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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Dominguez Dorene Issuer Symbol AMERICAN RIVER (Check all applicable) BANKSHARES [AMRB] X_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 4540 DUCKHORN DR., STE. 200 12/10/2009 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SACRAMENTO, CA 95834 Person

| (City) | (State) (| Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
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| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Transaction Code | 4. Securities Aon(A) or Dispose (Instr. 3, 4 and | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (A) or | | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2009 | 12/10/2009 | Code V P | Amount (D) 12,800 A | Price \$ 6.25 | 17,726 | 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)

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Dominguez Dorene 4540 DUCKHORN DR., STE. 200 SACRAMENTO, CA 95834 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

Person

/s/ Dorene C.
Dominguez

**Signature of Reporting 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).

Remarks:

The Company declared a 5% Stock Dividend on December 17, 2008. Ms. Dominguez received 234 shares as a result.

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