

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

Form 8-K

January 21, 2016

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 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 event Reported): January 21, 2016

American River Bankshares
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

California
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

0-31525
(Commission File Number)

68-0352144
(I.R.S. Employer Identification
Number)

**3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Rancho Cordova,
California 95670**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(916) 851-0123

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing 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))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 21, 2016, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated January 21, 2016

SIGNATURE

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

Date: January 21, 2016

By: /s/ Mitchell A. Derenzo
Name: Mitchell A. Derenzo
Title: Chief Financial Officer
Principal Accounting and Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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| 99.1 | Press Release dated January 21, 2016 |