PACWEST BANCORP Form 8-K January 04, 2012

# 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

January 3, 2012

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

# PACWEST BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**DELAWARE** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

00-30747 (Commission File Number) 33-0885320 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

10250 Constellation Blvd., Suite 1640

Los Angeles, California 90067

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

(310) 286-1144

(Registrant s Telephone Number, including Area Code)

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):

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| Item 8.01 | Other Events. |
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On January 3, 2012, PacWest Bancorp issued the press release, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 (the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference), with respect to its acquisition of Marquette Equipment Finance.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 PacWest Bancorp press release, dated January 3, 2012.

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#### **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

Date: January 4, 2012 By: /s/ Jared M. Wolff
Name: Jared M. Wolff

Title: Executive Vice President and

General Counsel

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