PATTON GREG Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **PATTON GREG**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES [AMRB]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2005

3337 WINSOME LANE (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

J

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below) below)

Pres - American River Bank

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

Person

CARMICHAEL, CA 95608

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A)

or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common Stock

12/23/2005

Code V Amount (D) 154

Α \$0 3,237

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		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	\$ 8.845	12/23/2005		J	692	09/16/2003	09/16/2008	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.512	12/23/2005		J	47	03/19/2005	03/19/2013	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.512	12/23/2005		J	23	03/19/2006	03/19/2013	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.512	12/23/2005		J	24	03/19/2007	03/19/2013	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 13.512	12/23/2005		J	24	03/19/2008	03/19/2013	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.429	12/23/2005		J	34	04/21/2005	04/21/2014	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.429	12/23/2005		J	34	04/21/2006	04/21/2014	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.429	12/23/2005		J	35	04/21/2007	04/21/2014	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.429	12/23/2005		J	35	04/21/2008	04/21/2014	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 19.429	12/23/2005		J	35	04/21/2009	04/21/2014	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.106	12/23/2005		J	34	02/16/2006	02/16/2015	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.106	12/23/2005		J	34	02/16/2007	02/16/2015	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.106	12/23/2005		J	35	02/16/2008	02/16/2015	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.106	12/23/2005		J	35	02/16/2009	02/16/2015	Common Stock	0
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.106	12/23/2005		J	35	02/16/2010	02/16/2015	Common Stock	0

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PATTON GREG

3337 WINSOME LANE Pres - American River Bank

CARMICHAEL, CA 95608

Signatures

/s/ GREGORY N. PATTON 12/23/2005

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

Remarks:

J = Company declared 5% Stock Dividend

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