

GREGORY MICHAEL D

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

GREGORY MICHAEL D

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

4550 CALIFORNIA AVE #600

(Street)

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/01/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TRI VALLEY CORP [TIV]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☐ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Controller

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Stock Option - Right To Buy ⁽¹⁾	10/21/2009 ⁽²⁾	10/21/2014	Common stock	50,000	\$ 2.83	D	Â
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GREGORY MICHAEL D 4550 CALIFORNIA AVE #600 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	Â	Â	Â	Controller

Signatures

MICHAEL D GREGORY	12/21/2009
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 **Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Incentive stock option granted under Issuer's 2005 Stock Option Plan

(2) Vests 5,000 shares 12/31/09; 7,500 shares 4/30/10; 7,500 shares 10/31/10; 7,500 shares 4/30/11; 7,500 shares 10/31/11; 7,500 shares 4/30/12; and 7,500 shares 10/31/12, provided continuous employment with the issuer on the date of vesting

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