

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION
Form 8-K
February 11, 2009

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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):
February 6, 2009**

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)
CALIFORNIA
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-9383

94-2156203

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1108 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael, California

94901

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(707) 863-6000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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:

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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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Item 2.01: Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

On February 6, 2009 Westamerica Bancorporation announced the acquisition of County Bank. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the purchase and assumption agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01: Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated February 6, 2009

99.2 Purchase and assumption agreement

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Signatures

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
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