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Summit State Bank Names New Vice President of Commercial Real Estate

Santa Rosa, CA – (July 23, 2008) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) promotes Larry Lee to Vice President of Commercial Real Estate.

Larry Lee brings to Summit State Bank his extensive and diverse background in the commercial real estate markets. At Summit State Bank, Mr. Lee will lead the commercial real estate loan portfolio management team. Prior to coming to the Bank, Mr. Lee was responsible for loan production and portfolio management at Lincoln National Corporation for all states west of the Mississippi River. As Vice President and Regional Manager, his loan portfolio totaled approximately \$5 billion.

In addition to his commercial real estate lending experience, Larry Lee also has an extensive military background. In 1969, he graduated from the Naval Officer Training Command in Newport, Rhode Island. Serving in the Navy and Naval Reserve, he rose to the rank of Commander before retiring in 1981.

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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