

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 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))

**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.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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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