

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC  
Form 8-K  
May 03, 2013

**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 3, 2013

**Williams-Sonoma, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-14077**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**94-2203880**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3250 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94109**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (415) 421-7900**

N/A

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

(b) On May 3, 2013, Williams-Sonoma, Inc. (the Company ) entered into a Separation Agreement and General Release (the Separation Agreement ) with Richard Harvey, in connection with his retirement as President of the Williams-Sonoma brand.

Pursuant to the Separation Agreement, Mr. Harvey will continue to receive his base salary of \$675,000 for a period of two years, a lump sum payment of \$50,000 for outplacement services and transition expenses, payments in lieu of subsidized health care coverage for two years, and reimbursement of certain fees and legal costs related to the Separation Agreement. The Company has also agreed to accelerate the vesting of 25,000 restricted stock units scheduled to vest in March 2014.

**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.

WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC.

Date: May 3, 2013

By: /s/ Julie P. Whalen

Julie P. Whalen

Chief Financial Officer