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OAK VALLEY COMMUNITY BANK ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT OFFICER

OAKDALE, CA – Oak Valley Bancorp (NASDAQ: OVLY) (the Company), the bank holding company for Oak Valley Community Bank and their Eastern Sierra Community Bank division recently announced that Jose Sabala joined the bank as Vice President, Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Officer. He is based out of the bank's Oakdale Headquarters.

Sabala has over 15 years of banking experience. In this role, he will be responsible for evaluating new community development opportunities in the cities served by the bank. This will include identification of businesses and non-profits with borrowing needs in underserved areas within the bank's footprint. Through CRA, financial institutions are encouraged to meet the credit needs of local communities, which include low and moderate-income individuals, families, businesses, and neighborhoods.



"We are excited to have Jose on board," stated Janis Powers, EVP Risk Management. His knowledge, active involvement in the community, and local partnerships will be great assets to the bank. Jose is highly recognized in the community. His leadership and banking experience will be an integral part of enhancing future community-based opportunities as the bank continues to grow."

Jose is a current member of South Modesto Partnerships, Stanislaus County New Leadership Network, Central Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, City Ministry Network, and Love Our Cities. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from The University of Phoenix. In his free time, he enjoys watching football and vacationing with his family. He resides in Keyes with his wife and children.

Oak Valley Bancorp operates Oak Valley Community Bank & Eastern Sierra Community Bank, through which it offers a variety of loan and deposit products to individuals and small businesses. They currently operate through 16 conveniently located branches: Oakdale, Turlock, Stockton, Patterson, Ripon, Escalon, Manteca, Tracy, two branches in Sonora, three branches in Modesto, a loan production office in Downtown Sacramento, and three branches in their Eastern Sierra division, which includes Bridgeport, Mammoth Lakes and Bishop.

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