances on an annualized basis. At September 30, 2007, the combination of the Company's allowance for loan losses (\$17,139,000) and reserve for unfunded commitments (\$2,040,000) represented 255% of non-performing loans net of government agency guarantees (\$7,507,000).

The increase in noninterest income from the quarter ended September 30, 2006 was mainly due to a \$136,000 (30.4%) increase in commissions on sale of nondeposit investment products to \$583,000, a \$116,000 (3.1%) increase in service charges on deposit accounts to \$3,819,000, and an \$89,000 (9.6%) increase in ATM fees and interchange to \$1,016,000, that were partially offset by a \$53,000 (20.1%) decrease in gain on sale of loans to \$211,000. The increase in commissions on sale of nondeposit investment products was primarily due to improved market conditions and increased resources focused in this area. The increase in service charges on deposit accounts was primarily due to growth in customer count. The increase in ATM fees and interchange was due to growth in customer count and expansion of ATM network as part of new branch openings. The decrease in gain on sale of loans was due to a slowdown in residential mortgage refinance activity.

The \$274,000 decrease in noninterest expense for the third quarter of 2007 compared to the third quarter of 2006 was mainly due to a \$301,000 (3.2%) decrease in salaries and benefits expense to \$8,975,000. The decrease in salaries and benefits expense was mainly due to reduced commission and incentive expense that was partially offset by annual salary increases, and new employees at the Company's recently opened branches. The reduced commission and incentive expense was due to the Company's employees not earning certain bonus and incentive compensation which is tied to the Company satisfying internal targeted performance goals. The Company did not meet such goals for the third quarter of 2007 and thus did not incur the related compensation expense.

Richard Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer commented, "We are pleased with our results for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, given the difficult market conditions in residential real estate and continued margin pressures that we have faced throughout 2007. During the third quarter, the nation's liquidity crisis and rate reductions by the Federal Reserve added to operating challenges. Despite this, TriCo's performance held up remarkably well. Most importantly, credit quality remains good and demonstrates our ability to manage through the residential real estate downturn. We have been minimally affected by the pronounced slowdown in the California residential real estate market. While we did achieve modest loan growth in the most recent quarter, we find ourselves having to fund this growth with higher paying deposits or other borrowings."

On August 21, 2007, the Company announced the completion of its stock repurchase plan originally adopted on July 31, 2003 and amended on April 9, 2004. Under this plan, the Company repurchased a total of 500,000 shares of its common stock with the final 105,629 shares being repurchased during August 2007 at an average price of \$20.97 per share. Also on August 21, 2007, the Board of Directors adopted a new plan to repurchase, as conditions warrant, up to 500,000 shares of

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the Company's common stock on the open market. As of September 30, 2007, the Company had not repurchased any shares of its common stock under its stock repurchase plan announced on August 21, 2007, which left 500,000 shares available for repurchase under the plan.

In addition to the historical information contained herein, this press release contains certain forward-looking statements. The reader of this press release should understand that all such forward-looking statements are subject to various uncertainties and risks that could affect their outcome. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those suggested by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, variances in the actual versus projected growth in assets, return on assets, loan losses, expenses, rates charged on loans and earned on securities investments, rates paid on deposits, competition effects, fee and other noninterest income earned as well as other factors. This entire press release should be read to put such forward-looking statements in context and to gain a more complete understanding of the uncertainties and risks involved in the Company's business.

TriCo Bancshares and Tri Counties Bank are headquartered in Chico, California. Tri Counties Bank has a 32-year history in the banking industry. Tri Counties Bank operates 32 traditional branch locations and 25 in-store branch locations in 23 California counties. Tri Counties Bank offers financial services and provides a diversified line of products and services to consumers and businesses, which include demand, savings and time deposits, consumer finance, online banking, mortgage lending, and commercial banking throughout its market area. It operates a network of 64 ATMs and a 24-hour, seven days a week telephone customer service center. Brokerage services are provided at the Bank's offices by the Bank's association with Raymond James Financial, Inc. For further information please visit the Tri Counties Bank web-site at <http://www.tricountiesbank.com>.

