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	Washington, D.C. 20549	
	Form 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT	
Pursuant to S	Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchang	ge Act of 1934
Date o	of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 3	31, 2004
	SIERRA BANCORP (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
California (State or other jurisdiction of	000-33063 (Commission File No.)	33-0937517 (I.R.S. Employee
incorporation or organization)		Identification No.)
	86 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257	
	(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)	

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(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

Sierra Bancorp s Chief Credit Officer, Charlie C. Glenn, retired on December 31, 2004. The Company has conducted an extensive search for a successor to Mr. Glenn, and we anticipate that we will be in a position to announce the appointment of a new Chief Credit Officer in late January 2005

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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: January 3, 2005 By: /s/ Kenneth R. Taylor

Kenneth R. Taylor Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer