

TRI VALLEY CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/30/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common stock | | | | | 483,103 | D | |

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)

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| 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) | 8. 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 | 05/30/2006 | 05/30/2006 | C ⁽¹⁾ | 500 | 06/19/1999 08/22/2008 | Common stock | 143,600 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

F. Lynn
Blystone

05/30/2006

**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 500 of his stock options but received no shares in his name for this transaction. The resulting shares were given as a gift to a family member.

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