

TRI VALLEY CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BLYSTONE F LYNN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TRI VALLEY CORP [TIV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common stock | | | | | 433,103 | D | |
| Common stock | 03/09/2006 | 03/09/2006 | C | | 50,000 | A | \$ 0.5 |

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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option | \$ 2 | | | | | 08/01/1997 08/22/2008 | Common stock 100,000 |
| Option | \$ 2.43 | | | | | 09/16/2000 08/22/2008 | Common stock 50,000 |
| Option | \$ 1.22 | | | | | 11/10/2000 08/22/2008 | Common stock 200,000 |
| Option | \$ 1.35 | | | | | 10/22/2001 08/22/2008 | Common stock 300,000 |
| Option | \$ 0.5 | 03/09/2006 | 03/09/2006 | C | 50,000 | 06/19/1999 08/22/2008 | Common stock 195,600 |
| Option | \$ 0.5 | 03/09/2006 | 03/09/2006 | G ⁽¹⁾ | 2,000 | 06/19/1999 08/22/2008 | Common stock 145,600 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BLYSTONE F LYNN | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

F. Lynn
Blystone 03/13/2006

**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).

(1) Mr. Blystone exercised 2,000 options but received no shares in his name for this transaction. The resulting shares were given as gifts to family members.

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