



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thomas Duryea
President and CEO
Summit State Bank
PO Box 6188
Santa Rosa, CA 95406
(707) 568-4920
tduryea@summitstatebank.com

Summit State Bank Welcomes Britt Cooper as SVP Branch Relationship Manager

Santa Rosa, CA – (November 2, 2011) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) welcomes Britt Cooper as their SVP Branch Relationship Manager.

“We welcome Mr. Cooper to the Summit team. Mr. Cooper’s commitment to excellence and extensive experience with local businesses and nonprofits lend to our commitment to providing exceptional service to our customers,” states Tom Duryea, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Mr. Cooper has 28 years of banking experience in Sonoma County. He has been a Branch Manager and Commercial Banker, both with the Vice President title. He has his Master’s Degree in Organizational Development and Human Resources from the University of San Francisco. He has graduated from Pacific Coast Banking School.

Mr. Cooper currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Windsor Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County and supports The Living Room in Santa Rosa. As a Windsor resident, he has been active with the Windsor Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Windsor. Mr. Cooper is married to wife Debbie and has two sons and two step daughters. He enjoys traveling, spending time with friends and family, wine tasting and sports.

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$395 million and total equity of \$61 million at September 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.

###