

SIERRA BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
February 16, 2018  
UNITED STATES

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) February 15, 2018

SIERRA BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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California 000-33063 33-0937517  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

86 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(559) 782-4900  
(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

Not applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

At regular Board meetings held on February 15, 2018, the Boards of Sierra Bancorp (the “Company”) and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Bank of the Sierra, formally accepted a letter of retirement from Robert L. Fields as a director of those organizations, effective as of the same date. He was designated as a “director emeritus” subsequent to his retirement. Mr. Fields had been a director of Bank of the Sierra since 1982 and a director of the Sierra Bancorp since its formation in 2000. With the retirement of Mr. Fields, the Company’s Board of Directors was reduced in size from ten members to nine.

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

By: /s/ Kenneth R. Taylor

Kenneth R. Taylor  
Executive Vice President &

Dated: February 15, 2018 Chief Financial Officer