

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

Form 8-K

December 12, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest reported) December 11, 2017

American River Bankshares

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| California | 0-31525 | 68-0352144 |
| (State or other jurisdiction Of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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| 3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Rancho Cordova, California | 95670 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 851-0123

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

Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Solicitation 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

The information set forth in Item 5.02 is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 11, 2017, the registrant's subsidiary, American River Bank, entered into an employment agreement, effective December 7, 2017, with recently hired Chief Lending Officer Dennis F. Raymond, Jr.

The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the Employment Agreement attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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Exhibits

(99.1) Employment Agreement between American River Bank and Dennis F. Raymond, Jr.

SIGNATURES

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

December 11, 2017 /s/ Mitchell A. Derenzo
Mitchell A. Derenzo,
Chief Financial Office

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