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Wayne Hoffer Promoted to Senior Vice President at Summit State Bank

Santa Rosa, CA – (April 6, 2012) – Wayne Hoffer has been unanimously promoted to Senior Vice President by the Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) Board of Directors. Mr. Hoffer has 35 years of lending and banking experience, and has worked for Summit State Bank for the past six years as a Commercial Loan Officer.

“Mr. Hoffer’s 35 years of banking experience and leadership has been instrumental in our success. He is an exceptional relationship officer with whom I have had the pleasure to be associated, as he deeply cares about our customers and our community. Wayne epitomizes the true community banking spirit and serves as an example to us all of what community banking provides for our community. We are proud to offer Wayne this well-deserved promotion,” says Tom Duryea, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Summit State Bank has infused \$65 million in lending in Sonoma County since 2009. Summit has also made \$50,000,000 available in local lending as part of their Small Business Lending Program.

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$388 million and total equity of \$61 million at December 31, 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 Top Performing Bank, earning the highest Findley Reports designation of all Sonoma County-based banks. Summit State Bank received the 2012 Community Bank Award from the American Bankers Association. In addition, 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 and was chosen as one of the top three community banks in the Western US for its “Innovation” in community banking. 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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