

EAST WEST BANCORP INC
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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

March 9, 2005

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported):

East West Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 000-24939

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

95-4703316

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

415 Huntington Drive
San Marino, California 91108

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(626) 799-5700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 1.01: Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

The Company has established various compensation plans for directors and employees. A copy of each plan and related agreements are attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 to Exhibit 10.5 and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Not Applicable

(b) Not Applicable

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SIGNATURE

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.

Date: March 9, 2005

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

/s/ Julia Gouw

JULIA GOUW

Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
