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New Assistant Manager at Summit State Bank's Petaluma Branch

Petaluma, CA – (August 4, 2008) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) names Mary Celestre as Assistant Branch Manager for its Petaluma location.

Mary Celestre comes to Summit State Bank from Sonoma National Bank in Petaluma, and most recently, Bank of Marin's San Rafael Branch. She held the position of Branch Manager at each location. With over 30 years experience in Marin and Sonoma Counties and bilingual Spanish skills, Ms. Celestre brings with her an in-depth understanding of the local business community.

Having been a Petaluma resident for nine years, Mary Celestre is also active in the community. Her long list of philanthropic activities includes the Petaluma Rotary, Petaluma Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement, and Petaluma Valley Hospital. She also served on the Board of Directors for the El Nido Teen Center for four years.

About Summit State Bank: Summit State Bank has total assets of \$334 million and total equity of \$48 million as of March 31, 2008. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. For more information about Summit State Bank visit www.summitstatebank.com or call 1-800-428-5008.

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