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): May 18, 2005

THE COAST DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

1-9511 (Commission File Number) 94-2490990 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

350 Woodview Avenue, Morgan Hill, California (Address of principal executive offices)

95037 (Zip Code)

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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 18, 2005, The Coast Distribution System, Inc. issued a press release reporting that, pursuant to its previously announced stock repurchase program, it has purchased a total of 49,896 shares of its common stock from Thomas R. McGuire, its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, for a purchase price of \$4.81 per share. The purchase price was determined on the basis of the average of the closing prices of the Company s shares, as reported on the American Stock Exchange for the five trading days that began on May 11, 2005 and ended on May 17, 2005. A copy of that press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release issued May 18, 2005 announcing the Company s purchase, pursuant to a Company stock |
| | repurchase program, of 49,896 shares of its common stock from Thomas R. McGuire, its CEO. |

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: May 20, 2005

THE COAST DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, INC.

By: /s/ SANDRA A. KNELL

Sandra A. Knell, Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

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