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# 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 1, 2010

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

California 0-10661 94-2792841 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File No.) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

63 Constitution Drive, Chico, California 95973 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (530) 898-0300

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

The Board of Directors of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK), parent company of Tri Counties Bank, declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.09 (nine cents) per share at its meeting held on November 30, 2010. The dividend is payable on December 31, 2010 to holders of record at the close of business on December 17, 2010.

Item 9.01: Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

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99.1 Press release dated December 1, 2010

### **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 1, 2010

By /s/Thomas J. Reddish

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

Officer)

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### TRICO BANCSHARES ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

PRESS RELEASE Contact: Thomas J. Reddish

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Executive Vice President & CFO (530) 898-0300

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TriCo Bancshares and Tri Counties Bank are headquartered in Chico, California. Tri Counties Bank has a 35-year history in the banking industry. It operates 34 traditional branch locations and 27 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 69 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.