EAST WEST BANCORP INC Form 8-K April 14, 2005

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

April 14, 2005

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 000-24939

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

95-4703316

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

415 Huntington Drive San Marino, California 91108

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(626) 799-5700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 14, 2005, East West Bancorp, Inc. announced via press release its results of operations for the quarter and ended March 31, 2005. A copy of the related press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not Applicable
- (b) Not Applicable
- (c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated April 14, 2005, issued by East West Bancorp, Inc.

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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.

Date: April 14, 2005

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

/s/ Julia Gouw

JULIA GOUW

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer