

SILICON VALLEY BANCSHARES

Form 8-K

February 23, 2005

**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): **February 22, 2005**

**Silicon Valley Bancshares**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-15637**  
(Commission File Number)

**91-1962278**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**3003 Tasman Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95054-1191**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(408) 654-7400**

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Item 5.02

**Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

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Effective as of February 22, 2005, the Board of Directors of Silicon Valley Bancshares (the Company) elected Mr. Eric A. Benhamou as a new director. Accordingly, the Board has fixed the number of authorized directors to twelve (12).

Mr. Benhamou will serve on the Board's Governance Committee. Additionally, he was elected to the Board of Directors of Silicon Valley Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (the Bank), effective as of February 22, 2005.

A copy of the press release relating to the election of Mr. Benhamou is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated as of February 23, 2005, announcing the election of Eric Benhamou as a new director.

**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.

Date: February 23, 2005

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By: /s/ KENNETH P. WILCOX  
Name: Kenneth P. Wilcox  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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