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Form 8-K

December 10, 2007

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) December 7, 2007  
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American River Bankshares  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

California	0-31525	68-0352144
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(State or other jurisdiction Of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Rancho Cordova, California	95670
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 851-0123  
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- 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.

(b) On December 7, 2007, the Registrant, American River Bankshares,

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accepted the resignation of Gregory Patton, President of American River Bank. Mr. Patton is voluntarily leaving the Company to pursue another employment opportunity. David T. Taber remains the Chief Executive Officer of American River Bankshares and American River Bank. Other than receiving his unpaid salary, vacation and deferred compensation due to him, Mr. Patton was not eligible to receive any current or future benefits under either his Employment Agreement or his Salary Continuation Agreement. Mr. Patton has ninety (90) days to exercise any vested stock options in accordance with the terms of the American River Bankshares Stock Option Plan.

(c) The Registrant has not yet replaced Mr. Patton.

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

December 7, 2007

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Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer

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