ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORP Form 8-K December 18, 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

December 17, 2009 (December 16, 2009) Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

<u>Maryland</u> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-1370952-2059785(Commission File Number)(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1299 Ocean Avenue, Second Floor, Santa Monica, California90401(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)(310) 255-4493(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 17, 2009, Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that its board of directors declared, on December 16, 2009, a dividend of \$0.28 per share on the Company's common stock for the fourth quarter of 2009. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

As discussed therein, the press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These forward-looking statements relate to the Company's current expectations and are subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in the press release as well as in the Company's other documents filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, including, without limitation, that actual events and/or results may differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit 99.1</u>

Press Release dated December 17, 2009 announcing dividend information.

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.

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION

Date: December 17, 2009 By: /s/ Lloyd McAdams Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit # Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 17, 2009 announcing dividend information.