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Form 8-K

May 24, 2007

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) May 23, 2007  
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American River Bankshares  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

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| California  | 0-31525                     | 68-0352144                           |
| -----   | -----                       | -----                                |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>Of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 854-0123  
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 23, 2007, the registrant executed a lease (the "Lease") with Joseph T.

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Bellamy, Trustee of the Joseph T. Bellamy 2005 Trust. The Lease relates to office space to be occupied by one of the issuer's banking divisions, Bank of Amador, a division of American River Bank. The premises are located at 26395 Buckhorn Ridge Road, Pioneer, California. The Lease is for a term of one hundred and twenty (120) months. The Buckhorn Ridge Road location represents a relocation of the existing premises located at 26675 Tiger Creek Road, Pioneer, California ("Former Location"). The land lease on the Former Location is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2007 and it will not be renewed. The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the Lease attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Office Lease between Joseph T. Bellamy, Trustee of the Joseph T. Bellamy 2005 Trust and the Bank of Amador, a division of American River Bank.

### 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

May 23, 2007

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Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer

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