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Form 8-K

January 02, 2009

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) December 31, 2008  
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American River Bankshares  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

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

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

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 851-0123  
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 31, 2008, the registrant executed an amendment to a lease (the "Lease Amendment") with R. & R. Partners, a California General Partnership. The Lease Amendment relates to office space currently occupied by one of the issuer's banking divisions, North Coast Bank, a division of American River Bank.

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The premises are located at 8733 Lakewood Drive, Suite A, Windsor, California. This amendment is the third amendment to a lease originally dated July 1, 2003. The Lease Amendment is for an additional term of twelve (12) months, expiring on December 31, 2009. The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the Lease Amendment attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Third Amendment to Commercial Lease Agreement between R. & R. Partners, and North Coast Bank, a division of American River Bank.

### 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

December 31, 2008

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Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer

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