

TRI VALLEY CORP  
Form SC 13D  
August 12, 2005

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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)

**July 29, 2005**  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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 1,316,667 Shares Common

(8) **Shared voting power** None

(9) **Sole dispositive power** G. Thomas Gamble 1,316,667 Shares Common

(10) **Shared dispositive power** None

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

G. Thomas Gamble: 1,316,667 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

**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: \$850,005.00

**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. On June 9, 2005, the individual purchased 50,000 shares of common stock from the company at the price of \$12.00 per share. These shares included 16,667 warrants to purchase 16,667 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$15.00 per share. These warrants were exercised in their entirety on June 27, 2005. The shares were issued July 29, 2005, which was the date the Company received approval from the American Stock Exchange to issue these shares.

The latest transaction brings the individual's aggregate ownership to 1,316,667 shares of common stock. This represents 5.8% of the 22,552,969 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: 8-09-05

*/s/ G. Thomas Gamble*