

Stark Michael P  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Stark Michael P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4550 CALIFORNIA  
AVENUE, SUITE 600

(Street)

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

06/07/2010

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TRI VALLEY CORP [TIV]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer \_\_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Vice President

5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

Date Expirable      Expiration  
Date

3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

Title      Amount or  
Number of  
Shares

4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative  
Security

5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)

6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

(Instr. 5)

Stock Options	06/07/2010	06/07/2015	Common Stock	150,000	\$ 0.99	D	Â
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stark Michael P 4550 CALIFORNIA AVENUE SUITE 600 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Michael P. Stark, by Lee Polson, Attorney-in-Fact	06/10/2010
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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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