FIRST PACTRUST BANCORP INC Form 8-K December 02, 2011

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 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): December 1, 2011

Commission File Number: 00049806

First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc. (Exact name of small business issuer as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 043639825 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

610 Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, California 91910 (Address of principal executive offices)

> 619-691-1519 (Registrant's Telephone number)

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 1, 2011, First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.12 per share on its outstanding common stock. The dividend, which was increased from \$0.115 per share, will be payable on January 3, 2012 to shareholders of record as of December 16, 2011. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

See exhibit index.

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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 PacTrust Bancorp, Inc.

Date: *December 2, 2011* By: /s/ Richard Herrin

> Name: Richard Herrin Title: Executive Vice President and Secretary

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Exhibit No. Description

EX-99.1 Press release December 1, 2011