

MID-STATE BANCSHARES
Form 8-K
March 22, 2004

**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): **March 17, 2004**

MID-STATE BANCSHARES

(Name of Small Business Issuer in its Charter)

California

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

000-23925

(File Number)

77-0442667

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1026 Grand Ave. Arroyo Grande, CA

(Address of Principal Executive
Offices)

93420

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code: **(805) 473-7700**

Item 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

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On March 17, 2004, at its regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Mid-State Bancshares, the Board declared a fourteen cents per-share quarterly cash dividend for all shareholders of record on March 31, 2004, payable on April 15, 2004. Please refer to the Press Release dated March 18, 2004 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99 | Press Release announcing first quarter cash dividend March 18, 2004 |

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: March 18, 2004

MID-STATE BANCSHARES

By: /s/ James W. Lokey
James W. Lokey
President
Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ James G. Stathos
James G. Stathos
Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer

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