UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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):

October 12, 2016

SANGAMO BIOSCIENCES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-30171

(Commission File Number)

501 Canal Blvd

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(510) 970-6000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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):

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68-0359556

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Richmond, California 94804

(Zip Code)

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

On October 12, 2016, Geoffrey Nichol, M.B., Ch.B., notified Sangamo BioSciences, Inc. of his resignation as Executive Vice President, Research and Development effective October 25, 2016.

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.

SANGAMO BIOSCIENCES, INC.

By: /s/ H. Ward Wolff

Name: H. Ward Wolff Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 18, 2016