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(Print or Type Ro	esponses)										
1. Name and Ad Bender Kevin	Symbol AMERI	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES [AMRB]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(1			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2017				Director       10% Owner         X Officer (give title       Other (specify below)         below)       below)         EVP - Chief Operating Officer				
	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						<ol> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> </ol>				
FOLSOM, C	A 95630						Form filed by M Person				
(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o of (D	)	Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial		
Common Stock (1)	02/15/2017	02/15/2017	А	2,659	A	\$0	24,081	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)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Addro	ess	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Bender Kevin 686 BONLEY CT. FOLSOM, CA 95630			EVP - Chief Operating Officer					
Signatures								
/s/ Kevin B. Bender	02/16/2017							
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date							

## **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).

Mr. Bender was awarded performance based restricted shares of common stock that carry voting and dividend rights and are subject to(1) increase, decrease, or forfeiture based on the performance of the Company's common stock compared with the stock performance of a peer group. The shares are to be earned from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018, with vesting to occur on January 1, 2020.

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