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Form 8-K  
March 10, 2006

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 7, 2006

TriCo Bancshares  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California	0-10661	94-2792841
----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	----- (Commission File No.)	----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

63 Constitution Drive, Chico, California 95973

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (530) 898-0300

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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  
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The Board of Directors of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK), parent company of Tri Counties Bank, declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.12 (twelve cents) per share at its meeting held on March 7, 2006. The dividend is payable on March 31, 2006 to holders of record at the close of business on March 10, 2006.

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Item 9.01: Financial Statements and Exhibits  
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(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated March 9, 2006

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 thereunto duly authorized.

TRICO BANCSHARES

Date: March 10, 2006

By: /s/ Thomas J. Reddish

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Thomas J. Reddish, Executive Vice  
President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting  
Officer)

Exhibit 99.1

TRICO BANCSHARES ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Thomas J. Reddish  
Executive Vice President & CFO  
(530) 898-0300

CHICO, Calif. - (March 9, 2006) - The Board of Directors of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK), parent company of Tri Counties Bank, declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.12 (twelve cents) per share at its meeting held on March 7, 2006. The dividend is payable on March 31, 2006 to holders of record at the close of business on March 10, 2006.

TriCo Bancshares and Tri Counties Bank are headquartered in Chico, California. Tri Counties Bank has a 31-year history in the banking industry. Tri Counties Bank operates 32 traditional branch locations and 17 in-store branch locations in 22 California counties, and as of December 31, 2005, had over \$1.8 billion in assets. Tri Counties Bank offers financial services and provides a diversified line of products and services to consumers and businesses, which include demand, savings and time deposits, consumer finance, online banking, mortgage lending, and commercial banking throughout its market area. It operates a network of 56 ATMs and a 24-hour, seven days a week telephone customer service center. Brokerage services are provided at the Bank's offices by the Bank's association with Raymond James Financial, Inc. For further information please visit the Tri Counties Bank web-site at <http://www.tricountiesbank.com>.