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### **Dennis Kelley recognized as Top Chief Financial Officer Award Recipient**

**Santa Rosa, CA** – (July 6, 2015) – Dennis Kelley, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Summit State Bank, has been selected as one of the 2015 Top Chief Financial Officers Award recipients by the North Bay Business Journal.

“We are delighted that Dennis has been selected as one of this year’s top Chief Financial Officer in Sonoma County. Dennis plays a key role in our strong financial performance, being a leader for the development of his team members, and for all he does in our community to make our local Sonoma County a better place to live and work in. This is truly a well-deserved honor,” said Tom Duryea, president and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Dennis was instrumental in the successful transformation of Summit from a Savings and Loan to a successful full-service commercial community bank serving our local Sonoma County. During one of the worst economic downturns in our nation’s history, Dennis steered the financial end of our business adeptly through the storm, which resulted in Summit being one of only 9 banks in the Western US out of almost 500 banks that 1) Stayed profitable (actually increased); 2) Kept our dividend (actually increased); 3) Maintained our regulatory rating during this most difficult time.

Dennis has done a masterful job of developing his team that has played a large role in successive record breaking earnings years in 2013 & 2014 that has earned Summit many awards both locally, statewide, and nationally. Dennis brings over 30 years of banking and leadership experience and has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Summit State Bank since January 2005. Dennis is a member of the Executive Team and takes a leadership role in the financial success of the Bank.

Dennis is an active member of his church and has coached multiple girls and boys soccer teams for the Rincon Valley Soccer Club. He served on the Board of Directors of Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) for five years and continues to support SAY as an advocate, recently securing a \$25,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank on their behalf. The grant will support SAY’s Street Outreach Program.

Summit State Bank, a community bank, has total assets of \$492 million and total equity of \$69 million at June 30, 2015. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank specializes in providing exceptional customer service and customized financial solutions to aid in the success of local small businesses and nonprofits throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties.

Summit State Bank's workforce resembles the diverse community it serves. Balanced with ethnicity, race and gender, 80 percent of the workforce are female in management positions, with 50 percent represented on the Executive Management Team. Through the inclusion and engagement of its workforce, Summit State Bank has been rewarded for its accomplishments by receiving many prestigious and industry awards.



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