

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

Form 8-K

October 06, 2009

**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) October 6, 2009

American River Bankshares

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

California

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-31525

(Commission File Number)

68-0352144

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Rancho Cordova, CA

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

95670

(Zip Code)

(916) 851-0123

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement

On October 5, 2009, the registrant gave notice to the landlord that it would not be renewing the lease for its location at 8733 Lakewood Drive, Windsor, CA 95492. The lease expires on December 31, 2009. In order to reduce expenses and achieve greater operational efficiencies, the Company has given notice of its intention to close its branch office on December 28, 2009. The banking operations will be absorbed into other existing offices.

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

/s/ Mitchell A. Derenzo

October 6, 2009

Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

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