

WAKS STEPHEN H  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 WAKS STEPHEN H

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)  
 3406 SIERRA OAKS DRIVE  
 (Street)

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

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

SACRAMENTO, CA 95864  
 (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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/23/2005		J	2,528 A	\$ 0	53,114	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)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.514	12/23/2005		J		60		03/19/2005 03/19/2013 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.514	12/23/2005		J		30		03/19/2006 03/19/2013 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.514	12/23/2005		J		31		03/19/2007 03/19/2013 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.514	12/23/2005		J		31		03/19/2008 03/19/2013 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.4302	12/23/2005		J		45		04/21/2005 04/21/2014 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.4302	12/23/2005		J		46		04/21/2006 04/21/2014 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.4302	12/23/2005		J		46		04/21/2007 04/21/2014 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.4302	12/23/2005		J		46		04/21/2008 04/21/2014 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.4302	12/23/2005		J		46		04/21/2009 04/21/2014 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 20.957	12/23/2005		J		34		02/16/2006 02/16/2015 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 20.957	12/23/2005		J		34		02/16/2007 02/16/2015 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 20.957	12/23/2005		J		34		02/16/2008 02/16/2015 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 20.957	12/23/2005		J		34		02/16/2009 02/16/2015 Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 20.957	12/23/2005		J		35		02/16/2010 02/16/2015 Common Stock	0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WAKS STEPHEN H 3406 SIERRA OAKS DRIVE SACRAMENTO, CA 95864		X		

## Signatures

/s/ STEPHEN H.  
WAKS

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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