UMPQUA HOLDINGS CORP
Form 8-K
May 03, 2006

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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: May 3, 2006
(Date of earliest event reported)

Umpqua Holdings Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

OREGON	**000-25597**	**93-1261319**
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

One SW Columbia, Suite 1200
Portland, Oregon 97258
(address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

(503) 727-4100
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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[ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Information.

On May 3, 2006, Umpqua Holdings Corporation issued a press release announcing the receipt of conditional regulatory approvals relating to the proposed merger of Western Sierra Bancorp with and into Umpqua Holdings

Corporation. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a)	Not applicable.
(b)	Not applicable.
(c)	Exhibits.
	99.1 Press Release

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this reported to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UMPQUA HOLDINGS CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Dated: May 3, 2006

By: /s/ Kenneth E. Roberts
Kenneth E. Roberts
Assistant Secretary