

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES  
Form 8-K  
July 19, 2012

**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) July 19, 2012

American River Bankshares

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

California

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-31525  
(Commission File Number)

68-0352144  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Rancho Cordova, CA  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

95670  
(Zip Code)

(916) 851-0123

(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):

- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) (1) On July 18, 2012, the Registrant appointed Kim Box as a director effective July 19, 2012. Registrant issued a press release dated July 19, 2012 regarding the appointment of Ms. Box as a director of the Registrant, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

(2) Not Applicable.

(3) Not Yet Assigned.

(4) Not Applicable.

(5) Not Applicable.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

(99.1) Press release dated July 19, 2012

## **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

July 19, 2012 **Mitchell A. Derenzo**, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

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