

Bender Kevin  
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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 \*  
 Bender Kevin

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)  
 1003 MOONLIT WAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/22/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & CIO

FOLSOM, CA 95630-7506

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)		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)
				Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/22/2006		J	372	A \$ 0	7,814	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
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option / right to buy	\$ 7.649	12/22/2006		J		497		11/17/2004 11/17/2009	Common Stock 0
Option / right to buy	\$ 12.873	12/22/2006		J		99		03/19/2006 03/19/2013	Common Stock 0
Option / right to buy	\$ 12.873	12/22/2006		J		33		03/19/2007 03/19/2013	Common Stock 0
Option / right to buy	\$ 12.873	12/22/2006		J		33		03/19/2008 03/19/2013	Common Stock 0
Option / right to buy	\$ 18.508	12/22/2006		J		66		04/21/2006 04/21/2014	Common Stock 0
Option / right to buy	\$ 18.508	12/22/2006		J		33		04/21/2007 04/21/2014	Common Stock 0
Option / right to buy	\$ 18.508	12/22/2006		J		33		04/21/2008 04/21/2014	Common Stock 0
Option / right to buy	\$ 18.508	12/22/2006		J		33		04/21/2009 04/21/2014	Common Stock 0
Option / right to buy	\$ 21.106	12/22/2006		J		35		09/21/2006 09/21/2015	Common Stock 0
Option / right to buy	\$ 21.106	12/22/2006		J		35		09/21/2007 09/21/2015	Common Stock 0
Option / right to	\$ 21.106	12/22/2006		J		35		09/21/2008 09/21/2015	Common Stock 0

buy										
Option / right to buy	\$ 21.106	12/22/2006	J	36	09/21/2009	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0		
Option / right to buy	\$ 21.106	12/22/2006	J	36	09/21/2010	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0		
Option / right to buy	\$ 26.482	12/22/2006	J	35	03/15/2006	03/15/2016	Common Stock	0		
Option / right to buy	\$ 26.482	12/22/2006	J	35	03/15/2007	03/15/2016	Common Stock	0		
Option / right to buy	\$ 26.482	12/22/2006	J	35	03/15/2008	03/15/2016	Common Stock	0		
Option / right to buy	\$ 26.482	12/22/2006	J	36	03/15/2009	03/15/2016	Common Stock	0		
Option / right to buy	\$ 26.482	12/22/2006	J	36	03/15/2010	03/15/2016	Common Stock	0		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bender Kevin 1003 MOONLIT WAY FOLSOM, CA 95630-7506			EVP & CIO	

## Signatures

/s/ KEVIN B.  
BENDER

12/22/2006

\*\*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:

J =Company declared 5% Stock Dividend

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