

KANDLE JOSEPH R

Form 4

December 07, 2010

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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Section 16.  
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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
KANDLE JOSEPH R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7900 LAS CRUCES AVE

(Street)

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

TRI VALLEY CORP [TIV]

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

11/22/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

Senior VP - Corp. Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares	
Warrants	\$ 0.54	11/22/2010	A		435,000		11/22/2010	11/20/2013	Common Stock	435,000	
Options	\$ 1.35	11/22/2010	I		75,000		10/22/2001	10/22/2011	Common Stock	75,000	
Options	\$ 6.1	11/22/2010	I		10,000		07/03/2008	07/03/2013	Common Stock	10,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KANDLE JOSEPH R 7900 LAS CRUCES AVE BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309			Senior VP - Corp. Development	

## Signatures

JOseph R.  
Kandle 11/30/2010

\_\_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).

(1) Awarded by Compensation Committee. The exercise price equals the closing market price on the date of grant.

(2) The options were originally awarded by the board of directors for services pursuant to the Company's stock option plan.

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