

Calithera Biosciences, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 16, 2018

**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): January 11, 2018**

**Calithera Biosciences, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**343 Oyster Point Blvd., Suite 200**

**001-36644**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**27-2366329**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**94080**

**South San Francisco, California**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)** **(Zip Code)**  
**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 870-1000**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

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

*(e) 2018 Performance Bonus Plan*

On January 11, 2018, the Compensation Committee approved our 2018 performance bonus program for our named executive officers. The 2018 annual performance bonuses for each named executive officer (as set forth in our proxy statement for our Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on June 9, 2017), other than Dr. Susan Molineaux, will be based upon the achievement of corporate performance goals (80%) and individual performance goals (20%).

Dr. Susan Molineaux's annual performance bonus will be based solely upon the achievement of corporate performance goals. The corporate performance goals relate to the advancement of our clinical trials, business and corporate development objectives, collaboration objectives and financial management objectives. The individual performance goals will consist of a subjective assessment of each named executive officer's individual contributions to Calithera. The following table sets forth the base salary and target bonuses for 2018:

Name	2018 Base Salary	Total 2018 Target Performance Bonus as a Percentage of Base Salary		Total 2018 Target Performance Bonus Amount
		Base Salary	Percentage of Base Salary	
Susan Molineaux, Ph.D.	\$ 530,000	60%		\$ 318,000
<i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>				
Keith Orford, M.D., Ph.D.	\$ 400,000	40%		\$ 160,000

*Sr. Vice President,*

*Clinical Development*

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.

**Calithera Biosciences, Inc.**

Dated: January 16, 2018

By: /s/ Susan M. Molineaux, Ph.D.  
Susan M. Molineaux, Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer