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Summit State Bank Welcomes Kevin Gross as Vice President of Credit Administration

Santa Rosa, CA – (September 28, 2011) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) is excited to welcome Kevin Gross as a Vice President of Credit Administration to their lending team. Mr. Gross will be assisting with lending efforts, especially with Summit’s \$50,000,000 Small Business Lending Program.

“We welcome Mr. Gross to our lending team. His extensive experience with small businesses will be valuable to providing exceptional service to our customers,” states Tom Duryea, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Mr. Gross grew up in Santa Rosa and graduated with a bachelor’s degree from UC Davis. He has been in banking for 19 years, almost exclusively as a commercial lender for community banks.

Mr. Gross has three children and an adopted rescue dog. He enjoys playing city league softball, and is proud to live in “one of the most beautiful places on earth.”

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$384 million and total equity of \$56 million at June 30, 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.

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