

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES
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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 *
 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
 (Street)

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

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

SHINGLE SPRINGS, CA 95682
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	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 Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D S
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	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	1,417					09/21/2006	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option / Right to Buy	\$ 22.16	09/21/2005	J	1,417					09/21/2007	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option / Right to Buy	\$ 22.16	09/21/2005	J	1,417					09/21/2008	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option / Right to Buy	\$ 22.16	09/21/2005	J	1,418					09/21/2009	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option / Right to Buy	\$ 22.16	09/21/2005	J	1,418					09/21/2010	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ DAVID T.

TABER

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:

J = Stock Option Grant

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