TRI VALLEY CORP Form 8-K March 23, 2011

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 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 event reported):
March 22, 2011

TRI-VALLEY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-31852 94-1585250
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) organization)

4550 California Avenue, Suite 600 Bakersfield, California 93309 (Address of principal executive office)

Issuer's telephone number: (661) 864-0500

Section 2 – Financial Information

Item 2.02 – Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On March 22, 2011, Tri-Valley Corporation issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 in connection with the Company's regularly scheduled conference call on the afternoon of March 22, 2011, to discuss financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2010.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release

SIGNATURES

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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.

TRI-VALLEY CORPORATION

Date: March 23, 2011 /s/ Maston N. Cunningham

Maston N. Cunningham, President and Chief Executive

Officer