FITE CHARLES D Form 4 May 17, 2012

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FITE CHARLES D	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN RIVER	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	BANKSHARES [AMRB]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 8707 HAMMERSMITH LANE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2012	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person			
FAIR OAKS, CA 95628-6300		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative Se	ecurities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securiti	es	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired ((A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				/ A N		Reported		
					(A)	Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D) Prio	e (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock (1)	05/16/2012	05/16/2012	A	1,414	A \$0	162,793	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
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					(A) or						Repo
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					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	TP:41	or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
FITE CHARLES D						
8707 HAMMERSMITH LANE	X					
FAIR OAKS CA 95628-6300						

Signatures

/s/ Charles D.
Fite

_**Signature of Reporting Person

O5/16/2012

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) Mr. Fite was awarded restricted shares of common stock that vest over one year.

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