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**Bank of the Sierra Announces Stephen J. Ermigarat as
Vice President/Branch Loan Officer**

PORTERVILLE, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce Stephen Ermigarat as Vice President and Branch Loan Officer. Ermigarat comes to Bank of the Sierra with a degree in Finance from California State College in Bakersfield, CA and a graduate banking degree from Pacific Coast Banking School. As a long-time Bakersfield resident, Stephen merges an extensive background in finance and credit management with 30 years of local experience.

“The combination of Stephen’s local experience and extensive credit background will further add to the knowledge and expertise Bank of the Sierra can offer its customers,” stated the Bakersfield Area Manager, Gordon Jones.

About Bank of the Sierra

With over \$1.2 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 21 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the website at www.bankofthesierra.com or call (888) 454-BANK.

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