

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

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May 21, 2012

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest reported) May 18, 2012

American River Bankshares

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| California | 0-31525 | 68-0352144 |
| (State or other jurisdiction Of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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| 3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Ranch Cordova, California | 95670 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 851-0123

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Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 17, 2012, three items were submitted to a vote of shareholders through the solicitation of proxies. A copy of the voting results is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01: Other Events

Registrant issued a press release May 18, 2012 announcing the re-election of Directors at their Annual Meeting held Thursday, May 17, 2012 in Rancho Cordova, California. The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the press release attached here to as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Voting results from the registrants 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

99.2 Press release dated May 18, 2012

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

/s/ Mitchell A. Derenzo

May 18, 2012 **Mitchell A. Derenzo**, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

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