

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION
Form 8-K
January 21, 2011

**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 20, 2011

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CALIFORNIA

001-9383

94-2156203

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1108 Fifth Avenue
San Rafael, California**

94901

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated January 20, 2011

Item 2.02: Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 20, 2011 Westamerica Bancorporation announced earnings for the fourth quarter of 2010. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statement and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Signature

Pursuant to 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.

Westamerica Bancorporation

/s/ JOHN ROBERT THORSON
John Robert Thorson
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer
January 20, 2011

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