

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

Form 8-K

May 04, 2012

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) April 30, 2012

American River Bankshares

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

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

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

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 851-0123

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 22, 2005, the registrant's subsidiary, American River Bank (the "Bank"), entered into an Item Processing Agreement (the "Original Agreement") with Fidelity Information Services, Inc ("Fidelity"). The Original Agreement called for Fidelity to provide item processing services for American River Bank for a term of seven (7) years. The Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K with the Commission on April 27, 2005 and the Original Agreement is incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 to that filing. The seven (7) year term has concluded and on April 30, 2012, the Bank executed a New Agreement with Fidelity. The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the New Agreement attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

(99.1) Item Processing Agreement by and between Fidelity Information Services, Inc. and American River Bank dated April 30, 2012.

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 3, 2012 Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer

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