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Form 8-K

October 16, 2007

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)      October 15, 2007  
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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) 854-0123  
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

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On May 23, 2007, the registrant executed a lease (the "Lease") with Joseph T. Bellamy, Trustee of the Joseph T. Bellamy 2005 Trust (the "Landlord"). The Lease relates to office space to be occupied by one of the issuer's banking divisions, Bank of Amador, a division of American River Bank. The premises are located at 26395 Buckhorn Ridge Road, Pioneer, California. On October 12, 2007, the building was occupied by the registrant and the lease term commenced. On October 15, 2007 the registrant and the Landlord entered into the First Amendment to the Lease (the "Amendment"), which outlines the start date and end date of the Lease. The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the Amendment attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 First Amendment to the Lease between Joseph T. Bellamy, Trustee of the Joseph T. Bellamy 2005 Trust and the Bank of Amador, 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

October 15, 2007

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Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer

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