SIERRA BANCORP

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

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obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

86 N. MAIN STREET

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Gardunio James F

(Middle)

(Street)

(State)

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SIERRA BANCORP [BSRR]

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

02/18/2016

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 Other (specify

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

EVP/Chief Credit Officer

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

PORTERVILLE, CA 93257

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(M	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	(A D (I (I	Acquired A) or Disposed D) Instr. 3, and 5)	d of						
			Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Options	\$ 17.25	02/18/2016		A	5	5,000		02/18/2016	02/18/2026	Common Stock	5,000		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVP/Chief

Credit Officer

Gardunio James F 86 N. MAIN STREET PORTERVILLE, CA 93257

Signatures

/s/ James F. 02/22/2016 Gardunio

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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