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

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. 6)*

MERIDIAN RESOURCE CORP.

(Name of Issuer) COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities) 58977Q109

(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with the statement[]. (A fee is not required only if the reporting person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7.)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP NO. 58977Q109		13G	PAGE 2 OF 8 PAGES
1 NAME OF REPORTING S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICA		ABOVE PERSON	
(A) KAYNE ANDERSON (B) RICHARD A. KAYNI		VISORS, L.P. 95-4486379 124-34-0063	
2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*			(a) [] (b) [X]
3 SEC USE ONLY			
 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE (A) IS A CALIFORNIA (B) IS A U.S. CITIZEN 			
	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
		(A) 0 (B) 263,000	
NUMBER OF	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH		(A) 3,128,596 (B) 3,128,596	
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		(A) 0 (B) 263,000	
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		(A) 3,128,596 (B) 3,128,596	
9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT	BENEFICIALI	LY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON*	
(A) 3,128,596 (B) 3,391,596			

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

[]

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

(A) 6.25% (B) 6.77%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IA IN

*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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SCHEDULE 13G AMENDMENT NO. 6

Item 1.	(a) Issuer(b) Addre		Meridian Resource Corp. 1401 Enclave Parkway, Suite 300 Houston, Texas 77077	
Item 2.	(a) Filing (b) Addre	g Persons: esses:	Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. 1800 Avenue of the Stars, 2 nd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067 Los Angeles, CA 90067	Richard A. Kayne 1800 Avenue of the Stars, 2 nd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067 Los Angeles, CA 90067
	(c) Citize	enship:	Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. is a California limited partnership Richard A. Kayne is a U.S. Citizen	
		of Class	Common Stock	
	(e) Cusip	Number:	58977Q109	

- Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
 - (e) Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. is an investment adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

Five investment limited partnerships	2,895,896	
Managed accounts		232,700
Richard A. Kayne		263,000
	Total	3,391,596*

(b) Percent of Class: 7.11%

* Reported shares include 2,142,857 shares which may be acquired upon conversion of Subordinated Notes (the Notes). Although the Notes are currently convertible, the conversion price of the Notes is substantially higher than the market value of the common stock. As a result, in addition to the disclaimer above, each of the reporting persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the underlying shares.

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Meridian Resource, Inc. (Issuer)

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting persons have ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Not applicable.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Not applicable

ITEM. 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below we certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

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Meridian Resource Corp.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

January 31, 2002

Date

/S/ Richard A. Kayne

Richard A. Kayne KAYNE ANDERSON CAPITAL ADVISORS, L.P.

By: Kayne Anderson Investment Management, Inc.

By: /S/ David J. Shladovsky

David J. Shladovsky, Secretary

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(f)(1)

This agreement is made pursuant to Rule 13d-1(f)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Act) by and between the parties listed below, each referred to herein as a Joint Filer. The Joint Filers agree that a statement of beneficial ownership as required by Section 13(d) of the Act and the Rules thereunder may be filed on each of their behalf on Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G, as appropriate, and that said joint filing may thereafter be amended by further joint filings. The Joint Filers state that they each satisfy the requirements for making a joint filing under Rule 13d-1.

January 31, 2002

Date

/S/ Richard A. Kayne

Richard A. Kayne KAYNE ANDERSON CAPITAL ADVISORS, L.P.

By: Kayne Anderson Investment Management, Inc.

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Meridian Resource Corp.

Box 9. The reported shares are owned by investment accounts (including five investment limited partnerships, one insurance company and an offshore corporation) managed, with discretion to purchase or sell securities, by Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P., a registered investment adviser.

Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. is the general partner of the limited partnerships. Richard A. Kayne is the controlling shareholder of the corporate owner of Kayne Anderson Investment Management, Inc., the general partner of Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. Mr. Kayne is a limited partner of each of the limited partnerships. Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. is an investment manager of the offshore corporation.

Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported, except those shares attributable to it by virtue of its general partner interests in the limited partnerships. Mr. Kayne disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported, except those shares held by him or attributable to him by virtue of his limited and general partner interests in the limited partnerships and by virtue of his indirect interest in the interest of Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. in the limited partnerships.

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UNDERTAKING

The undersigned agree jointly to file the attached Statement of Beneficial Ownership on Schedule 13G with the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission and Meridian Resource Corp.

Dated: January 31, 2002

/S/ Richard A. Kayne

Richard A. Kayne KAYNE ANDERSON CAPITAL ADVISORS, L.P.

By: Kayne Anderson Investment Management, Inc.

By: /S/ David J. Shladovsky

David J. Shladovsky, Secretary

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