BYRNE RAYMOND F

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BYRNE RAYMOND F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES [AMRB] (Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2006

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) President, North Coast Bank

4705 WOODVIEW DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3.

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Indirect

(A) or

4. Securities

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

12/22/2006

5 Α \$0 110

D

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Dr.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option/right to buy	\$ 12.892	12/22/2006		J	30	03/19/2006	03/19/2013	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 12.892	12/22/2006		J	10	03/19/2007	03/19/2013	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 12.892	12/22/2006		J	11	03/19/2008	03/19/2013	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 18.508	12/22/2006		J	66	04/21/2006	04/21/2014	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 18.508	12/22/2006		J	33	04/21/2007	04/21/2014	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 18.508	12/22/2006		J	33	04/21/2008	04/21/2014	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 18.508	12/22/2006		J	33	04/21/2009	04/21/2014	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.105	12/22/2006		J	33	09/21/2006	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.105	12/22/2006		J	33	09/21/2007	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.105	12/22/2006		J	33	09/21/2008	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.105	12/22/2006		J	33	09/21/2009	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.105	12/22/2006		J	33	09/21/2010	09/21/2015	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 26.476	12/22/2006		J	33	03/15/2007	03/15/2016	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 26.476	12/22/2006		J	33	03/15/2008	03/15/2016	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 26.476	12/22/2006		J	33	03/15/2009	03/15/2016	Common Stock	0

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Option/right to buy	\$ 26.476	12/22/2006	J	33	03/15/2010	03/15/2016	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 26.476	12/22/2006	J	33	03/15/2011	03/15/2016	Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BYRNE RAYMOND F 4705 WOODVIEW DRIVE SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

President, North Coast Bank

Signatures

/s/ RAYMOND F. BYRNE 12/22/2006

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Remarks:

J = Company declared 5% Stock Dividend

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