

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES  
Form 8-K  
October 15, 2015

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 15, 2015**

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**American River Bankshares**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**California**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-31525**  
(Commission File Number)

**68-0352144**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Rancho Cordova, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**95670**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(916) 851-0123**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On October 15, 2015 the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated October 15, 2015

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**SIGNATURE**

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**

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(Registrant)

**/s/ MITCHELL A. DERENZO**

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**October 15, 2015**

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(Date)

Mitchell A. Derenzo  
*Chief Financial Officer*  
*Principal Accounting and Financial Officer*

**Exhibit Index**

99.1 Press release dated October 15, 2015