

Wright Philip  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wright Philip

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)  
1300 NORTH FITCH MOUNTAIN ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/18/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Director-American River Bank

HEALDSBURG,, CA 95448

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 (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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)								
							Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.5	02/18/2009	02/18/2009	A	557	02/18/2010					02/18/2019	02/18/2019	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.5	02/18/2009	02/18/2009	A	557	02/18/2011					02/18/2019	02/18/2019	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.5	02/18/2009	02/18/2009	A	557	02/18/2012					02/18/2019	02/18/2019	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.5	02/18/2009	02/18/2009	A	557	02/18/2013					02/18/2019	02/18/2019	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.5	02/18/2009	02/18/2009	A	557	02/18/2014					02/18/2019	02/18/2019	Common Stock	0

### Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Wright Philip  
 1300 NORTH FITCH MOUNTAIN ROAD  
 HEALDSBURG,, CA 95448

Director-American River Bank

### Signatures

/s/ Philip A. Wright                      02/18/2009

\_\_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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