NORTH VALLEY BANCORP Form 425 January 30, 2014

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): January 29, 2014

TriCo Bancshares

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California 0-10661 94-2792841 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization) File No.) 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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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 29, 2014, TriCo Bancshares announced its quarterly earnings for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2013. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events

The information set forth under the caption Additional Information About the Proposed Merger Transaction and Where to Find It in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated by reference in this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01: Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press release dated January 29, 2014
- * The information furnished under Item 2.02 and Item 9.01 of this Current Period on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any registration statement or other filings of TriCo Bancshares under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

TRICO BANCSHARES

Date: January 29, 2014

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