

PACWEST BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
March 30, 2009

**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**

**March 25, 2009**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**PACWEST BANCORP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**00-30747**  
(Commission File Number)

**33-0885320**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**401 West A Street**  
**San Diego, California 92101**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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(619) 233-5588

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On March 25, 2009, PacWest Bancorp (the Company) renewed its services agreement with Castle Creek Financial LLC ( Castle Creek ). John M. Eggemeyer, Chairman of the Company, is also Chief Executive Officer of Castle Creek.

Pursuant to the terms of the services agreement, the Company and Castle Creek have entered into an exclusive arrangement whereby the Company has agreed to use Castle Creek as its financial advisor for various types of transactions, if it chooses to use a financial advisor, and Castle Creek agrees to provide advisory services to the Company in the Company's market area, including but not limited to the sourcing and evaluation of potential acquisition opportunities, and exclusive presentation of such opportunities to the Company. The term of the services may be cancelled by either party upon thirty days' notice. The services agreement provides for the payment of the following fees upon the consummation of certain transactions: (a) 1.0% of the aggregate consideration paid in the event the Company is sold; and (b) in the event of an acquisition of another financial institution by the Company: 1.0% of the aggregate value of the transaction if the aggregate value is \$20 million or less; and if the aggregate value is over \$20 million, \$200,000 plus 0.65% of the amount of the transaction in excess of \$20 million. Castle Creek is also entitled to reimbursement of its reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the Company.

The foregoing description of the services agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the services agreement. A copy of the executed services agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(d) Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Services Agreement, dated March 25, 2009, by and between PacWest Bancorp and Castle Creek Financial, LLC.

**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.

**PACWEST BANCORP**

Date: March 30, 2009

By: */s/ Victor R. Santoro*  
Name: Victor R. Santoro  
Title: Executive Vice President and CFO

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