CU Bancorp Form 425 April 17, 2017

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 17, 2017

PacWest Bancorp

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation) 001-36408 (Commission File Number) 33-0885320 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

9701 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 700, Beverly Hills, California 90212 $\,$

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(310) 887-8500

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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. below):

x Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230-425)
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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).
Emerging growth company O
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. O

Item	2.02	Results	of O	perations	and Fi	inancial	Condition	1.*

On April 17, 2017, PacWest Bancorp announced its results of operations and financial condition for the quarter ended March 31, 2017. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

The information set forth under the captions CU Bancorp Merger Announcement, Forward Looking Statements, and Additional Information About the Proposed Transaction and Where to Find It in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated by reference in this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.*

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit
Number

Description

99.1 Press release dated April 17, 2017

^{*}The information furnished under Item 2.02 and Item 9.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any registration statement or other filings of PacWest Bancorp under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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.

PacWest Bancorp

By: /s/ Bart R. Olson Name: Bart R. Olson

Title: Executive Vice President

Date: April 17, 2017

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99.1 Press release dated April 17, 2017

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