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FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TABER DAVID T	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) P.O. BOX 1009	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2009	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO		
(Street) SHINGLE SPRINGS,, CA 95682	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group F Applicable Line) X_Form filed by One ReportingForm filed by More than One Person			

(City)	(State) (.	Table Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquire	d 5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of		Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(A)	Reported		
				(A)	Transaction(s)		
			Code V	or Amount (D) Pric	e (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/10/2009	12/10/2009	P	2,000 A \$ 6.25	132,231	D	

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

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	rector 10% Owner Officer		Other		
TABER DAVID T						
P.O. BOX 1009	X		President & CEO			
SHINGLE SPRINGS,, CA 95682						

Signatures

/s/ David T.
Taber

**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:

The Company declared a 5% stock dividend on December 17, 2008. Mr. Taber received 6,199 shares as a result.

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