

EAST WEST BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
June 23, 2005

**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**

June 23, 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) (Zip code)

(626) 799-5700
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On June 23, 2005, East West Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release in which it announced that Rudolph Estrada had been appointed to the Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not Applicable

(b) Not Applicable

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated June 23, 2005, issued by East West Bancorp, Inc.

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: June 23, 2005

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Julia Gouw
Julia Gouw
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer