

BYRNE RAYMOND F

Form 4

December 27, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BYRNE RAYMOND F

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)  
4705 WOODVIEW DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/23/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
President, North Coast Bank

SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

(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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Person

**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 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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	12/23/2005		J	4	A	\$ 0 100	D

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)**

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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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.529	12/23/2005		J	19	03/19/2005	03/19/2013	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.529	12/23/2005		J	10	03/19/2006	03/19/2013	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.529	12/23/2005		J	10	03/19/2007	03/19/2013	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.529	12/23/2005		J	10	03/19/2008	03/19/2013	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.431	12/23/2005		J	31	04/21/2005	04/21/2014	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.431	12/23/2005		J	31	04/21/2006	04/21/2014	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.431	12/23/2005		J	31	04/21/2007	04/21/2014	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.431	12/23/2005		J	32	04/21/2008	04/21/2014	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.431	12/23/2005		J	32	04/21/2009	04/21/2014	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.1065	12/23/2005		J	31	09/21/2006	09/21/2015	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.1065	12/23/2005		J	31	09/21/2007	09/21/2015	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.1065	12/23/2005		J	31	09/21/2008	09/21/2015	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.1065	12/23/2005		J	32	09/21/2009	09/21/2015	Common Stock 0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.1065	12/23/2005		J	32	09/21/2010	09/21/2015	Common Stock 0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BYRNE RAYMOND F 4705 WOODVIEW DRIVE SANTA ROSA, CA 95405			President, North Coast Bank	

## Signatures

/s/ RAYMOND F.  
BYRNE

12/23/2005

\_\_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 = Company declared 5% Stock Dividend

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