

TRICO BANCSHARES /  
Form 8-K  
March 11, 2011

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**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):  
March 10, 2011  
TriCo Bancshares  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

California

0-10661

94-2792841

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(Commission File No.)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

63 Constitution Drive, Chico, California

95973

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (530) 898-0300

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**

The Board of Directors of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK), parent company of Tri Counties Bank, declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.09 (nine cents) per share at its meeting held on March 10, 2011. The dividend is payable on March 31, 2011 to holders of record at the close of business on March 21, 2011.

**Item 9.01: Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated March 10, 2011

**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.

TRICO BANCSHARES

Date: March 10, 2011

By /s/ Thomas J. Reddish  
Thomas J. Reddish, Executive Vice  
President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting  
Officer)