

Item 8.01. Other Events

On October 26, 2016, the board of Great Western Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) approved a stock repurchase program wherein the Company may repurchase up to \$100 million of its common stock (the “Repurchase Program”). The Repurchase Program permits shares to be repurchased in the open market, including pursuant to any trading plan that may be adopted in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Repurchases may be made at management’s discretion at prices management considers to be attractive, subject to the availability of stock, general market conditions, the applicable trading price, future alternative advantageous uses for capital, and the Company’s financial performance. Open market purchases will be conducted in accordance with the limitations set forth in Rule 10b-18 of the Securities and Exchange Commission and other applicable legal requirements.

The Repurchase Program has no time limit and may be suspended, terminated or modified at any time for any reason, including market conditions, the cost of repurchasing shares, the availability of alternative investment opportunities, liquidity, and other factors deemed appropriate. These factors may also affect the timing and amount of share repurchases. The Repurchase Program does not obligate the Company to purchase any particular number of shares. Any shares acquired will be cancelled and become authorized but unissued shares, available for future issuance. A copy of the Company’s press release announcing this stock repurchase program is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

On October 27, 2016, the board of directors of the Company declared a dividend of \$0.17 per common share payable on November 23, 2016 to stockholders of record as of close of business on November 11, 2016. A copy of the Company’s press release announcing this dividend is attached as Exhibit 99.2 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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- 99.1 Press release of the registrant dated October 27, 2016, announcing stock repurchase program.
- 99.2 Press release of the registrant dated October 27, 2016, announcing dividend declaration.

Signature

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

GREAT WESTERN BANCORP, INC.

Date: October 27, 2016 By: /s/ Peter Chapman
Name: Peter Chapman
Title: Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President

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