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**Bank of the Sierra Announces the Promotion of
Rick Wehmueller and Jeri Eubanks**

PORTERVILLE, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce the promotion of Rick Wehmueller to Senior Vice President and Director of Deposit Service. Rick has been an employee of Bank of the Sierra since 1996, and most recently managed the operations of the bank's Visalia offices as Area Manager. Rick's new position will allow him to oversee bank-wide and municipal deposit account acquisition.

The vacancy left by Rick's promotion allowed banking veteran Jeri Eubanks an opportunity to serve Visalia as Area Manager. Jeri has been with Bank of the Sierra since 1998 and has worked in the banking industry for 29 years.

"I had the pleasure of working with Jeri 10 years ago when she joined my staff at the Bank of the Sierra and found her to be an extremely strong lender, she has proven herself over and over again," stated Rick.

Jeri stated, "I am both honored and excited to be back in the Visalia market and to be part of Bank of the Sierra's team of professionals at our Mooney and Main Street branches."

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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