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FIRST PACTRUST BANCORP INC

Form 8-K February 18, 2004

> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 17, 2004

FIRST PACTRUST BANCORP, INC. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Maryland 6035 O4-505525 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

610 Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, California (Address of principal executive offices)

91910 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (619) 691-9741

N/A

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

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Item 5. Other Events

First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), a Maryland Corporation, has announced an increase of its quarterly dividend to nine cents per share (\$0.09), payable on March 26, 2004 to shareholders of record as of March 12, 2004.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

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(c) Attached as an exhibit is the Company's news release announcing the cash dividend and the associated record and payment dates.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

FIRST PACTRUST BANCORP, INC.

Date: February 17, 2004

By: /s/ James P. Sheehy _____ James P. Sheehy

Executive Vice President Secretary and Treasurer

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