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**Bank of the Sierra Announces Sarah Scott  
as Senior Vice President, Risk Manager**

**PORTERVILLE, CA** — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce Sarah Scott as Senior Vice President, Risk Manager. Sarah has over 10 years of experience in the banking industry, with positions including Vice President, Compliance Officer, Community Reinvestment Act Officer, and Bank Secrecy Act Officer. Prior to entering the banking industry Sarah worked as a staff attorney and attorney advisor for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration and U.S. Department of Labor and as a staff advisor for the Eleventh District Court of Appeals. Sarah is a Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager and her extensive education includes a M.A. and B.A. in English, J.D., M.B.A., all from the University of Akron.

"Risk Management is rising in importance in the overall managerial process particularly in the banking arena. Sarah Scott has impeccable credentials and a highly successful career history in the Risk Management process and we are fortunate to have her as part of the team at Bank of the Sierra." stated Jim Holly, President and Chief Executive 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 25 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at [www.bankofthesierra.com](http://www.bankofthesierra.com) or call (888) 454-BANK.

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