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TRI VALLEY CORP Form 8-K September 17, 2004

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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):

SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

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

DELAWARE 0-6119 84-0617433

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5555 BUSINESS PARK SOUTH
SUITE 200
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
(Address of principal executive office)

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

SECTION 3 - SECURITIES AND TRADING MARKETS

ITEM 3.02 UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

On September 14, 2004, Tri-Valley Corporation sold 3,425 shares of its common stock to one individual purchaser for \$13,871 or \$4.05 per share, which was the closing price of the company's stock on the American Stock Exchange on the date of sale. The sale was made in a privately negotiated transaction in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act") contained in Section 4(2) of the Act.

On July 9 and August 10, 2004,*, the company made two sales of common stock to a single individual, also in privately negotiated transactions in reliance on the exemption from registration requirements contained in Section 4(2) of the Act. On July 9, the company sold 300,000 shares of common stock at \$4.02 per share (total consideration \$1,206,000), and on August 10, the company sold 200,000 shares of common stock at \$4.01 per share (total consideration \$802,000). In each case, the price per share was equal to the closing market price of the company's stock on the American Stock Exchange on the date of sale.

 * These two sales were completed prior to the effective date of the amendments to Form 8-K which adopted Item 3.02.

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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: September 17, 2004

F. Lynn Blystone, President and Chief Executive Officer