ROBOTHAM WILLIAM A

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad ROBOTHA!	Symbol AMEF	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES [AMRB]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 1533 KJELL		(Month)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2012			X Director Officer (gives below)		% Owner her (specify		
	4. If An	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
SANTA RO	SA, CA 95405 (State) (Filed(M	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, i	3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or		5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect			
(Instr. 3)	(Wollding Buy) Tear)	any	Code			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year	(Instr. 8) Code V	(Instr. 3,	(A) or	5) Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (1)	05/16/2012	05/16/2012	A	1,414	A	\$ 0	95,654	D		

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	rlying	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						
Reporting Owner France / Francess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ROBOTHAM WILLIAM A 1533 KJELL COURT SANTA ROSA, CA 95405	X						

Signatures

Person

/s/ William A.
Robotham

**Signature of Reporting Date

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- * 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. Robotham was awarded restricted shares of common stock that vest over one year.

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