

TRI VALLEY CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BLYSTONE F LYNN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P O BOX 1105

(Street)

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93302

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/10/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common stock				(A) or (D)	498,603	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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 2					08/17/1997	08/22/2008			Common stock	100,000
Option	\$ 2.43					09/16/2000	09/16/2010			Common stock	50,000
Option	\$ 1.22					11/10/2000	11/10/2010			Common stock	200,000
Option	\$ 1.35					10/22/2001	10/22/2011			Common stock	300,000
Option	\$ 0.5	03/10/2008	03/10/2008	C	3,000 <u>(1)</u>	06/19/1999	06/19/2009			Common stock	77,350

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLYSTONE F LYNN P O BOX 1105 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93302	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

F. Lynn  
Blystone  
03/12/2008

    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) Mr. Blystone exercised 3,000 of his stock options. The resulting shares were given as gifts to family members. Mr. Blystone received no shares in this transaction.

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