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### **Summit State Bank Welcomes Connie Lee as Vice President and Senior Commercial Underwriter**

**Santa Rosa, CA – (February 23, 2026)** – Summit State Bank is pleased to announce that Connie Lee has joined the Bank as Vice President and Senior Commercial Underwriter.

Connie brings nine years of commercial lending and underwriting experience with regional banks across the South and Southeast United States. She has worked closely with relationship managers to evaluate commercial credit opportunities, assess risk, and structure sound lending solutions that support long-term portfolio quality. Known for her attention to detail and steady judgment, Connie takes a disciplined and practical approach to underwriting. She also previously owned a small business, adding perspective to her understanding of the needs of business clients.

“Connie brings strong commercial credit experience and a practical understanding of business operations,” said Brian Reed, President and CEO of Summit State Bank. “Her thoughtful approach to underwriting and commitment to responsible growth will be a valuable asset to our lending team and the clients we serve.”

Originally from Arkansas, Connie recently relocated to California to be closer to her two sons. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and enjoys gardening, reading, and spending time with family.

#### **About Summit State Bank**

Founded in 1982 and headquartered in Sonoma County, Summit State Bank is an award-winning community bank serving the North Bay. The Bank serves small businesses, nonprofits, and the community, with total assets of \$1.0 billion and total equity of \$101 million as of December 31, 2025. The Bank has built its reputation over the past 40 years by specializing in providing exceptional customer service and customized financial solutions to aid in the success of its customers.

Summit State Bank is committed to embracing the diverse backgrounds, cultures and talents of its employees to create high performance and support the evolving needs of its customers and community it serves. Through the engagement of its team, Summit State Bank has received many esteemed awards including: Top Performing Community Bank by American Banker, Best Places to Work in the North Bay and Diversity in Business by North Bay Business Journal, Corporate Philanthropy Award by the San Francisco Business Times, and Hall of Fame by North Bay Biz Magazine. 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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