

MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2012

**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 23, 2012

**MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**California**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-12257**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-221-1612**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**4484 Wilshire Boulevard**

**Los Angeles, California 90010**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(323) 937-1060**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not applicable**

**(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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On February 23, 2012, the Board of Directors of Mercury General Corporation (the Company ) appointed Christopher Graves as director of the Company. Mr. Graves has served as the Company's Chief Investment Officer since 1998. Mr. Graves will serve until the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Mr. Graves was also appointed to the Investment Committee of the Board of Directors.

There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Graves and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Graves was selected to serve as a director of the Company, nor does Mr. Graves have a family relationship with any director, executive officer or person nominated as such of the Company. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Company, Mr. Graves will receive quarterly director fees equal to \$4,000 and Board of Directors meeting fees equal to \$4,000 for each meeting in person or telephonically lasting one hour or more and \$500 for each meeting held telephonically lasting less than one hour.

Other than with respect to compensation as the Company's Chief Investment Officer, since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, there was no transaction or series of similar transactions, nor is there any currently proposed transaction or series of similar transactions, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was or is to be a party, in which the amount involved exceeds \$60,000 and in which Mr. Graves, or members of his immediate family, had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

**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 24, 2012

**MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION**

By: /s/ THEODORE STALICK

Name: Theodore Stalick

Its: Chief Financial Officer

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