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) October 21, 2003

SIERRA BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California (State or other jurisdiction

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

of incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

86 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(559) 782-4900

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(Registrant s telephone number including area code)

Not applicable

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

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release concerning third quarter 2003 financial results.

Item 9. Other Events and Required Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 21 2003, Sierra Bancorp issued a press release concerning its results of operations and financial condition as of and for the calendar quarter ended September 30, 2003. This information is being furnished pursuant to
Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition of Form 8-K. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

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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: October 22, 2003 By: /s/ Kenneth R. Taylor

Kenneth R. Taylor

Senior Vice President &

Chief Financial Officer

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