

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES  
Form 8-K  
March 29, 2017

**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)                      March 27, 2017

American River Bankshares

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

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

3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Rancho Cordova, California    95670  
(Address of principal executive offices)    (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code    (916) 851-0123

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On March 27, 2017, American River Bankshares (the "Registrant"), received a letter from Director Robert J. Fox tendering his resignation as a director, effective as of March 27, 2017. His resignation is effective as to the Boards of Directors of both the Registrant and its bank subsidiary, American River Bank, as well as each of their respective committees on which he served. The reason for Mr. Fox's resignation is set forth in his letter and is not the result of any disagreement with the Registrant on any matter relating to the Registrant's operations, policies or practices. The Registrant has provided Mr. Fox with a copy of this disclosure prior to filing this Form 8-K with the Commission and gave him an opportunity to provide the Registrant with a letter addressed to the Registrant stating whether he disagreed with the statements made by the Registrant in this disclosure. No such additional letter was received by the Registrant.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the letter of resignation from Mr. Fox, dated March 27, 2017, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

(99.1) Letter of resignation from Robert J. Fox

## **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

March 28, 2017 Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer



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