

EAST WEST BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
April 21, 2008

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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Current Report  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

April 21, 2008  
Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

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EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Commission file number 000-24939

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| Delaware                                                          | 95-4703316                              |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation<br>or Organization) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification Number) |

135 N Los Robles Ave., 7th Floor, Pasadena, California 91101  
(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(626) 768-6000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 (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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers, Election of Directors, Appointment of Principal Officers

On April 18, 2008, East West Bancorp, Inc., (the "Company") accepted the resignation of Steven P. Erwin as a member of the Board of Directors. There were no disagreements between Mr. Erwin and the Company on any matters relating to the Company.

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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: April 21, 2008

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

By:                   /s/ Douglas P. Krause  
Douglas P. Krause  
Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and  
Secretary

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