

SIERRA BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
January 24, 2012

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) **January 23, 2012**

**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))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 23, 2012, Sierra Bancorp issued a press release announcing its unaudited financial results for the quarter and the year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

The information in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1	Press Release dated January 23, 2012
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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 24, 2012 By: /s/ Kenneth R. Taylor  
Kenneth R. Taylor  
Executive Vice President &  
Chief Financial Officer