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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 27, 2016

GREAT WESTERN BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-36688 47-1308512

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 North Phillips Avenue

Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(605) 334-2548

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(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:

- x Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 27, 2016, Great Western Bancorp, Inc. ("Great Western" and, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, the "Company") announced its earnings for the first fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2015. A copy of Great Western's press release containing this information is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

A copy of the slide presentation relating to the Company's earnings results for use on the conference call being held for investors and analysts is being furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

Press release of Great Western dated January 27, 2016, containing financial information for the

quarter ended December 31, 2015.

99.2 Slide presentation for conference call for investors and analysts on January 27, 2016.

All information provided in this Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to liabilities under that Section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Great Western under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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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.

GREAT WESTERN BANCORP, INC.

Date: January 27, 2016 By: /s/ Peter Chapman

Name: Peter Chapman

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President

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