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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

December 31, 2010

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

PICO HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California 33-36383 94-2723335
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

875 Prospect Street, Suite 301, La Jolla, California 92037 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(858) 456-6022 Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On December 31, 2010, PICO Holdings, Inc. ("PICO" or the "Company") and Maxim C.W. Webb, PICO's Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer entered into an agreement to modify the terms of Mr. Webb's employment with the Company (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the Agreement, Mr. Webb's prior employment agreement dated March 3, 2009 is terminated, Mr. Webb's employment with the Company will continue on an at will basis and he is eligible to receive severance benefits only in accordance with the Company's current benefit plans available to employees of the Company generally.

The Agreement provides for a base salary of \$500,000. The Agreement further provides for Mr. Webb to receive an annual incentive award equal to a percentage of his base salary; the percentage is calculated by dividing the dollar amount of the Chief Executive Officer's annual incentive award by the CEO's base salary under his then-applicable employment agreement.

The foregoing summary of the Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreement, filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1.

Item 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits

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Agreement to Terminate Employment Agreement and Continue Employment on At Will Basis with Maxim C.W. Webb, effective December 31, 2010.

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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.

PICO HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: January 4, 2010 By: /s/ James F. Mosier James F. Mosier

General Counsel and Secretary

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Exhibit Index

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