

SIERRA BANCORP
Form 8-K
August 31, 2009

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) August 27, 2009

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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On August 27, 2009, Sierra Bancorp, a California corporation (the *Company*) entered into a Share Purchase Agreement with a limited number of accredited investors (collectively, the *Purchasers*) to sell to the *Purchasers* a total of 1,935,000 shares of common stock, without par value (*Common Stock*) at \$11.00 per share, for an aggregate gross purchase price of \$21,285,000 (the *Offering*). The *Offering* closed on August 28, 2009, and the *Company* issued an aggregate of 1,935,000 shares of its *Common Stock* upon its receipt of consideration in cash.

Also on August 27, 2009, the *Company* entered into a Registration Rights Agreement (*Registration Agreement*) with each of the *Purchasers*. Pursuant to the *Registration Agreement*, the *Company* has agreed to file a registration statement (*Registration Statement*) with the Securities and Exchange Commission to register for resale the shares of *Common Stock* issued to the *Purchasers* in the *Offering* within 60 days after the closing of the *Offering*. The *Company* will be required to pay certain cash as liquidated damages if it does not meet its registration obligations under the *Registration Agreement*.

Copies of the form of Share Purchase Agreement and Registration Agreement are attached as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2, respectively to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the Share Purchase Agreement and Registration Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Share Purchase Agreement and Registration Agreement attached hereto.

A copy of the press release issued by the *Company* on August 27, 2009, concerning the *Offering* is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

The *Offering* was not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Act*), in reliance on Section 4(2) of the *Act* and Rule 506 of Regulation D promulgated thereunder. The information set forth under **Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement** is incorporated herein by reference. Wunderlich Securities, Inc. served as placement agent in connection with the *Offering*, for which it was compensated by the *Company* in the amount of \$851,400, equal to 4% of the aggregate purchase price of the *Common Stock* sold in the *Offering*, plus reimbursement of its actual out-of-pocket expenses up to \$10,000.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

- 10.1 Form of Share Purchase Agreement between the *Company* and each of the *Purchasers*, dated as of August 27, 2009.
- 10.2 Form of Registration Agreement between the *Company* and each of the *Purchasers*, dated as of August 27, 2009.
- 99.1 Press Release of the *Company* dated August 27, 2009.

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.

Dated: August 31, 2009

SIERRA BANCORP

By: /s/ Kenneth R. Taylor
Kenneth R. Taylor

Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer