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Form 8-K September 22, 2005

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) September 22, 2005

American River Bankshares
-----(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 565-6100

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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(Address of principal executive offices)

Item 8.01. Other Events

(Zip Code)

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Registrant issued a press release September 22, 2005 announcing a \$0.15 cash dividend. The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the press release attached here to as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

(99.1) Press release dated September 22, 2005

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

September 22, 2005 Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer

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