



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

January 4, 2012

Via E-mail

Mr. Kenneth R. Taylor  
Chief Financial Officer  
Sierra Bancorp  
86 North Main Street  
Porterville, California 93257

**Re: Sierra Bancorp  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010  
Filed March 11, 2011  
Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2011  
Filed August 9, 2011  
File No. 000-33063**

Dear Mr. Taylor:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing[s] to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hugh West

Hugh West  
Accounting Branch Chief