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### **Summit State Bank Welcomes David Schmidt as Senior Relationship Officer**

**Santa Rosa, CA** – (May 14, 2012) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) welcomes David Schmidt as their Senior Relationship Officer. Mr. Schmidt joins Summit with 25 years of banking experience in Petaluma.

“We are honored to welcome Mr. Schmidt as a member of our team. Mr. Schmidt’s vast experience in community banking and extensive work with nonprofits, contribute to our pledge of providing outstanding service to all of our customers,” affirms Tom Duryea, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Mr. Schmidt’s banking career extends for more than 40 years. Mr. Schmidt has executed banking roles that include SVP/Business Banking Group and Petaluma Regional Manager at Bank of Marin, SVP/Senior Loan Officer at Bank of Petaluma, and National Bank Examiner for the Controller of the Currency. Mr. Schmidt knows first-hand the value of community banks, saying that, “community banks exert much greater financial impacts on their communities, disproportionate to their size, because of the close connection with the local and relevant social and financial needs particular to their communities.”

Mr. Schmidt has lived in Petaluma for over 50 years and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Petaluma Sunrise Rotary Foundation and PEP Senior Housing. Mr. Schmidt has been married for 40 years to his wife Jan and has two grown children, both of whom live locally. He is a part of the Sonoma County Beekeepers Association and enjoys photography and astronomy.

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$407 million and total equity of \$60 million at March 31, 2012. 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 has been recognized with the Gold Medal award for Best Business Bank from the Northbay Biz Magazine and 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](http://www.summitstatebank.com).

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