

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
August 21, 2015

**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): August 20, 2015**

**CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

<b>Delaware</b> <b>(State or other jurisdiction</b> <b>of incorporation)</b>	<b>001-31830</b> <b>(Commission File Number)</b>	<b>95-4274680</b> <b>(IRS Employer</b> <b>Identification No.)</b>
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<b>777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California</b> <b>(Address of principal executive offices)</b>	<b>90012</b> <b>(Zip Code)</b>
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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 625-4700**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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 August 20, 2015, Cathay General Bancorp (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors of the Company authorized the resumption of the repurchase of up to 622,500 common shares, which is the number of shares remaining of the 1,000,000 shares initially authorized under the stock repurchase program approved by the Board of Directors in November 2007. Any repurchases will be made from time to time in the open market.

The Company also announced in the press release that the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of fourteen cents per common share, payable September 11, 2015 to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 1, 2015.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as an Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8–K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

**Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit**

99.1 Press Release, dated August 20, 2015

**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.

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Date: August 20, 2015

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen  
Heng W. Chen  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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