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 17, 2004.

GREATER BAY BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California (State or other jurisdiction 0-25034 (Commission File Number) 77-0387041 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

2860 West Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, California (Address of principal executive offices) 94303 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (650) 813-8200

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NA

(Former name or former address, if changed 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 8.01 Other Events.

On November 17, 2004, Greater Bay Bancorp (the Registrant) issued a press release announcing a proposed private offering of up to \$150 million in medium term senior notes.

The press release is included as Exhibit 99 to this report. The information included in the press releases is incorporated herein by reference and is considered to be filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99 Press release dated November 17, 2004 relating to a proposed offering of medium term senior notes, deemed filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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 hereunto duly authorized.

GREATER BAY BANCORP

Date: November 17, 2004

By: /s/ Linda M. Iannone

Linda M. Iannone Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

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