

SIERRA BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
June 16, 2010

# 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) June 15, 2010

## 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.)  
86 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257

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

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip code)

(559) 782-4900

(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 8.01 OTHER EVENTS**

On June 15, 2010, James C. Holly, President and Chief Executive Officer of Sierra Bancorp, entered into a Stock Sales Plan to sell up to 50,000 shares of Sierra Bancorp stock for estate planning purposes. The plan is intended to comply with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, concerning trades by insiders during trading blackout periods. If all 50,000 shares are sold as contemplated, Mr. Holly will then beneficially own a total of 487,376 shares of Sierra Bancorp common stock (which includes 12,500 shares subject to vested stock options), or 4.18% of total shares currently issued and outstanding.

**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: June 16, 2010

By: /s/ **KENNETH R. TAYLOR**  
**Kenneth R. Taylor**  
**Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer**