

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

Form 8-K

May 27, 2009

**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 reported) May 27, 2009

**American River Bankshares**

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(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**California**

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**0-31525**

**68-0352144**

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Rancho Cordova, CA**

**95670**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**(916) 851-0123**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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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### Item 8.01. Other Events

Registrant issued a press release May 27, 2009 announcing the re-election of seven Directors at their Annual Meeting held Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> in Rancho Cordova, California. The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the press release attached here to as Exhibit 99.1.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

(99.1) Press release dated May 27, 2009

### 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.

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

/s/ Mitchell A. Derenzo

May 27, 2009

**Mitchell A. Derenzo**, Chief Financial Officer (Principal  
Accounting and Financial Officer)

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