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**Bank of the Sierra Announces Michael McLennan as
Vice President Senior Branch Loan Officer**

PORTERVILLE, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce Michael McLennan as Vice President Senior Branch Loan Officer for the Visalia Main Street branch. Michael received his Associate Degree from De Anza Jr. College and attended San Jose State with an emphasis in Finance. He has been in the banking industry a total of 21 years, with 19 years in commercial lending and relationship management.

“We are pleased to have Michael join our team. Michael brings over 21 years in banking experience and a very strong and diverse lending background to our Visalia Downtown Office, he will play an important role in meeting the needs of our customers and serving the Visalia community,” Stated Jeri Eubanks, Senior Vice President and Area Manager.

About Bank of the Sierra

With over \$1.3 billion in assets and strong performance ratios, Bank of the Sierra is the largest independently owned community bank headquartered in Southern San Joaquin Valley’s Heartland. The bank serves 15 different communities with 23 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at www.bankofthesierra.com or call (888) 454-BANK.

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