SIERRA BANCORP Form SC 13G February 11, 2005

UNITED STATES

Washington, D.C. 20549

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Sierra Bancorp	
(Name of Issuer)	
Common Stock	
(Title of Class of Securities)	
82620P102	
(Cusip Number)	
12/31/04	

 $(Date\ of\ Event\ Which\ Requires\ Filing\ of\ this\ Statement)$

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

" Rule 13d-1(b)

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"Rule 13d-1(d)

CUSIP No. 82620P102 13G Page 2 of 4 Pages 1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) James C. Holly 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (A) " (B) " 3 SEC USE ONLY 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION U.S. 5 SOLE VOTING POWER NUMBER OF 524,776 **SHARES** BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER OWNED BY **EACH** 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING **PERSON** 524,776 WITH 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 524,776 10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES * 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.40%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON *

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Item 1:	(a)	Issuer:		
		Sierra Bancorp		
	(b)	Principal Executive Offices:		
		86 North Main Street,		
		Porterville, CA. 93257		
Item 2:	(a)	Person Filing:		
		James C. Holly		
	(b)	Address:		
		86 North Main Street, Porterville, CA	. 93257	
	(c)	Citizen of the U.S.A.		
	(d)	Class of Securities:		
		Common Stock, no par value		
	(e)	Cusip #82620P102		
Item 3: Item 4:		Total Shares Beneficially Owned:		
	524,776			
	(b)	Percentage of Ownership:		
		5.40%		
	(c)	(i) Shares with Sole Voting Power:		
		524,776 (includes 50,000 vested op	tion shares)	
		(ii) Shares with Shared Voting Power:		

None

(iii) Shares with Sole Investment Power:

Same shares as Item i above

(iv) Shares with Shared Investment Power:

None

Item 5: N/A

Item 6: N/A

Item 7: N/A

Item 8: N/A

Item 9: N/A

Item 10: By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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	Signature					
After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.						
	2/9/05					
	Date					
	/s/ James C. Hol	lly				
	Signature					
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