

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.

East West Bancorp, Inc.
Current Report of Form 8-K

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

President and Chief Operating Officer, Gregory L. Guyett, resigned from East West Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) and its wholly owned subsidiary, East West Bank (the “Bank”) on August 9, 2018 and will leave on August 24, 2018 to pursue other interests.

The Company and Mr. Guyett are parties to an Executive Employment Agreement, dated July 1, 2016. The separation will be treated as a termination under Section 5(b) of the Executive Employment Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K filed on October 5, 2016, and Mr. Guyett will be entitled to the benefits thereunder. The Company and Mr. Guyett have signed a separation agreement dated as of August 9, 2018. The separation agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete terms and conditions within, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dominic Ng will assume the additional title of President of the Company and the Bank effective August 24, 2018.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits
(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit |
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| <u>10.1</u> | Agreement between Gregory L. Guyett and East West Bank dated August 9, 2018. |

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: August 14, 2018

EAST WEST BANCORP,
INC.

By: /s/ Douglas P. Krause
Douglas P. Krause, Esq.
Executive Vice President
and General Counsel

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