

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

Form 4

September 22, 2005

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

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Form 4 or  
Form 5  
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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BYRNE RAYMOND F

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)  
4705 WOODVIEW DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/21/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
President, North Coast Bank

SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

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

(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	(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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P Der
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities 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		630		09/21/2006	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option / Right to Buy	\$ 22.16	09/21/2005	J		630		09/21/2007	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option / Right to Buy	\$ 22.16	09/21/2005	J		630		09/21/2008	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option / Right to Buy	\$ 22.16	09/21/2005	J		630		09/21/2009	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option / Right to Buy	\$ 22.16	09/21/2005	J		630		09/21/2010	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BYRNE RAYMOND F  
4705 WOODVIEW DRIVE  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

President, North Coast Bank

## Signatures

/s/ RAYMOND F.  
BYRNE

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:

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