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Form 8-K  
December 10, 2009

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):

December 8, 2009

TriCo Bancshares  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| California   | 0-10661               | 94-2792841                              |
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| (State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | (Commission File No.) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01: Other Events

The Board of Directors of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK), parent company of Tri Counties Bank, declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.13 (thirteen cents) per share at its meeting held on December 8, 2009. The dividend is payable on December 31, 2009 to holders of record at the close of business on December 21, 2009.

Item 9.01: Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated December 9, 2009

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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: December 10, 2009

By: /s/Thomas J. Reddish

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

TRICO BANCSHARES ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Thomas J. Reddish  
Executive Vice President & CFO  
(530) 898-0300

CHICO, Calif. - (December 9, 2009) - The Board of Directors of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK), parent company of Tri Counties Bank, declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.13 (thirteen cents) per share at its meeting held on December 8, 2009. The dividend is payable on December 31, 2009 to holders of record at the close of business on December 21, 2009.

TriCo Bancshares and Tri Counties Bank are headquartered in Chico, California. Tri Counties Bank has a 34-year history in the banking industry. It operates 32 traditional branch locations and 26 in-store branch locations in 23 California counties. Tri Counties Bank offers financial services and provides a diversified line of products and services to consumers and businesses, which include demand, savings and time deposits, consumer finance, online banking, mortgage lending, and commercial banking throughout its market area. It operates a network of 66 ATMs and a 24-hour, seven days-a-week telephone customer service center. Brokerage services are provided by the Bank's investment services affiliate, Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. For further information please visit the Tri Counties Bank web site at <http://www.tricountiesbank.com>.