

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2012

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

January 20, 2012  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-13709                      52-2059785  
(Commission File Number)    (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1299 Ocean Avenue, Second Floor, Santa Monica, California    90401  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)                      (Zip Code)  
(310) 255-4493  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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:

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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))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 20, 2012, Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release (the “Press Release”) announcing that its board of directors declared a dividend of \$0.539063 per share on the Company’s 8.625% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock for the first quarter of 2012. The Company also announced that its board of directors declared a dividend of \$0.390625 per share on the Company’s 6.25% Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the “Series B Preferred Stock”) for the first quarter of 2012. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

As discussed therein, the press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These forward-looking statements relate to the Company’s current expectations and are subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in the Press Release as well as in the Company’s other documents filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, including, without limitation, that actual events and/or results may differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1

Press Release dated January 20, 2012 announcing preferred dividend information.

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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.

ANWORTH MORTGAGE  
ASSET CORPORATION

Date: January 20, 2012 By: /s/ Lloyd McAdams  
Chief Executive  
Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit #**      **Description**

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