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Form 8-K

January 17, 2008

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) January 17, 2008  
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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.)

3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Rancho Cordova, CA	95670
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 851-0123  
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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:

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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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Item 8.01. Other Events

Registrant issued a press release January 17, 2008 announcing that American River Bankshares increases its stock repurchase program. The foregoing

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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 January 17, 2008

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

January 17, 2008

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

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