TRICO BANCSHARES - CONSOLIDATED FINA  
(Unaudited. Dollars in thousands, excep  
Three months end

	September 30, 2007	June 30, 2007	March 31, 2007	D
Statement of Income Data				
Interest income	\$32,442	\$31,986	\$30,661	
Interest expense	10,602	9,895	9,216	
Net interest income	21,840	22,091	21,445	
Provision for loan losses	700	500	482	
Noninterest income:				
Service charges and fees	5,218	5,375	5,061	
Other income	1,629	1,654	1,539	
Total noninterest income	6,847	7,029	6,600	
Noninterest expense:				
Salaries and benefits	8,975	9,619	9,742	
Intangible amortization	122	122	123	
Provision for losses - unfunded commitments	-	74	117	
Other expense	7,655	7,628	6,978	
Total noninterest expense	16,752	17,443	16,960	
Income before taxes	11,235	11,177	10,603	
Net income	\$6,793	\$6,755	\$6,444	

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Share Data			
Basic earnings per share	\$0.43	\$0.42	\$0.41
Diluted earnings per share	0.42	0.41	0.39
Book value per common share	11.50	11.22	10.96
Tangible book value per common share	\$10.44	\$10.16	\$9.89
Shares outstanding	15,891,300	15,917,291	15,910,291
Weighted average shares	15,889,061	15,916,313	15,878,929
Weighted average diluted shares	16,310,631	16,463,389	16,415,845
Credit Quality			
Non-performing loans, net of			
government agency guarantees	\$7,507	\$13,360	\$5,991
Other real estate owned	187	187	187
Loans charged-off	843	751	739
Loans recovered	\$283	\$355	\$238
Allowance for losses to total loans(1)	1.25%	1.26%	1.26%
Allowance for losses to NPLs(1)	255%	143%	315%
Allowance for losses to NPAs(1)	249%	141%	305%
Selected Financial Ratios			
Return on average total assets	1.44%	1.44%	1.38%
Return on average equity	14.92%	15.11%	14.79%
Average yield on loans	7.93%	7.93%	7.63%
Average yield on interest-earning assets	7.58%	7.58%	7.30%
Average rate on interest-bearing liabilities	3.18%	3.02%	2.85%
Net interest margin (fully tax-equivalent)	5.12%	5.25%	5.12%
Total risk based capital ratio	11.7%	11.8%	11.8%
Tier 1 Capital ratio	10.7%	10.8%	10.8%

(1) Allowance for losses includes allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded commitments

TRICO BANCSHARES - CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(Unaudited. Dollars in thousands)  
Three months ended

	September 30, 2007	June 30, 2007	March 31, 2007	D
Balance Sheet Data				
Cash and due from banks	\$70,791	\$93,636	\$75,263	
Federal funds sold	488	1,715	-	
Securities, available-for-sale	239,242	175,891	188,478	
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	8,652	8,543	8,442	
Loans				
Commercial loans	165,559	159,822	142,083	
Consumer loans	542,875	526,575	516,550	
Real estate mortgage loans	697,670	687,744	687,088	
Real estate construction loans	128,972	133,487	149,893	
Total loans, gross	1,535,076	1,507,628	1,495,614	
Allowance for loan losses	(17,139)	(16,999)	(16,895)	
Premises and equipment	20,804	20,891	20,924	
Cash value of life insurance	44,751	44,346	43,941	
Goodwill	15,519	15,519	15,519	
Intangible assets	1,298	1,421	1,543	
Other assets	34,041	34,436	33,492	
Total assets	1,953,523	1,887,027	1,866,321	

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Deposits			
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	345,467	366,321	364,401
Interest-bearing demand deposits	214,726	226,591	235,497
Savings deposits	386,866	387,422	381,069
Time certificates	585,083	530,545	555,882
Total deposits	1,532,142	1,510,879	1,536,849
Federal funds purchased	66,000	80,500	38,000
Reserve for unfunded commitments	2,040	2,040	1,966
Other liabilities	29,382	28,878	32,524
Other borrowings	99,996	44,892	41,347
Junior subordinated debt	41,238	41,238	41,238
Total liabilities	1,770,798	1,708,427	1,691,924
Total shareholders' equity	182,725	178,600	174,397
Accumulated other			
comprehensive loss	(3,628)	(4,779)	(3,988)
Average loans	1,517,419	1,506,913	1,490,055
Average interest-earning assets	1,721,547	1,698,620	1,692,574
Average total assets	1,891,992	1,871,260	1,865,448
Average deposits	1,499,793	1,500,733	1,534,473
Average total equity	\$182,080	\$178,836	\$174,262