

# News Release

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## Summit State Bank Announces Election of Directors

**Santa Rosa, CA** – (July 1, 2011) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) today announced the results of their annual shareholders meeting. The following were elected directors as a result of shareholder voting: James Baxter, Josh Cox, John F. DeMeo, Michael J. Donovan, Richard A. Dorr, Thomas Duryea, Todd Fry, Joseph F. Helmer, Allan J. Hemphill, Ron Metcalfe, Nick Rado, Marshall T. Reynolds, and Eugene W. Traverso. Two of the directors James Baxter and Josh Cox are new to the board.

John Lewis has retired as Chairman of the Board. The Summit State Bank team members would like to thank him for his years of dedicated service resulting in significant improvements and contributions to the bank over the years. His positive impact on the businesses and individuals in the community are far reaching and has improved the business and community life in Sonoma County.

Allan Hemphill, who has been a board director since 1999, has been elected as the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Hemphill, a 50 year veteran of the wine industry including past president and CEO of Chateau St. Jean Winery, is owner and President of Hemphill & Associates, a wine industry consulting firm. In addition, as a licensed realtor, Allan supports clients in vineyard and winery acquisitions and sales. A lifelong resident of Sonoma County, Mr. Hemphill provides valued expertise to further the goals of the bank to benefit the Sonoma County community.

### About Summit State Bank

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$374 million and total equity of \$55 million at March 31, 2011. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank is a Premier Performing Bank, earning the highest Findley Reports designation of all Sonoma County-based banks. Summit State Bank received the Gold Medal award for Best Business Bank from the Northbay Biz Magazine and has also been recognized as one of the North Bay's Best Places to Work by the North Bay Business Journal. Summit State Bank's stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol SSBI. Further information can be found at [www.summitstatebank.com](http://www.summitstatebank.com).

### Forward-looking Statements

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