

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

Form 4

July 25, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PATTON GREG

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
**AMERICAN RIVER
BANKSHARES [AMRB]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3337 WINSOME LANE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/22/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Pres-A.River Bank Subsidiary

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

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

CARMICHAEL, CA 95608

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	07/22/2005		J		3,083	A	\$ 9.2867	4,356	D
Common Stock	07/22/2005		J		1,273	D	\$ 22.49	3,083	D

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

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(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)
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 9.2867	07/22/2005		J	3,083	09/16/2003 09/16/2008	Common Stock 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
PATTON GREG 3337 WINSOME LANE CARMICHAEL, CA 95608	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Pres-A.River Bank Subsidiary

Signatures

GREGORY N.
PATTON 07/22/2005

__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 = Mr. Patton exercised 3,083 stock options by turning in 1,273 shares of pre-owned Company stock and \$1.28 in cash.

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