

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
January 28, 2011

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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):

January 27, 2011

Westamerica Bancorporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California

001-9383

94-2156203

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1108 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael, California

94901

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(707) 863-6000

Not Applicable

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 27, 2011 Westamerica Bancorporation declared a quarterly cash dividend. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

*January 27, 2011*

Westamerica Bancorporation

By: *John "Robert" Thorson*

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*Name: John "Robert" Thorson*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press release dated January 27, 2011