

TRI VALLEY CORP  
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Registration No. 333-174358

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to

FORM S-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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TRI-VALLEY CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1311  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

94-1585250  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

Tri-Valley Corporation  
4927 Calloway Drive  
Bakersfield, California 93312  
(661) 864-0500  
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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Maston N. Cunningham  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Tri-Valley Corporation  
4927 Calloway Drive  
Bakersfield, California 93312  
(661) 864-0500  
(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of agent for service)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: This post-effective amendment withdraws from registration all shares of common stock that remain unsold under Registration Statement 333-174358.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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## DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 relates to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-174358) (the “Registration Statement”) of Tri-Valley Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), which was originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 20, 2011, relating to the offer and resale of up to 10,070,000 shares (the “Shares”) of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, by the selling stockholders identified in the prospectus contained therein. The Registration Statement was declared effective on June 3, 2011.

The offering pursuant to the Registration Statement has been terminated. In accordance with an undertaking made by the Company in the Registration Statement to remove from registration, by means of a post-effective amendment, any of the Shares which remain unsold at the termination of the offering, the Company hereby removes from registration all of the Shares which were registered, but remain unsold, under the Registration Statement as of the effective time of this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Bakersfield, California, on the 27th day of October, 2011.

TRI-VALLEY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Maston N. Cunningham  
Maston N. Cunningham,  
President and Chief Executive Officer