

SIERRA BANCORP
Form 8-K
November 29, 2005

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 24, 2005

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

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report) Not applicable

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Howard H. Smith, a director of Sierra Bancorp and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Bank of the Sierra, passed away on November 24, 2005. He was 93 years old. Mr. Smith was a prominent businessman in Porterville, California, and remained active in community affairs up until the time of his death. He was an original proponent and founding director of Bank of the Sierra in 1977. With the loss of Mr. Smith, the Company's Board of Directors will be reduced in size from nine members to eight.

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: November 29, 2005

By: /s/ Kenneth R. Taylor
Kenneth R. Taylor

Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer