Muttera Robert H			
Form 3			
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FORM 3	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION	OMB APPROVAL	
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES		Expires:	January 31, 2005
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Muttera Robert H		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES [AMRB]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/01/2012		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
1413 TENE	IGHTH WA	AY							
	(Street)				(Check	(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group	
SACRAMENTO, CA 95818			,e				Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - N	Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		Ber	Amount of neficially str. 4)	f Securities Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	ership	irect Beneficial
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)									
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		Date	Expiration	l	Amount	Security	Di	irect (D)	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Muttera Robert H 1413 TENEIGHTH WAY SACRAMENTO, CAÂ	-	Â	Â	EVP - Chief Credit Officer	Â		
Signatures							
/s/ Robert H. Muttera	02/01/201	2					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date						
							

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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