

DURBIN JOHN EDWARD  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â DURBIN JOHN EDWARD			(Month/Day/Year)		TRI VALLEY CORP [TIV]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	10/01/2009		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
4550 CALIFORNIA AVE,Â SUITE 600					(Check all applicable)	
(Street)					5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
BAKERSFIELD,Â CAÂ 93309					12/16/2009	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
					_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person	
					___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

(Instr. 5)

Stock Option - Right To Buy <sup>(1)</sup> 12/31/2009<sup>(2)</sup> 10/01/2014 Common stock 100,000 \$ 2.42 D <sup>^</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DURBIN JOHN EDWARD 4550 CALIFORNIA AVE SUITE 600 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	<sup>^</sup>	<sup>^</sup>	<sup>^</sup> Chief Financial Officer	<sup>^</sup>

## Signatures

JOHN E DURBIN 12/21/2009

<sup>^</sup>Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Incentive stock option granted under the Issuer's 2005 Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Vests 10,000 shares 12/31/09; 15,000 shares 3/30/10; 15,000 shares 9/30/10; 15,000 shares 3/30/11; 15,000 shares 9/30/11; 15,000 shares 3/30/12; and 15,000 shares 9/30/12, provided continuous employment with the issuer on the date of vesting.

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