

SIERRA BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
October 31, 2014

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported) October 29, 2014

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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 or organization) (Commission File No.) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

86 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257

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

None  
(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 October 29, 2014 the shareholders of Santa Clara Valley Bank, N.A. ("**SCVE**") approved of its consolidation with a newly formed wholly-owned subsidiary of Sierra Bancorp (the "**Company**") pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Consolidation dated July 17, 2014 by and among the Company, Bank of the Sierra, a California banking corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and SCVE. The consolidation is expected to close on November 14, 2014.

In addition, on October 30, 2014 the Company issued a press release announcing the SCVE shareholder approval. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press release issued by Sierra Bancorp dated October 30, 2014

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 30, 2014 SIERRA BANCORP

By: /s/ Kevin McPhaill  
Name: Kevin McPhaill  
Title: President

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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