

SIERRA BANCORP
Form 8-K
May 22, 2015

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) May 20, 2015

SIERRA BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

000-33063 33-0937517
(Commission File No.) (I.R.S. Employee Identification No.)

86 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip code)

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(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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Item 5.07 submission of matters to a vote of security holders

The Company's annual meeting of shareholders was held on May 20, 2015, at which time shareholders voted in favor of item 1, election of directors, item 2, ratification of appointment of independent accountants, and item 3, advisory vote on executive compensation. Proxies were solicited by the Company's management pursuant to Regulation 14 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

A total of 12,501,118 shares were represented and voting at the meeting, constituting 92% of the 13,638,032 issued and outstanding shares entitled to vote at the meeting. There was no solicitation in opposition to Management's nominees for directorship as listed in the proxy statement, and all of such nominees were elected pursuant to the vote of shareholders. The vote on the election of the three nominees to serve as Class II directors for two-year terms was as follows:

| | <u>For</u> | <u>Withheld</u> |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Albert L. Berra | 8,962,323 | 676,927 |
| Kevin J. McPhaill | 9,453,793 | 185,457 |
| Gordon T. Woods | 9,270,163 | 369,087 |

There were 2,861,868 broker non-votes received with respect to this item.

The terms of the following directors continued after the shareholders' meeting: Robert L. Fields, James C. Holly, Lynda B. Searcy, and Morris A. Tharp.

The appointment of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2015 was ratified, with the number of shares cast as follows:

For: 12,415,015
Against: 19,085
Abstain: 67,018

The number voting "for" constituted 99% of the total number of shares represented and voting at the meeting with respect to proposal 2. There were no broker non-votes with respect to this item.

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The advisory vote on executive compensation was approved, with the number of shares cast as follows:

For: 9,266,540
Against: 306,672
Abstain: 66,038

The number voting “for” constituted 96% of the total number of shares represented and voting at the meeting with respect to proposal 3. There were 2,861,868 broker non-votes received with respect to this item.

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: May 21, 2015 By: */s/ Kenneth R. Taylor*
Kenneth R. Taylor
Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer