TRI VALLEY CORP Form 8-K March 29, 2010

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 29, 2010

TRI-VALLEY CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 001-31852 (Commission File Number) 94-1585250 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4550 California Avenue, Suite 600 Bakersfield, California 93309 (Address of principal executive office)

Issuer's telephone number: (661) 864-0500

Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 29, 2010, Tri-Valley Corporation filed its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Company reported total oil reserves at the end of 2009 of 9.8 million barrels. Attached is a copy of a press release discussing the increase in oil reserves for 2009.

- Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits
- Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release

SIGNATURES

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.

TRI-VALLEY CORPORATION

Date: March 29,/s/ Maston N. Cunningham 2010

Maston N. Cunningham, President and Chief Executive Officer