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Summit State Bank Promotes Elaina Hunt to Director of Marketing

Santa Rosa, CA – (September 21, 2009) – Thomas Duryea, President and CEO of Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI), has announced the promotion of Elaina Hunt to Director of Marketing. Founded in 1984, Summit State Bank has grown to become Sonoma County’s top rated bank by Bauer Financial, with branches in Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park and Santa Rosa.

“Elaina’s commitment to excellence and her innovative marketing talent have been an integral part of Summit State Bank’s growing presence in our community. Elaina is intelligent, creative and industrious, which are essential qualities necessary to further drive our long-term success as the top rated Sonoma County-based bank. She reflects the quality of exceptional service that Summit State Bank stands for,” states Thomas Duryea.

With a strong background in local marketing and public relations, Elaina joined Summit State Bank in December 2008 as a Marketing Manager. Having been a resident of Santa Rosa for over 20 years, Elaina is an active member of the community. She is a member of the current Leadership Santa Rosa Class 26 and volunteers with Canine Companions for Independence, Legal Aid, and Sonoma State University Alumni Association. Elaina is also a youth mentor with Circle of Sisters.

About Summit State Bank: Summit State Bank has total assets of \$356 million and total equity of \$56 million at June 30, 2009. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank has received Bauer Financial’s highest bank rating of 5-Star Superior, and its 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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