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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

California Independent Bancorp
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer)
California Independent Bancorp
(Name of Filing Person (Issuer)
Common Stock, No Par Value
(Title of Class of Securities)
130334105
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)
John I. Jelavich President and Chief Executive Officer 1227 Bridge St., Suite C, Yuba City, California 95991 (530) 674-6025
(Name, address and telephone numbers of persons authorized to

(Name, address and telephone numbers of persons authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

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o amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates to the preliminary communication and the pre-commencement communication of an offer by California Independent Bancorp, a California corporation (the "Company"), to purchase up to 200,000 shares of common stock, no par value, or such lesser number of shares as is properly tendered and not properly withdrawn, at a price not greater than \$25.00 nor less than \$22.00 per share, net to the seller in cash, without interest, as set forth in the press release attached as Exhibit 99(a)(5). This Schedule TO is intended to satisfy the reporting requirements of Rule 13e-4(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The Company has not commenced the offer that is referred to in this communication. Upon commencement of such offer, California Independent Bancorp will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Schedule TO and related exhibits, including the Offer to Purchase, the Letter of Transmittal and other related documents. Shareholders are strongly encouraged to read the Schedule TO and related exhibits, including the Offer to Purchase, the Letter of Transmittal and other related documents, when these become available because they will contain important information about the offer. The Schedule TO and related exhibits will be available without charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission web site at www.sec.gov and will be delivered without charge to all shareholders of the Company.

Item 12. Exhibits.

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Exhibit No. 99

(a)(5) Press Release, dated November 20, 2002

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Item 12. Exhibits.