

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2011

**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 20, 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)

(IRS 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**

(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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**Exhibits**

99.1 Press release dated January 20, 2011

**Item 2.02: Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On January 20, 2011 Westamerica Bancorporation announced earnings for the fourth quarter of 2010. 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. Financial Statement and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

**Signature**

Pursuant to 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.

Westamerica Bancorporation

/s/ JOHN ROBERT THORSON  
John Robert Thorson  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer  
January 20, 2011

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