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Summit State Bank Welcomes Tina Sheldon as Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager

Santa Rosa, CA – (February 14, 2017) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) has appointed Tina Sheldon as Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager. Tina brings over 19 years of lending and community banking experience to her role.

“Summit State Bank plans to continue growing and expand our outreach to Sonoma County’s small businesses and nonprofits. We are pleased to welcome Tina to our experienced Commercial Lending Team. Tina began her banking career in 1996, and most recently served as Vice President and Commercial Banking Lender for Exchange Bank. Her extensive lending background with small businesses, agriculture and winery and vineyard lending is valuable in providing exceptional service to our customers and reinforces our commitment to the agricultural community in Sonoma County. Our plan is to be Sonoma County’s community bank well into the future,” said Jim Brush, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Tina holds a Business Administration and Finance Degree from Sonoma State University. She serves as a Board Member for the United Way of the Wine Country and Women’s Leadership Council. Tina is also actively involved with St. Eugene’s School. She enjoys spending time with her husband and two children as well as traveling, reading and drinking wine.

About Summit State Bank

Summit State Bank, a local community bank, has total assets of \$514 million and total equity of \$59 million at December 31, 2016. 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 County.

Summit State Bank’s workforce resembles the diverse community it serves. Presently, 80% of management are women and minorities with 40% represented on the Executive Management Team. Through the inclusion and engagement of its workforce, Summit State Bank has earned many prestigious awards including: Best Company to do Business with in Sonoma County; Best Places to Work in the North Bay; Super Performing Bank; and Top 75 Corporate Philanthropists in the San Francisco Bay. 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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