

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Hunter Loren E.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES [AMRB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP - Chief Credit Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3100 ZINFANDEL DRIVE, STE. 450  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/21/2015

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/21/2015	05/21/2015	A	954 A \$ 0	6,652	D	

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)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P Der Sec (Ins
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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option/ Right to Buy	\$ 9.56	05/21/2015	05/21/2015	A		563		05/21/2016	05/21/2025	Common Stock	0
Option/ Right to Buy	\$ 9.56	05/21/2015	05/21/2015	A		563		05/21/2017	05/21/2025	Common Stock	0
Option/ Right to Buy	\$ 9.56	05/21/2015	05/21/2015	A		563		05/21/2018	05/21/2025	Common Stock	0
Option/ Right to Buy	\$ 9.56	05/21/2015	05/21/2015	A		563		05/21/2019	05/21/2025	Common Stock	0
Option/ Right to Buy	\$ 9.56	05/21/2015	05/21/2015	A		563		05/21/2020	05/21/2025	Common Stock	0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hunter Loren E. 3100 ZINFANDEL DRIVE, STE. 450 RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670			EVP - Chief Credit Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Loren E.  
Hunter

05/21/2015

\*\*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).

### Remarks:

Mr. Hunter was awarded restricted shares of common stock that vest ratably over five years or 20% per year.

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