CENTRAL PACIFIC FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K October 14, 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): October 13, 2009

Central Pacific Financial Corp. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Hawaii 0-10777 99-0212597
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

220 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(808) 544-0500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

Denis K. Isono has been promoted and appointed as Vice Chair and Chief Operations Officer of Central Pacific Financial Corp. ("CPF") and Central Pacific Bank ("CPB") effective as of October 13, 2009. Mr. Isono, age 58, has been the Executive Vice President, Operations and Services for CPF and CPB since September 2004 and was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer for CPB from May 2002 to September 2004. Mr. Isono's annual base salary has been increased from \$211,500 to \$250,000. Other elements of his compensation and benefits package have remained unchanged.

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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: October 14, 2009

By: /s/ Dean K. Hirata

Dean K. Hirata

Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer