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February 11, 2016
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13G/A
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 1)*
American River Bankshares
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)
<u>029326105</u>
(CUSIP Number)
<u>December 31, 2015</u>
(Date of Event which Requires Filing
of this Statement)

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	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
1	I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
	Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.
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7	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
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CUSIP 029326		
	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON	
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	Matthew Lindenbaum	
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	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON	
	I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	
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	Bennett Lindenbaum	
	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	
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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

American River Bankshares

Item 1(b)

Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

3100 Zinfandel Drive Suite 450 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Item

Name of Person Filing:

The information required by Item 2(a) is set forth in Row 1 of the cover page hereto for each Reporting Person and is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person.

Item

Address or Principal Business Office:

c/o Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C. 645 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor New York, NY 10022

Item

$\frac{\text{Citizenship}}{2(c)}$:

The information required by Item 2(c) is set forth in Row 4 of the cover page hereto for each Reporting Person and is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person.

Item

Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item

2(e) <u>CUSIP Number</u>:

029326105

Item 3 Statement filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c):

The information required by Item 3 is set forth in Row 12 of the cover page hereto for each Reporting Person and is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person.

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Item Ownership:

The information required by Items 4(a)-(c) is set forth in Rows 5-11 of the cover page hereto for each Reporting Person and is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person.

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C., Matthew Lindendaum and Bennett Lindenbaum have ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the class of securities.

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable

$Item \ 7 \frac{Identification \ and \ Classification \ of \ the \ Subsidiary \ Which \ Acquired \ the \ Security \ Being \ Reported \ on \ By}{the \ Parent \ Holding \ Company}:$

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below the signatory certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 10, 2016

Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Matthew Lindenbaum Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum Matthew Lindenbaum, an individual

/s/ Bennett Lindenbaum Bennett Lindenbaum, an individual

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