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**\$1,000 Sierra Grant Awarded to
Sequoia Natural History Association**

PORTERVILLE, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a \$1,000 Sierra Grant has been awarded to the Sequoia Natural History Association. The Association is committed to enhancing the experience of visitors and generating public awareness of the significance of the national parks. Funds will be used to purchase supplies, such as asphalt, buckets, shovels, rakes and tools to improve the condition of the Crystal Cave. The cave serves 55,000 annual visitors to Sequoia National Park.

“We are happy to make a contribution to the Sequoia Natural History Association. This Association plays an important role in our community and is highly regarded at Bank of the Sierra,” 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 \$1.3 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 25 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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