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**Sierra Vista Bank Reports 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Profitability and \$105 Million in Assets**

FOLSOM, Calif., February 2, 2010 - Sierra Vista Bank (OTCBB: SVBA) announced after 33 months of operations the Bank has reached its first Quarter of profitability noting the Bank had profits in each of the three months in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2009. The company earned \$36,187 in the Quarter ended December 31, 2009. This is compared to a loss of \$1.3 million in the same period of 2008. Lesya Fynes EVP/CFO stated, "This is truly a milestone for the Bank, to reach monthly profitability on a core earnings basis for three months in a row." The company has reached a size where on a monthly basis the Bank is earning enough revenues to cover its non-interest expenses, including a provision to the loan loss reserve deemed appropriate for the current challenging economic lending environment. "It is a priority for the Bank to strengthen its loan loss reserve in these times of economic uncertainty" stated Greg Patton, President/CEO.

Total revenues for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2009 were \$1.2 million compared to \$522,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2008.

The Bank ended the year with \$105.0 million in assets compared to \$69.5 million at December 31, 2008 for total growth of \$35.5 million or 51.1%. Deposits increased to \$87.7 million at December 31, 2009 compared to \$54.7 million at December 31, 2008 for total deposit growth of \$33.0 million or 60.3% annual growth. Loan totals grew to \$77.4 million at December 31, 2009 compared to \$48.9 million at December 31, 2008 for total loan growth of \$28.5 million or 58.3%. Greg Patton commented, "The Bank actually made 265 loans in 2009 totaling \$70.3 million which included renewals. While the lending climate has changed and the underwriting standards have increased, we have found credit worthy loans in our area, thus, we've had the opportunity to lend to and support our local customer base".

The total loan loss expense for 2009 was \$1.7 million and consisted of charged off loans totaling \$1.1 million, as well as the loan loss provision of approximately \$600,000. The Bank continues to

aggressively pursue the collection of these loan charge offs. The Bank did have loan recoveries totaling \$14,000 for the year 2009.

The Bank had no past due loans at December 31, 2009 and non-accrual loans totaled \$932,000. The majority of the non-accrual loans were one single family residence which is currently listed for sale and, while the loan is on non-accrual, the borrower is still making payments to the Bank.

The net loss for the year totaled \$1.98 million compared to a loss for 2008 of \$2.58 million.

While the current environment will provide continued challenges in the lending area, the Bank believes it is positioned to handle those challenges and continue to grow and maintain its core earnings base.

### **About Sierra Vista Bank**

Sierra Vista Bank is a locally owned community bank headquartered at 1710 Prairie City Road in Folsom, California since March 2007 and has a branch located in the Sam's Town Center in Cameron Park. The Bank prides itself on serving the financial needs of small businesses and professionals in Folsom and throughout the Highway 50 Corridor while remaining committed to community philanthropy. Additional information about Sierra Vista Bank can be found at [www.sierravistabank.com](http://www.sierravistabank.com) or by calling (916) 850-1500.

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**Sierra Vista Bank**  
**Financial Highlights – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009**  
(Unaudited)

<b>Balance Sheet (000's)</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>%</b>
<i>December 31<sup>st</sup></i>			
Total Assets	\$105,014	\$69,515	51%
Total Loans (Gross)	77,440	48,937	58%
Total Deposits	87,708	54,744	60%

<b>Income Statement</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>%</b>
<i>For the 3 Months Ended December 31<sup>st</sup></i>			
Interest Income	\$1,363,538	\$908,162	50%
Interest Expense	325,385	402,679	-19%
Net Interest Income	1,038,153	505,483	105%
Provision for Loan Losses	184,000	315,000	-42%
Non-Interest Income	190,930	(483,248)	140%
Non-Interest Expense	1,008,896	1,046,176	-4%
Net Income (Loss)	36,187	(1,338,941)	103%

<b>Income Statement</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>%</b>
<i>For the 12 Months Ended December 31<sup>st</sup></i>			
Interest Income	\$4,625,704	\$2,790,697	66%
Interest Expense	1,370,272	1,112,201	23%
Net Interest Income	3,255,432	1,678,497	94%
Provision for Loan Losses	1,689,000	634,000	166%
Non-Interest Income	673,155	(448,508)	250%
Non-Interest Expense	4,221,556	3,171,179	33%
Net Income (Loss)	(1,981,968)	(2,575,190)	-23%

<b>Ratios</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<i>December 31<sup>st</sup></i>		
Leverage Ratio	9.33%	15.21%
Tier 1 Risk-Based Capital	11.20%	19.18%
Total Risk-Based Capital	12.45%	20.43%
Loans to Deposits	88.29%	89.39%