

HOPE BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
January 23, 2019

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): January 22, 2019

HOPE BANCORP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
Delaware 000-50245 95-4849715
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)
of incorporation)
3200 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1400, Los Angeles, CA 90010
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 639-1700.

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 22, 2019, Hope Bancorp, Inc. (“HOPE” or the “Company”) issued a news release concerning its results of operations and financial condition for the fourth quarter and full year ended and as of December 31, 2018. A copy of the January 22, 2019 press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 22, 2019, the Company issued a news release announcing that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.14 per common share. The cash dividend is payable on or about February 15, 2019 to all stockholders of record as of the close of business on February 1, 2019. A copy of the January 22, 2019 press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

The Company previously announced that it will host an investor conference call on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Pacific Time / 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time to review financial results for its fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2018. A presentation to accompany the conference call, which contains certain historical and forward-looking information relating to the Company (the “Presentation Materials”), has been made available at the Investor Relations section of Hope Bancorp’s website at www.ir-hopebancorp.com. A copy of the Presentation Materials is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3.

The information included in this report pursuant to Item 2.02, Item 8.01 and Item 7.01 of Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1, Exhibit 99.2 and Exhibit 99.3) shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

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99.2	<u>News release, dated January 22, 2019 announcing the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend.</u>
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99.3	<u>Presentation Materials, dated January 23, 2019.</u>
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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Hope Bancorp, Inc.

Date: January 23, 2019 /s/ Kevin S. Kim

Name: Kevin S. Kim

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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