

KROMER JAMES C  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
KROMER JAMES C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4927 CALLOWAY DRIVE

(Street)

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TRI VALLEY CORP [TIV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/15/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.23	07/15/2011		D			100,000		<u>(1)</u>	05/18/2014	Common Stock	100,000
Warrant (right to buy)	\$ 0.58	07/15/2011		A			75,000		07/23/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	07/23/2014	Common Stock	75,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KROMER JAMES C 4927 CALLOWAY DRIVE BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312			VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS	

## Signatures

/s/ John Durbin by Power of Attorney for the Reporting Person

07/19/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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) The Stock Option was subject to vesting in seven 6-month installments, commencing as of May 18, 2009.

Pursuant to the Executive Retirement Agreement and General Release, dated July 15, 2011, between Tri-Valley Corporation and the reporting person, the reporting person consented to the forfeiture of all his outstanding Company issued stock options, in exchange for a three-year Warrant to purchase 75,000 shares of Company common stock at a purchase price of \$0.58 per share, the closing price of the common stock on July 15, 2011, as reported on the NYSE Amex.

(2) The reporting person's resignation was effective as of July 15, 2011, subject to a seven-day "cooling off" period, during which period the reporting person shall have the right to revoke his resignation and be restored to all positions with the Company. The Warrant becomes exercisable upon the expiration of the seven-day cooling off period.

### Remarks:

EXHIBIT LIST: Exhibit 24.1 Power of Attorney

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