

EAST WEST BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
April 17, 2006

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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 17, 2006**

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**

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation  
or Organization)

95-4703316  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

135 North 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):

- 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))
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**East West Bancorp, Inc.  
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On April 17, 2006, East West Bancorp, Inc. announced via press release its results of operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. A copy of the related 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

99.1 Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated April 17, 2006, issued by East West Bancorp, Inc.

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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 17, 2006

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

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

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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