FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP Form 8-K January 11, 2018

## 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

January 8, 2018 (Date of earliest event reported)

Farmers & Merchants Bancorp (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

<u>000 – 26099</u> <u>94-3327828</u> (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

111 West Pine Street, Lodi, California 95240(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(209) 367-2300 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

<u>Not Applicable</u> (Former name or former address, if changes since last report)

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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

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

(b) The Board of Directors of Farmers & Merchants Bancorp regrets to announce that one of its Directors, Bruce A. Mettler, has passed away.

Mr. Mettler, Vineyardist, was a resident of Lodi. He was elected a Director in 2010 and recently served as a member of the Asset and Liability Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, CRA Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

## SIGNATURE

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.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP

By/s/ Stephen W. Haley Stephen W. Haley Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer Date: January 8, 2018