

TRICO BANCSHARES /
Form 8-K
August 30, 2012

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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

August 28, 2012

TriCo Bancshares

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-10661
(Commission File No.)

94-2792841
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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63 Constitution Drive, Chico, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

95973
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (530) 898-0300

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

Item 8.01: Other Events

The Board of Directors of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK), parent company of Tri Counties Bank, declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.09 (nine cents) per share at its meeting held on August 28, 2012. The dividend is payable on September 28, 2012 to holders of record at the close of business on September 17, 2012.

Item 9.01: Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated August 29, 2012

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 29, 2012

TRICO BANCSHARES

/s/ Thomas J. Reddish
Thomas J. Reddish, Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and

Accounting Officer)