

TRI VALLEY CORP  
Form SC 13D  
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Securities and Exchange Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Tri-Valley Corporation  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Class of Securities)

895735-10-8  
(CUSIP Number)

G. Thomas Gamble  
PO Box 670  
St. Helena, CA 94574  
(707) 963-5627  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 25, 2005  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box .

CUSIP No. 895735-10-8

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(1) Names of Reporting Persons:

G. Thomas Gamble

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(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group:

(a)

(b)

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(3) SEC Use Only

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(4) Source of Funds:

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(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e).

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(6) Citizenship or place of organization:

USA

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Number of shares beneficially owned by each person with:

(7) Sole voting power                      G. Thomas Gamble                      1,250,000 Shares Common

(8) Shared voting power                      None

(9) Sole dispositive power                      G. Thomas Gamble                      1,250,000 Shares Common

(10) Shared dispositive power                      None

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(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person.

G. Thomas Gamble: 1,250,000 Shares Common

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(12) Check if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares  
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(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

6%

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(14) Type of reporting person:

IN  
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Item 1            Security and Issuer

Common Stock  
Tri-Valley Corporation  
5555 Business Park South  
Suite 200  
Bakersfield, California 93309

Item 2            Identity and Background

- (a) G. Thomas Gamble
- (b) PO Box 670, St. Helena, CA 94574
- (c) Investor
- (d) None

(e) None

(f) USA

Item 3 Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Personal funds: \$937,500.00

Item 4 Purpose of Transaction

Made investment as part of ongoing acquisition program to potentially acquire a controlling interest in the company.

Item 5 Interest in Securities of the Issuer

The individual has accumulated common stock over time. The shares described in this schedule have been purchased directly from the company. The most recent transaction wherein ownership of the common stock exceeded 5% of outstanding shares was February 25, 2005. The transaction was the exercise of previously acquired option rights. The exercise price of \$7.50 per share purchased 125,000 shares.

The latest transaction brings the individual's aggregate ownership to 1,250,000 shares of common stock. This represents 5.6% of the 22,247,052 Tri-Valley shares known by the individual to be outstanding on the date of this filing.

Item 6 Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

NA

Item 7 Exhibits

NA

Signatures

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

G. Thomas Gamble

Date: 3-31-05

/s/ G. Thomas Gamble