

SQUARE 1 FINANCIAL INC
Form 425
March 02, 2015

**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) **March 1, 2015**

PacWest Bancorp

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of
Incorporation)

00-30747
(Commission File Number)

33-0885320
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

10250 Constellation Blvd., Suite 1640, Los Angeles, California 90067

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(310) 286-1144

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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(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):

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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.

On March 2, 2015, PacWest Bancorp (PacWest) and Square 1 Financial, Inc. (Square 1) issued a joint press release announcing the execution of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 1, 2015, by and between PacWest and Square 1, pursuant to which PacWest and Square 1 will merge, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. In addition, PacWest and Square 1 intend to make available to investors on PacWest's website the slides attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|--------------------|---|
| 99.1 | Joint Press Release, dated March 2, 2015. |
| 99.2 | Investor Presentation, dated March 2, 2015. |

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.

PacWest Bancorp

By:

/s/ Kori L. Ogrosky

Name:

Kori L. Ogrosky

Title:

Executive Vice President, General Counsel &
Corporate Secretary

Date: March 2, 2015

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