

First California Financial Group, Inc.
Form 8-K
August 02, 2012

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

August 1, 2012
Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

FIRST CALIFORNIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

000-52498
(Commission File Number)

38-3737811
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

3027 Townsgate Road, Suite 300
Westlake Village, CA 91361
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(805) 322-9655
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On August 1, 2012, First California Financial Group, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release confirming that the Company’s board of directors has engaged Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. as its financial advisor and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP as its legal advisor to assist in a strategic review process. A copy of the press release has been attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| <u>99.1</u> | - <u>Press release dated August 1, 2012</u> |

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 hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST CALIFORNIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Dated: August 2, 2012

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| By: | /s/ Romolo Santarosa |
| Name: | Romolo Santarosa |
| Title: | Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer |