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Summit State Bank Promotes Linda Bertauche to Chief Operating Officer

Sonoma County, CA – (February 9, 2009) –Thomas Duryea, President and CEO of Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI), has announced the promotion of Linda Bertauche to Chief Operating Officer. In her new role, Ms. Bertauche will be responsible for loan operations, branch administration, regulatory compliance and risk management.

“Linda’s extensive experience in all facets of banking has proven instrumental in establishing Summit State Bank as the highest rated bank in Sonoma County. Her leadership and diligence will continue to be invaluable to our growth and success in 2009,” stated Thomas Duryea.

With over 30 years of banking experience, Ms. Bertauche joined Summit State Bank four years ago as Compliance Officer and Vice President, and was later promoted to Senior Vice President. Previously, she spent 19 years at National Bank of the Redwoods, ultimately assuming the role of Senior Vice President of Operations. Ms. Bertauche has also held management positions at Sonoma National Bank and Bank of Marin.

Linda Bertauche grew up in San Rafael and now lives in Healdsburg. She attended UC Berkley and Dominican College, and is attending the graduate program at Pacific Coast Banking School.

About Summit State Bank: Summit State Bank has total assets of \$364 million and total equity of \$56 million at December 31, 2008. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol SSBI. Further information can be found at www.SummitStateBank.com.

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