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**Bank of the Sierra Announces Michael Olague as
Senior Vice President/ Area Manager**

PORTERVILLE, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce Michael Olague as the new Senior Vice President/ Area Manager for the Bakersfield Area. Michael has over 30 years of experience in the banking industry. During his banking career, he has held a number of positions including Regional President, Retail Sales Director and Middle Market Banking Manager. Michael is a Bakersfield native. He attended California State University Bakersfield, where he received his Bachelor's degree in business. He is a graduate of University of Virginia Graduate Banking School. Michael currently is on the Mid State Development Board, Kern Community Foundation Board and Advisory Board for CSUB Business School.

"We are excited to have someone of Mike's caliber as our Area Manager and Senior Vice President for the Bakersfield and Delano area. He comes to this position with a tremendous amount of experience and leadership credentials. We look forward to expanding our market opportunities in the Bakersfield area as Bank of the Sierra continues to grow", stated Kevin McPhaill, Executive Vice President Chief Banking Officer.

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 24 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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