

SIERRA BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
April 30, 2009

**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) April 29, 2009**

**SIERRA BANCORP**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**California**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**  
**incorporation or organization)**

**000-33063**  
**(Commission File No.)**

**33-0937517**  
**(I.R.S. Employee**  
**Identification No.)**

**86 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257**

**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)**

**(559) 782-4900**

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(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

**Not applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

Robert H. Tienken has retired as a director of Sierra Bancorp and Bank of the Sierra effective April 29, 2009, for health reasons. Mr. Tienken served as a director of Sierra Bancorp since its formation in 2000, and as a director of Sierra Bancorp's wholly-owned subsidiary, Bank of the Sierra, since the Bank was founded in 1977. With the retirement of Mr. Tienken, the Company's Board of Directors will be reduced in size from eight members to seven.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SIERRA BANCORP

Dated: April 30, 2009

By: */s/ Kenneth R. Taylor*  
Kenneth R. Taylor  
Executive Vice President &

Chief Financial Officer