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AMERICAN RIVER HOLDINGS
Form 8-K
January 07, 2004

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) January 2, 2004

American River Holdings

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

California ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-31525 ----- (Commission File Number)	68-0352144 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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1545 River Park Drive, Suite 107, Sacramento, California ----- (Address of principal executive offices)	95815 ----- (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 565-6100

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Item 5. Other Events.

Registrant issued a press release January 2, 2004 announcing William Robotham as a new American River Holdings Board member. The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the press release attached here to as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

(99.1) Press release dated January 2, 2004

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the

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registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN RIVER HOLDINGS

/s/ MITCHELL A. DERENZO

Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer

January 2, 2004

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