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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): September 17, 2003

MID-STATE BANCSHARES

(Name of Small Business Issuer in its Charter)

California 000-23925 77-0442667

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) (File Number)

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

1026 Grand Ave. Arroyo Grande, CA93420(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

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

Item 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On September 17, 2003, at its regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Mid-State Bancshares, the Board declared a thirteen cents per-share quarterly cash dividend for all shareholders of record on September 30, 2003, payable on October 15, 2003. Please refer to the Press Release dated September 19, 2003 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibits

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Press Release announcing third quarter cash dividend September 19, 2003

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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: September 22, 2003 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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