

TRI VALLEY CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 08, 2008

**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):

**August 4, 2008**

**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)

**84-0617466**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**4550 California Blvd., Suite 600**

**Bakersfield, California 93309**

(Address of principal executive office)

Issuer's telephone number: **661-864-0500**

**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02 Election of Directors**

Effective August 4, 2008, the directors of Tri-Valley Corporation appointed James S. Mayer to our board of directors to fill a vacancy on the board of directors left by the retirement of Milt Carlson from the board.

Mr. Mayer is the President of Magic Investment Projects, LLC, a U.S. private equity firm. He formerly served as the first vice president, investments for Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. from 2004-2006 and as vice president, alternative investments group for Merrill Lynch from 1999-2004. Prior to that, he was executive vice president of North American operations for Netzsch Inc., a large private German firm. He served as director, strategic business development for the Perkin-Elmer Corporation. Mr. Mayer has a bachelor's degree in chemistry with a minor in physics from State University of New York with graduate studies in finance, securities law, alternative investments and international marketing. He serves on our Finance Committee. He is an independent member of our Board of Directors.

Mr. Mayer will serve until our next annual meeting of shareholders, scheduled for October 4, 2008. Mr. Mayer has been nominated for election at our annual meeting to a full term on the board.

**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: August 8, 2008

/s/ F. Lynn Blystone

F. Lynn Blystone, President and Chief Executive Officer

