CENTRAL PACIFIC FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K November 15, 2017

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): November 15, 2017

Central Pacific Financial Corp. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Hawaii 0-10777 99-0212597 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) Number) Identification No.

220 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96,813 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(808) 544-0500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act . o

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On November 14, 2017, the Board of Directors of Central Pacific Financial Corp. (the "Company") authorized an increase in the share repurchase program authority by an additional \$50 million. This amount is in addition to the \$30 million in planned repurchases authorized earlier this year. A copy of the press release relating to this repurchase program is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99 Press release dated November 15, 2017

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Central Pacific Financial Corp. (Registrant)

Date: November 15, 2017 /s/ David Morimoto
David Morimoto

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99 Press release dated November 15, 2017