Bender Kevin Form 4 February 14, 2012

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Bender Kevin			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES [AMRB]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
1003 MOONLIT WAY			02/14/2012	EVP-Chief Operating Officer			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)  Applicable Line)  _X_ Form filed by One Reporting				
FOLSOM, CA 95630				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Toble I Non Derivative Securities Ac	equired Disposed of an Rapaficially Owns			

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Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/14/2012	02/14/2012	<u>J(1)</u>	25	A	\$0	17,478	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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bender Kevin 1003 MOONLIT WAY FOLSOM, CA 95630

**EVP-Chief Operating Officer** 

## **Signatures**

/s/ Kevin B. 02/14/2012 Bender

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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) J Shares acquired as a gift from the Issuer as a result of Mr. Bender achieving his 25th year of service with the Issuer. These shares were acquired in an open market transaction.

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