

TRICO BANCSHARES /  
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September 27, 2011

**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):**

**September 23, 2011**

**TriCo Bancshares**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File No.)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>63 Constitution Drive, Chico, California</b> (Address of principal executive offices)		<b>95973</b> (Zip Code)
<b>Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (530) 898-0300</b>		

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01: Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

Effective September 23, 2011, Tri Counties Bank, a California state-chartered bank (the Bank ) and wholly owned subsidiary of TriCo Bancshares, a California corporation, acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed substantially all of the liabilities of Citizens Bank of Northern California, Nevada City, California ( Citizens Bank ), including substantially all the deposits, from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC ), as receiver for Citizens Bank (the Acquisition ). The Acquisition was made pursuant to the terms of a purchase and assumption agreement entered into by the Bank and the FDIC on September 23, 2011 (the Agreement ).

Based upon a preliminary closing with the FDIC as of September 23, 2011, the Bank acquired an estimated \$222 million in loans, \$11 million in investment securities and \$51 million in cash and other assets, and assumed an estimated \$240 million in deposits, \$22 million in borrowings and no other liabilities. The foregoing amounts represent Citizens' book values and do not reflect fair values. These amounts are estimates and, accordingly, are subject to adjustment based upon final settlement with the FDIC. The terms of the Agreement provide for the FDIC to indemnify the Bank against claims with respect to the liabilities of Citizens Bank not assumed by the Bank and certain other types of claims listed in the Agreement. The Bank paid no cash or other consideration to acquire Citizens Bank. The Bank did not enter into a loss-sharing agreement with the FDIC in connection with the Acquisition.

The foregoing summary of the Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Agreement and certain exhibits attached thereto, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.01: Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

The information set forth under Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.01.

Item 8.01: Other Events

On September 23, 2011, the Bank issued a press release announcing the Acquisition. A copy of this press release has been attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01: Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
2.1	Purchase and Assumption Agreement Whole Bank All Deposits, among the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, receiver of Citizens Bank of Northern California, Nevada City, California, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Tri Counties Bank, dated as of September 23, 2011, and related addendum.
99.1	Press Release, dated September 23, 2011, announcing the Acquisition.

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: September 27, 2011

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

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