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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 1)

Sierra Bancorp

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, No Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

82620P102 (CUSIP Number)

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July 28, 2015

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS AF

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIASLLY OWNED BY	SHARED VOTING POWER 1,069,262 (see Item 5)
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,069,262 (see Item 5)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT 11 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,069,262 (see Item 5)

10

12

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN

SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PERCENT OF CLASS 13 REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 7.85%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) IA

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Basswood Partners, L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS AF

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

	SOLE VOTING
7	POWER
NUMBER OF	0
SHARES	SHARED VOTING
BENEFICIALLY	POWER
OWNED °	62,109 (see Item 5)
BY	
EACH	
REPORTING	SOLE
PERSON	DISPOSITIVE
WITH	

POWER 0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 62,109 (see Item 5)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT 11 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 62,109 (see Item 5)

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT 12 IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

 PERCENT OF CLASS
13 REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 0.46%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) OO CUSIP No. 82620P102 Page 4 of 17 Pages

NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Basswood Enhanced Long Short GP, LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

1

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS AF

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

7	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF	0
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	SHARED VOTING POWER 363,292 (see Item 5)
REPORTING PERSON WITH	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 363,292 (see Item 5)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT 11 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 363,292 (see Item 5)

> CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN POW (11) EXCLUDES

- 12 IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
- PERCENT OF CLASS 13 REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 2.67%
- 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) OO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Basswood Financial Fund, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

7

SOLE VOTING
POWER
0

NUMBER OF SHARES 8 BENEFICIALLY OWNED	SHARED VOTING POWER 53,202 (see Item 5)
BY	
EACH	SOLE
REPORTING	DISPOSITIVE
PERSON	POWER
WITH	0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 53,202 (see Item 5)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT 11 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 53,202 (see Item 5)

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

PERCENT OF CLASS 13 REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 0.39%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) PN CUSIP No. 82620P102 Page 6 of 17 Pages

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Basswood Financial Fund, Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Cayman Islands

7

SOLE VOTING
POWER
0

NUMBER OF SHARES 8 BENEFICIALLY OWNED	SHARED VOTING POWER 19,222 (see Item 5)
BY	
EACH	SOLE
REPORTING	DISPOSITIVE
PERSON	POWER
WITH	0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 19,222 (see Item 5)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT 11 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 19,222 (see Item 5)

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 0.14%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) CO CUSIP No. 82620P102 Page 7 of 17 Pages

NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Basswood Financial Long Only Fund, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

1

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

7	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF	0
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	SHARED VOTING POWER 8,907 (see Item 5)
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8,907 (see Item 5)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT 11 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 8,907 (see Item 5)

> CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES

- 12 IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
- PERCENT OF CLASS 13 REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 0.07%
- 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) PN

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Basswood Enhanced Long Short Fund, LP

2 CHECK THE 2 APPROPRIATE BOX IF A (a) MEMBER OF A GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

1

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF 5 LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

NUMBER

9

OF	SOLE VOTING
SHARES 7	POWER
BENEFICIALLY	0
OWNED	
BY	SHARED VOTING
EACH	POWER
REPORTIN65	363,292 (see Item 5)
PERSON	505,272 (see item 5)
WITH	

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 363,292 (see Item 5)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT 11 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 363,292 (see Item 5)