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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): November 19, 2009

#### TRI-VALLEY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-31852 84-0617433
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer incorporation or organization)

4550 California Avenue, Suite 600 Bakersfield, California 93309 (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

In November 2009, Tri-Valley Corporation issued 450,000 shares of restricted common stock to four accredited investors at a price of \$1.00 per share, for total consideration of \$450,000. These sales were made in privately-negotiated transactions in reliance on the exemption from registration requirements contained in Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 and were approved by the NYSE Amex LLC.

Tri-Valley intends to use the proceeds of these sales for working capital and to accelerate its oil and gas field development programs already underway.

## **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.

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Date: November 23, 2009 /s/ F. Lynn Blystone

F. Lynn Blystone, Chairman of the Board and Chief

Executive Officer