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(Print or Type R	lesponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Wright Philip			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
			AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES [AMRB]			(Check all applicable)				
(Last)(First)(Middle)3. Date of Earliest Trans (Month/Day/Year)1300 NORTH FITCH MOUNTAIN02/18/2009			Transaction		Director 10% Owner Officer (give title X_ Other (specify below) below) Director-American River Bank					
ROAD			02/10/1				Director	-American Kive	Г Банк	
	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 						
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non	-Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D) 4 and 5) (A)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	or (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Reminder: Ren	ort on a separate line	for each cl	ass of sec	urities ben	eficially ow	ned directly	or indirectly			
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	Tab					posed of, or convertible	r Beneficially Owner securities)	d		

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4. 5. Num	ber 6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactionof	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.5	02/18/2009	02/18/2009	А	557	02/18/2010	02/18/2019	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.5	02/18/2009	02/18/2009	А	557	02/18/2011	02/18/2019	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.5	02/18/2009	02/18/2009	А	557	02/18/2012	02/18/2019	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.5	02/18/2009	02/18/2009	А	557	02/18/2013	02/18/2019	Common Stock	0
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 8.5	02/18/2009	02/18/2009	А	557	02/18/2014	02/18/2019	Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Mane, Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Wright Philip 1300 NORTH FITCH MOUNTAIN ROAD HEALDSBURG,, CA 95448				Director-American River Bank		
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Signatures

**Signature of

Reporting Person

/s/ Philip A. 02/18/2009 Wright

Explanation of Responses:

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

Date

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