

FIRST NORTHERN COMMUNITY BANCORP
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FORM 8-K

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report April 26, 2018
(Date of Earliest event reported)

FIRST NORTHERN COMMUNITY BANCORP
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California 000-30707 68-0450397
(State of Incorporation) (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer ID Number)

195 North First Street, P.O. Box 547,
Dixon, California 95620
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(707) 678-3041
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the

Exchange Act. []

ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATION AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On April 26, 2018, First Northern Community Bancorp issued a press release concerning financial results for the 1st quarter of 2018, a copy of which is included as ITEM 9.01 (c) Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference in both ITEM 2.02 and ITEM 7.01. The Company does not intend for this exhibit to be incorporated by reference into future filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On April 26, 2018, First Northern Community Bancorp issued a press release concerning financial results for the 1st quarter of 2018, a copy of which is included as ITEM 9.01 (c) Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference in both ITEM 2.02 and ITEM 7.01 in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibit

99.1 Earnings Press Release, dated April 26, 2018

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: April 26, 2018 First Northern Community Bancorp
(Registrant)

/s/ Jeremiah Z. Smith
By: Jeremiah Z. Smith
Senior Executive Vice President/
Chief Operating Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Document

99.1 Earnings Press Release, dated April 26, 2018

EXHIBIT 99.1

PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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April 26, 2018

First Northern Community Bancorp Reports First Quarter 2018 Earnings
Q1 Net Income Increased 8.7% Over Same Period Last Year
Total Net Loans Up 10.1% from Prior Year

Dixon, California—First Northern Community Bancorp (the "Company", OTCQB: FNRN), holding company for First Northern Bank ("First Northern" or the "Bank"), today reported net income of \$2.7 million, or \$0.23 per diluted share, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to net income of \$2.5 million, or \$0.22 per diluted share, for the three months ended March 31, 2017.

Total assets at March 31, 2018 were \$1.2 billion, an increase of \$37.6 million, or 3.2%, compared to March 31, 2017. Total deposits at March 31, 2018 were \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$32.1 million, or 3.0%, compared to March 31, 2017. During the same period, total net loans (including loans held-for-sale) increased \$66.3 million, or 10.1%, to \$721.0 million. The Company continued to be "well capitalized" under regulatory definitions, exceeding the 10% total risk-based capital ratio threshold at March 31, 2018.

Commenting on the Company's financial results, President & Chief Executive Officer Louise Walker stated, "We are very pleased with our strong core operating results posted for the first three months of 2018, which ended with net income at \$2.7 million, an 8.7% increase over the first quarter of 2017. By growing the balance sheet and increasing the size of our quality loan portfolio, we have been able to report consistent gains in our net interest income. Net interest income was \$10.5 million at March 31, 2018, a 12.9% increase over the same period last year. Non-interest income declined \$1.0 million, or 36.6%, when compared to the same period last year, primarily due to the \$1.2 million gain on the sale-leaseback of our Auburn Branch recognized in the first quarter of 2017 which was not repeated in 2018. Investment and brokerage income generated from our Wealth Management Division was a bright spot within non-interest income, posting a 12.6% increase over first quarter of 2017. Lastly, our effective tax rate declined from 38.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2017 to 28.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act; this led to a decrease in our provision for income taxes of \$0.5 million, or 31.0%, when compared to the same period last year."

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First Northern Bank is an independent community bank that specializes in relationship banking. The Bank, headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, and Contra Costa Counties, as well as the west slope of El Dorado County. Experts are available in small-business, commercial, real estate and agribusiness lending, as well as mortgage loans. The Bank is an SBA Preferred Lender. Non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services are available at every branch location, including: Auburn, Dixon, Davis, Fairfield, Roseville, Sacramento, Vacaville, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland. The Bank has a full-service Trust Department in Sacramento and a commercial lending office in Walnut Creek. Real estate mortgage and small-business loan officers are available by appointment in any of the Bank's 10 branches. First Northern recently launched Lightning Loans, its new digital channel for small businesses to get a \$2,500 to \$50,000 loan or line of credit in minutes. The Bank is rated as a Veribanc "Blue Ribbon" Bank for the earnings period ended December 31, 2017 (www.veribanc.com). The Bank can be found on the Web at www.thatsmybank.com, on Facebook and on LinkedIn.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may include certain "forward-looking statements" about First Northern Community Bancorp and its subsidiaries (the "Company"). These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations, including but not limited to statements about market conditions and the anticipated impact of recent tax law changes and current expectations about strategic focus and competitive advantages, and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances. Actual results may differ materially from these expectations due to changes in global political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory factors. More detailed information about these risk factors is contained in the Company's most recent reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Forms 10-K and 10-Q, each as it may be amended from time to time, which identify important risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. The financial information contained in this release should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, and any reports on Form 8-K. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date on which they are made. For further information regarding the Company, please read the Company's reports filed with the SEC and available at www.sec.gov.

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