AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

Form 4

September 22, 2005

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

TABER DAVID T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AMERICAN RIVER

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

P.O. BOX 1009

(First)

(Middle)

BANKSHARES [AMRB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below)

_X__ Director

10% Owner Other (specify

09/21/2005

President, CEO 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(Street)

SHINGLE SPRINGS, CA 95682

(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

Execution Date, if

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(T)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 | | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|---|--|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option / Right to Buy | \$ 22.16 | 09/21/2005 | | J | | 1,417 | | 09/21/2006 | 09/21/2015 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Option / Right to Buy | \$ 22.16 | 09/21/2005 | | J | | 1,417 | | 09/21/2007 | 09/21/2015 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Option / Right to Buy | \$ 22.16 | 09/21/2005 | | J | | 1,417 | | 09/21/2008 | 09/21/2015 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Option / Right to Buy | \$ 22.16 | 09/21/2005 | | J | | 1,418 | | 09/21/2009 | 09/21/2015 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Option / Right to Buy | \$ 22.16 | 09/21/2005 | | J | | 1,418 | | 09/21/2010 | 09/21/2015 | Common Stock | 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| TABER DAVID T P.O. BOX 1009 SHINGLE SPRINGS, CA 95682 | X | | President, CEO | | | |

Signatures

/s/ DAVID T.

TABER 09/22/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Remarks:

J = Stock Option Grant

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