

SIERRA BANCORP
Form 8-K
September 22, 2017

UNITED STATES
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) September 21, 2017

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. Employer Identification
No.)

86 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257

(559) 782-4900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On September 21, 2017 the shareholders of OCB Bancorp (**Ojai**) approved of its merger with and into Sierra Bancorp (the **Company**) pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Reorganization and Merger dated April 24, 2017 by and between the Company and OCB Bancorp. The merger is expected to close on October 1, 2017.

In addition, on September 22, 2017 the Company issued a press release announcing Ojai 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.** The information required to be furnished pursuant to this item is set forth in the Exhibit Index which appears below, immediately before the signatures.

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|--------------------|---|
| <u>99.1</u> | Press release issued by Sierra Bancorp dated September 22, 2017 |

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: September 22, 2017

SIERRA BANCORP

By: */s/ Kenneth R. Taylor*
Kenneth R. Taylor
Executive Vice President &

Chief Financial Officer