

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES  
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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 \*  
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 DR.  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/20/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify 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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V				
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 17	02/20/2008	02/20/2008	A	727	02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 17	02/20/2008	02/20/2008	A	727	02/20/2010	02/20/2018	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 17	02/20/2008	02/20/2008	A	728	02/20/2011	02/20/2018	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 17	02/20/2008	02/20/2008	A	728	02/20/2012	02/20/2018	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 17	02/20/2008	02/20/2008	A	728	02/20/2013	02/20/2018	Common Stock	0

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Raymond F. Byrne                      02/20/2008

\_\_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).

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