WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION Form 8-K January 04, 2018

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): January 3, 2018

Westamerica Bancorporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California001-0938394-2156203(State or other jurisdiction(Commission (IRS Employer))

of incorporation) File No.) Identification Number)

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1108 Fifth Avenue

94901

San Rafael, California (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (707) 863-6000

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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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). 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.

Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

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

(b) Departure of Banking Division Manager

Effective December 31, 2017, David L. Robinson retired from Westamerica Bank, Westamerica Bancorporation's wholly-owned bank subsidiary. Mr. Robinson had served as Westamerica Bank's Banking Division Manager since 2007.

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.

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: January 3, 2018 By: /s/ John "Robert" Thorson John "Robert" Thorson Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer