

CUNNINGHAM MASTON N
Form 4
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CUNNINGHAM MASTON N

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4550 CALIFORNIA AVE #600

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/03/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & CEO

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/03/2010 | | A | | 50,000 | A | 11 50,000 |
| | | | | | | 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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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CUNNINGHAM MASTON N
 4550 CALIFORNIA AVE #600
 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

President & CEO

Signatures

Maston N. Cunningham, by Lee Polson,
 Attorney-in-Fact

12/08/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

(1) The shares were awarded by the Board of Directors as compensation for services. The closing market price per share of the Company's common stock on the date of the award was \$0.44.

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