

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2012

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 26, 2012**

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**Westamerica Bancorporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**California**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-09383**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-2156203**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1108 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94901**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(707) 863-6000**

Not Applicable  
(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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

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On January 26, 2012 the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated January 26, 2012

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

**Westamerica Bancorporation**

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(Registrant)

**January 26, 2012**

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(Date)

**/s/ JOHN "ROBERT" THORSON**

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John "Robert" Thorson  
*Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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**Exhibit Index**

99.1 Press release dated January 26, 2012