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Golden Valley Bank Reports Strong Earnings, Growth and Dividend

CHICO, Calif. - Golden Valley Bank (OTCBB: [GVYB](#)), headquartered in Chico, California today reported first quarter 2016 net profit of \$366,481, a 2.6% increase over the first quarter of 2015. This marks the 30th consecutive quarter of profitability for the Bank going back seven and one half years.

First Quarter 2016 financial highlights included:

- Assets up \$12.1 million to \$182.1 million, or 7.1%, over the first quarter of 2015
- Loans up \$9.0 million to \$115.2 million, or 8.5%, over the first quarter of 2015
- Deposits up \$10.5 million to \$152.7 million, or 7.4%, over the first quarter of 2015
- First quarter dividend of \$0.05 declared, payable April 15, 2016 to shareholders of record as of April 4, 2016

In April of 2006, Golden Valley Bank was organized for the purpose of providing independent banking services to the people of Chico and surrounding communities. President and CEO Mark Francis commented, "We're excited about celebrating our 10th anniversary throughout the year. We are proud of our accomplishments and ten years later, we are still safe and secure, reinvesting in our community, serving our shareholders and helping our customers reach their financial dreams through **ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE.**"

The founders set out to build an exceptionally safe and strong bank capable of withstanding the most adverse economic downturns. Golden Valley Bank is rated by Bauer Financial as Five-Star "Superior" for strong financial performance, the top rating given by the independent bank rating firm, and recently the Bank was designated as a "Super Premier" performing bank by Findley and Associates based on the 2015 operating results. This is the fourth consecutive year the Bank has received this highest ranking given by Findley.

Asset quality continues to be excellent as less than one-tenth of one percent of total assets are considered to be non-performing. By comparison, the industry average was 1.10% of total assets for the Bank's national peer group, based on data provided as of December 31, 2015 (the most recent data available). The company has set aside \$1.8 million in loan loss reserves to protect it from future economic uncertainties.

Golden Valley continues to be a well capitalized bank and far exceeds minimum regulatory requirements. More complete financial information can be viewed on the Bank's website at www.goldenvalleybank.com.

Golden Valley Bank is a locally owned and operated commercial bank serving the needs of individuals and businesses in northern California. The Bank has a full service office in Chico, California and a Loan Production Office in Redding, California. For more information regarding the bank please call at (530) 894-1000 or visit www.goldenvalleybank.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements concerning future performance, developments or events, expectations for growth and income forecasts, and any other guidance on future periods, constitute forward-looking statements that are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results are pre-fiscal year-end audit and may differ materially from stated expectations. Specific factors include, but are not limited to, loan production, balance sheet management, expanded net interest margin, the ability to control costs and expenses, interest rate changes and financial policies of the United States government and general economic conditions. The Bank disclaims any obligation to update any such factors.

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