

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

Form 8-K

January 21, 2016

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**Form 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event Reported): January 21, 2016

**American River Bankshares**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**California**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**0-31525**  
(Commission File Number)

**68-0352144**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
Number)

**3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Rancho Cordova,  
California 95670**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(916) 851-0123**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 21, 2016, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated January 21, 2016

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**SIGNATURE**

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**

Date: January 21, 2016

By: /s/ Mitchell A. Derenzo  
Name: Mitchell A. Derenzo  
Title: Chief Financial Officer  
Principal Accounting and Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated January 21, 2016