

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
**1969 CAVERSHAM WAY**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/22/2014**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP-Chief Operating Officer**

**FOLSOM, CA 95630**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	05/22/2014	05/22/2014	A	1,656 A \$ 0	13,430	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.85	05/22/2014	05/22/2014	A	1,201	05/22/2015 05/22/2024	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.85	05/22/2014	05/22/2014	A	1,201	05/22/2016 05/22/2024	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.85	05/22/2014	05/22/2014	A	1,201	05/22/2017 05/22/2024	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.85	05/22/2014	05/22/2014	A	1,201	05/22/2018 05/22/2024	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.85	05/22/2014	05/22/2014	A	1,202	05/22/2019 05/22/2024	Common Stock	0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bender Kevin 1969 CAVERSHAM WAY FOLSOM, CA 95630			EVP-Chief Operating Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Kevin B. Bender 05/27/2014

\*\*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).

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

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