

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP
Form 8-K
May 17, 2017

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

May 15, 2017

(Date of earliest event reported)

Farmers & Merchants Bancorp

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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94-3327828

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

111 West Pine Street, Lodi, California 95240

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(209) 367-2300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changes since last report)

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

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 15, 2017, Farmers & Merchants Bancorp (the “Company”) held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Meeting”) for which the Board of Directors solicited proxies. A quorum of stockholders was present, consisting of a total of 511,401 shares or 63.2% of shares outstanding. The following items were voted on during the Meeting:

1. Election of Directors

The seven nominees listed below were elected and the results of the election were as follows:

| Name | Votes For | % of Voted Shares | Votes Withheld | % of Voted Shares | Uncast Votes | % of Voted Shares |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Stewart C. Adams, Jr. | 505,171 | 98.8 | % 6,055 | 1.2 | % 175 | 0.0 |
| Edward Corum, Jr. | 509,847 | 99.7 | % 1,379 | 0.3 | % 175 | 0.0 |
| Bruce A. Mettler | 509,995 | 99.7 | % 1,231 | 0.2 | % 175 | 0.0 |
| Kevin Sanguinetti | 509,864 | 99.7 | % 1,362 | 0.3 | % 175 | 0.0 |
| Kent A. Steinwert | 508,100 | 99.4 | % 3,126 | 0.6 | % 175 | 0.0 |
| Calvin (Kelly) Suess | 507,860 | 99.3 | % 3,366 | 0.7 | % 175 | 0.0 |
| Gary J. Long | 509,993 | 99.7 | % 1,233 | 0.2 | % 175 | 0.0 |

2. Approval, By Non-Binding Vote, On the Compensation of the Named Executive Officers (Say-On-Pay)

In accordance with the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (“the Act”), the Company asked stockholders to provide advisory (non-binding) approval of executive compensation as described in the “Executive Compensation Discussion and Analysis” section of the 2017 proxy statement. The results of the election were as follows:

| | Shares | % of Voted Shares |
|---------|---------|-------------------|
| For | 472,871 | 92.5 |
| Against | 9,473 | 1.9 |
| Abstain | 29,057 | 5.7 |

3. Stockholder Vote on Frequency of Stockholder Votes on Executive Compensation

Consistent with the Act, the Company also asked for stockholder input with regard to the frequency of future stockholder advisory (non-binding) votes on our executive compensation programs. The results of the election were as follows:

| | Shares | % of Voted | |
|-------------|---------|------------|---|
| | | Shares | % |
| Three Years | 365,307 | 71.4 | % |
| Two Years | 11,862 | 2.3 | % |
| One Year | 101,629 | 19.9 | % |
| Abstain | 32,603 | 6.4 | % |

Based on the stockholder advisory vote at the 2017 Annual Meeting, and the Board's own recommendation included in the 2017 Proxy Statement, the Board of Directors has determined that Farmers & Merchants Bancorp will include a "Stockholder Vote on Executive Compensation" in the Proxy Statement every three years.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 15, 2017, Farmers & Merchants Bancorp announced the Board of Directors' declaration of a mid-year cash dividend, a copy of which is included as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

99 Press release announcing the Board of Directors of Farmers & Merchants Bancorp's declaration of a mid-year cash dividend.

SIGNATURE

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.

FARMERS &
MERCHANTS BANCORP

By/s/ Stephen W. Haley
Stephen W. Haley
Executive Vice President
& Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 16, 2017