

ROBOTHAM WILLIAM A  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
ROBOTHAM WILLIAM A

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)  
1533 KJELL COURT  
(Street)

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

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

SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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)  | Amount |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/23/2005                           |  | J                              | V   | 2,094  | A \$ 0  | 44,019   | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Option/Right to buy                        | \$ 3.0336  | 12/23/2005                           |  | J                              | 192   | 10/24/2000 10/24/2006                                    | Common Stock 0  |
| Option/Right to buy                        | \$ 5.018   | 12/23/2005                           |  | J                              | 535   | 09/28/2002 09/24/2008                                    | Common Stock 0  |
| Option/Right to buy                        | \$ 4.739   | 12/23/2005                           |  | J                              | 439   | 12/16/2003 12/16/2009                                    | 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 |
| ROBOTHAM WILLIAM A<br>1533 KJELL COURT<br>SANTA ROSA, CA 95405 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ WILLIAM A.  
ROBOTHAM

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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