

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

Form 8-K

February 18, 2016

**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) February 17, 2016

American River Bankshares

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e)(1) On February 17, 2016, the Board of Directors of the registrant, American River Bankshares (the “Company”), approved the incentive compensation earned in 2015 for the executive officers of the Company. The payments are expected to be paid on or before March 15, 2016 and are in accordance with the American River Bankshares 2005 Executive Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on October 27, 2005; the First Amendment thereto, incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on March 17, 2006; the Second Amendment thereto, incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on March 23, 2007; the Third Amendment thereto, incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on February 22, 2008; the Fourth Amendment thereto, incorporated by reference from the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on March 20, 2009; the Fifth Amendment thereto, incorporated by reference from the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on March 18, 2010; the Sixth Amendment thereto, incorporated by reference from the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on March 17, 2011; the Seventh Amendment thereto, incorporated by reference from the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on February 16, 2012; the Eighth Amendment thereto, incorporated by reference from the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 31, 2013; the Ninth Amendment thereto, incorporated by reference from the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 16, 2014; and the Tenth Amendment thereto, incorporated by reference from the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 27, 2015.

The payments are as follows: David Taber, Chief Executive Officer, \$100,380.72; Mitchell Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer, \$39,014.75; Kevin Bender, Chief Operating Officer, \$36,177.31; and Loren Hunter, Chief Credit Officer, \$35,851.39.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements

Not Applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information

Not Applicable.

(c) Shell Company Transactions

Not Applicable.

(d) Exhibits

Not Applicable.

## **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

February 18, 2016 /s/ Mitchell A. Derenzo  
Mitchell A. Derenzo,  
Chief Financial Officer