TOW DOUGLAS E

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TOW DOUGLAS E

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN RIVER

BANKSHARES [AMRB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

8108 HEATHERBROOK CT. 02/06/2006

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

EVP & Chief Credit Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95610

(State)

(Chij)	(State)	Table	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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)		
Common Stock	02/06/2006		M	2,700	A	\$ 8.2095	11,125	D			
Common Stock	02/07/2006		S	1,100	D	\$ 24.95	10,025	D			

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

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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)	Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Option/right to buy	\$ 8.209	02/06/2006		X		2,700	12/16/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TOW DOUGLAS E 8108 HEATHERBROOK CT. CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95610

EVP & Chief Credit Officer

Signatures

/s/ DOUGLAS E.

TOW 02/07/2006

**Signature of Reporting Date

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