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\$2,500 Sierra Grant Awarded to Sequoia Riverlands Trust

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a \$2,500 Sierra Grant awarded to the Sequoia Riverlands Trust’s Outdoor Education Program, offsetting the costs associated with offering guided tours of the Kaweah Oaks Preserve to local students. Each year, 1,500 school children visit the Preserve. Funds from the grant will make this opportunity available to a greater number of children, while sustaining the Outdoor Education Program as a whole.

“The Sequoia Riverlands Trust provides a great educational experience through its Outdoor Education Program. At Bank of the Sierra we are proud to make a contribution to a program dedicated to developing an appreciation and understanding of our lands,” stated James C. Holly, President and CEO of Bank of the Sierra.

About The Sierra Grant Program

The Sierra Grant Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the families, especially the children, who reflect the diversity within Bank of the Sierra branch communities. The Sierra Grant Program is focused on three areas: community services, park preservation, and education. Anyone involved in a non-profit program that is interested in a Sierra Grant can pick up an instructional brochure at any Bank of the Sierra branch, or visit the bank web site at www.bankofthesierra.com.

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 web site at www.bankofthesierra.com or call (888) 454-BANK.

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