

## River Valley Community Bancorp Announces 1st Quarter Record Earnings (Unaudited)

Yuba City, California, April 17, 2018 – River Valley Community Bancorp (OTC markets: RVCB) with its wholly owned subsidiary, River Valley Community Bank (collectively referred to as the "Bank"), today announced financial results for the guarter ended March 31, 2018.

## Consolidated financial highlights:

- Net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 totaled \$823,000 or \$0.33 per diluted share, compared to \$629,000 or \$0.26 per diluted share for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 and \$512,000 or \$0.21 per diluted share for the quarter ended December 31, 2017.
- Total assets as of March 31, 2018 were \$346.1 million compared to \$319.4 million as of March 31, 2017 and \$334.0 million as of December 31, 2017.
- Net interest income totaled \$2.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$2.1 million for the quarters ended March 31 and December 31, 2017.

## Selected Consolidated Financial Information - Unaudited (amounts in thousands, except per share data)

|   | Mar 31,<br>2018 |    | Dec 31,<br>2017 |    | Sep 30,<br>2017 |    | Jun 30,<br>2017 |    | Mar 31,<br>2017 |  |
|---|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|--|
| Total investment securities             | \$<br>152,572   | \$ | 128,836         | \$ | 145,424         | \$ | 149,189         | \$ | 150,226         |  |
| Total loans, gross                      | 138,098         |    | 142,588         |    | 139,554         |    | 136,041         |    | 131,440         |  |
| Allowance for loan losses               | (2,003)         |    | (2,000)         |    | (2,058)         |    | (2,056)         |    | (1,999)         |  |
| Total assets                            | 346,096         |    | 333,982         |    | 337,085         |    | 321,567         |    | 319,380         |  |
| Total deposits                          | 265,485         |    | 255,105         |    | 237,108         |    | 233,318         |    | 242,119         |  |
| Borrowings                              | 50,000          |    | 50,000          |    | 71,000          |    | 60,000          |    | 50,000          |  |
| Total shareholders' equity              | 28,552          |    | 28,119          |    | 28,132          |    | 27,597          |    | 26,170          |  |
| Loan to deposit ratio                   | 52%             |    | 56%             |    | 59%             |    | 58%             |    | 54%             |  |
| Book value per common share             | \$<br>11.93     | \$ | 11.74           | \$ | 11.74           | \$ | 11.55           | \$ | 10.96           |  |
| Subsidiary Bank's Tier 1 leverage ratio | 8.29%           |    | 8.23%           |    | 8.33%           |    | 8.19%           |    | 8.08%           |  |

Total gross loans were \$138.1 million as of March 31, 2018, which represents an increase of \$6.7 million or 5.1% from \$131.4 million as of March 31, 2017. Total deposits of \$265.5 million as of March 31, 2018 represent an increase of \$23.4 million or 9.7% from \$242.1 million as of March 31, 2017.

## Selected Consolidated Financial Information - Unaudited (continued) (amounts in thousands, except per share data)

|  | Mar 31,<br>2018 |            | Dec 31,<br>2017 |               | Sep 30,<br>2017 |            | Jun 30,<br>2017 |             | Mar 31,<br>2017 |             |
|--|-----------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Net interest income<br>Provision for loan losses | \$              | 2,362<br>- | \$              | 2,145<br>(60) | \$              | 2,297<br>- | \$              | 2,186<br>55 | \$              | 2,123<br>70 |
| Net income                                       |                 | 823        |                 | 512           |                 | 720        |                 | 711         |                 | 629         |
| Earnings per share - basic                       | \$              | 0.34       | \$              | 0.21          | \$              | 0.30       | \$              | 0.30        | \$              | 0.26        |
| Earnings per share - diluted                     | \$              | 0.33       | \$              | 0.21          | \$              | 0.29       | \$              | 0.29        | \$              | 0.26        |
| Net interest margin                              |                 | 2.92%      |                 | 2.64%         |                 | 2.88%      |                 | 2.81%       |                 | 2.80%       |
| Net interest margin - tax equivalent             |                 | 2.94%      |                 | 2.70%         |                 | 2.96%      |                 | 2.90%       |                 | 2.91%       |
| Efficiency ratio                                 |                 | 54.85%     |                 | 53.96%        |                 | 53.71%     |                 | 51.26%      |                 | 54.20%      |
| Return on average assets                         |                 | 0.97%      |                 | 0.60%         |                 | 0.87%      |                 | 0.87%       |                 | 0.79%       |
| Return on average equity                         |                 | 11.77%     |                 | 7.13%         |                 | 10.23%     |                 | 10.62%      |                 | 9.90%       |

Net interest income of \$2.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 is an increase of \$239,000 or 11.3% from the quarter ended March 31, 2017 and an increase of \$217,000 or 10.1% from the quarter ended December 31, 2017. As a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law in December 2017, the Bank's effective tax rate decreased from approximately 41% for the year ended December 31, 2017 to approximately 28% for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, resulting in a significant decrease in income tax expense.

CFO Michael Finn stated, "As expected, the Bank's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter earnings experienced a significant benefit due to tax reform, which lowered the Bank's federal tax rate to 21%. Additionally, interest income from loans and investment securities increased from the same quarter in the prior year by 14% and 15%, respectively."

CEO John M. Jelavich commented, "We are pleased with our record quarterly earnings and nearly 12% return on equity we achieved in the first quarter of 2018. Our core deposits as well as loans have shown solid growth over the past year and we continue to remain encouraged by the momentum we have established in our markets. While new loan volume has been a bit slow to start the year, we have seen recent strength in our pipeline and expect loan growth to occur over the balance of the year. Our strong efficiency ratio and balance sheet position us favorably to remain competitive in our markets while also generating solid returns for our shareholders."

The Bank is rated "5-Star Superior" by Bauer Financial and serves its customer base through its offices located at:

- 1629 Colusa Avenue, Yuba City, CA
- 426 Sutton Way, Grass Valley, CA

The Bank offers a full suite of competitive products, services, and banking technology. For more information please visit our website at <a href="https://www.myrvcb.com">www.myrvcb.com</a> or contact John M. Jelavich at 530-821-2469.

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