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AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES  
Form 8-K  
September 16, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest reported) September 16, 2004  
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American River Bankshares  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

California	0-31525	68-0352144
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(State or other jurisdiction Of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1545 River Park Drive, Suite 107, Sacramento, California	95815
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 565-6100  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

Registrant issued a press release September 16, 2004 announcing \$0.115 cash dividend. The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the press

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release attached here to as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

(99.1) Press release dated September 16, 2004

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

/s/ MITCHELL A. DERENZO

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Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer

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