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Form 425

October 15, 2004

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 15, 2004  
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American River Bankshares  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

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

1545 River Park Drive, Suite 107, Sacramento, California	95815
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code    (916) 565-6100  
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Registrant issued a press release October 15, 2004 announcing earnings for the third quarter of 2004. The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the press release attached here to as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Registrant issued a press release October 15, 2004 announcing the approval from the California Department of Financial Institutions for Bank of Amador Merger. 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 October 15, 2004

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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 15, 2004

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Mitchell A. Derenzo,  
Chief Financial Officer

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