AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES Form 8-K July 14, 2016

| UNITED STATES                      |
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| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION |
| Washington, D.C. 20549             |

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Form 8-K

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#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event Reported): July 14, 2016

#### **American River Bankshares**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

California 0-31525 68-0352144

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(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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### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 14, 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 July 14, 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: July 14, 2016 By: /s/ Mitchell A. Derenzo

Mitchell A. Derenzo Chief Financial Officer

Principal Accounting and Financial Officer

## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1              | Press Release dated July 14, 2016 |