

TAYLOR KENNETH  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
TAYLOR KENNETH

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
86 N. MAIN STREET  
(Street)

PORTERVILLE, CA 93257

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SIERRA BANCORP [BSRR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/15/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP/Chief Financial Ofcr

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Code V Amount (D) Price                                                             |                                                          |                                                                 |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)       | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|-------|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Options | \$ 10.21                           | 11/15/2012       |            |                                                                     | A    |   | 5,000 |     | 11/15/2013 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/15/2022         | Common<br>Stock | 5,000                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|                                                              | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| TAYLOR KENNETH<br>86 N. MAIN STREET<br>PORTERVILLE, CA 93257 |               |           | EVP/Chief Financial Ofcr |       |

## Signatures

Kenneth R.  
Taylor

11/16/2012

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents date on which first installment of the reported option becomes exercisable. This option will become cumulatively exercisable in installments of 20% per year commencing one year from the date of grant and ending five years before the expiration of the option.

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