

BANC OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
Form 8-K
September 06, 2017

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): September 5, 2017

BANC OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-35522
(Commission

File No.)

04-3639825
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

3 MacArthur Place, Santa Ana, California

92707

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (855) 361-2262

N/A

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

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):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 5, 2017, Jeffrey T. Seabold, Executive Vice President and Management Vice Chairman of Banc of California, N.A. (the Bank), a wholly owned subsidiary of Banc of California, Inc. (the Company), submitted a notice of termination of employment pursuant to his employment agreement with the Bank, effective immediately.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 5, 2017, Mr. Seabold filed a complaint in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, against the Company and the Bank and multiple unnamed defendants (Case No. BC674694). The complaint alleges, and seeks damages for, among other things, breaches of Mr. Seabold's employment agreement with the Bank and wrongful, constructive termination of his employment. The Company and the Bank believe Mr. Seabold's complaint is without merit and intend to vigorously defend this lawsuit.

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.

BANC OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

September 6, 2017

/s/ John C. Grosvenor
John C. Grosvenor
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary