

TRI VALLEY CORP  
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SCHEDULE 14A  
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INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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TRI-VALLEY CORPORATION  
(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Filed on Behalf of the Board of Directors

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June 1, 2010

Dear Shareholders:

On May 4, 2010, I invited you to Tri-Valley's 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be held in Bakersfield, California, on Friday, June 18, 2010, at the Four Points by Sheraton.

Attached to my invitation were the Notice of Meeting and the Proxy Statement that described in detail the matters on which you were asked to vote. Those matters included electing the directors, approving the issuance of shares pursuant to a stock purchase agreement, approving the possible issuance of additional shares in future transactions, and transacting any other business that properly comes before the meeting.

In particular, I requested that you please pay special attention to Proposal 2: Approval of Issuance of Shares Pursuant to Securities Purchase Agreement and Warrants. As discussed under that Proposal, NYSE Amex Company Guide Rule 713 requires your approval of the transaction. As further explained, the Board of Directors determined that the terms of the registered direct offering constituted the best terms available to the Company after considering alternatives and unanimously recommends your approval.

As in the past, at the meeting there will be a report on operations and an opportunity for you to ask questions.

If you have already voted, thank you for your timely response! If you have not yet voted, I encourage you to please do so as early as possible. And lastly, as I requested in my invitation of May 4th, whether you plan to attend the meeting or not, I encourage you to vote well in advance of June 18th so that your shares will be represented and properly voted at the meeting.

Sincerely,

G. Thomas Gamble  
Chairman of the Board of Directors