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Summit State Bank Hires New Petaluma Branch Manager

Santa Rosa, CA – (July 25, 2008) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) announces Sandy Pariani as new Branch Manager for its Petaluma Branch located at 701 Sonoma Mountain Parkway.

Having pursued her banking career in the North Bay for over 30 years, Ms. Pariani comes to Summit State Bank with a comprehensive understanding of local business banking. Most recently, Ms. Pariani managed Bank of Petaluma's Petaluma Valley Office. In her new role, she will be heading up Summit State Bank's expanding presence across Southern Sonoma and Northern Marin Counties. Ms. Pariani steps into this position having worked in San Rafael for Bank of America, as well as, Santa Rosa with National Bank of the Redwoods and Wells Fargo.

Ms. Pariani has spent her entire life in the area, growing up in Novato and raising her family in Rohnert Park. "Rohnert Park is a great place to raise a family. It has great schools and parks located throughout the community. I really enjoy the paths along the creeks, which are perfect for taking a walk or riding a bike," she said.

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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