

PACWEST BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
May 02, 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**

**April 30, 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**

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(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.

On April 30, 2012, PacWest Bancorp announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, Pacific Western Bank, had entered into a definitive agreement and plan of merger to acquire all of the outstanding common stock and restricted stock of American Perspective Bank for \$58.1 million in cash, or \$13.00 per share for each share of common stock of American Perspective Bank.

The board of directors of each company has approved this transaction. The acquisition of American Perspective Bank by Pacific Western Bank is subject to customary conditions, including the approval of American Perspective Bank's shareholders and bank regulatory authorities, and is expected to close in the third quarter of 2012. Immediately following the completion of the acquisition, it is anticipated that American Perspective Bank will be merged with and into Pacific Western Bank.

A copy of the April 30, 2012 press release announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 of this Form 8-K.

### Item 9.01

#### (d) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|--------------------|--|
| 99.1               | Copy of April 30, 2012 press release announcing that Pacific Western Bank had signed a definitive agreement to acquire American Perspective Bank for \$58.1 million. |

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: May 2, 2012

By: /s/ Lynn M. Hopkins

Name:

Lynn M. Hopkins

Title:

Executive Vice President