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CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY BANCORP INCLUDED IN SANDLER O'NEILL'S LIST OF TOP STOCK INVESTMENT IDEAS FOR 2010

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA…January 11, 2010…The Board of Directors of Central Valley Community Bancorp (Company) (NASDAQ: CVCY), the parent company of Central Valley Community Bank (Bank), is pleased to report that the investment banking firm Sandler O'Neill + Partners, L.P. has listed the Company's stock in their Top Investment Ideas for 2010 report, released January 7, 2010.

The report notes that Central Valley Community Bancorp "has remained profitable by successfully navigating the economic downturn that has tended to result in high credit losses for many of its competitors. Key factors have been the company's smaller construction loan concentration relative to competitors and the credit strength of its C&I loan book." A complete copy of the report is available by contacting Mark Fitzgibbon, 212-466-7925 or Tim O'Brien, 415- 978-5033. You can also request a copy via email at research@sandleroneill.com or you can click here for PDF report.

"We are pleased to have been included in the Sandler O'Neill + Partners, L.P. 'Top Investment Ideas for 2010' report on the eve of our Company's 30th anniversary in business. These occurrences are a testament of our steady, sensible growth and adherence to the long-term strategy of providing value to our stockholders. Additionally, coverage on our Company such as represented in this report is helpful to allow investors to see the value of the Company by increasing the visibility of our stock," said Daniel J. Doyle, President and CEO of Central Valley Community Bancorp and Central Valley Community Bank.

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Central Valley Community Bancorp trades on the NASDAQ stock exchange under the symbol CVCY. Central Valley Community Bank, headquartered in Fresno, California, was founded in 1979 and is the sole subsidiary of Central Valley Community Bancorp. Central Valley Community Bank currently operates 16 offices in Clovis, Fresno, Kerman, Lodi, Madera, Merced, Oakhurst, Prather, Sacramento, Stockton, Tracy, and a loan production office in Modesto, California. Additionally, the Bank operates Commercial Real Estate Lending, SBA Lending and Agribusiness Lending Departments. Investment services are provided by Investment Centers of America and insurance services are offered through Central Valley Community Insurance Services, LLC. Members of Central Valley Community Bancorp's and the Bank's Board of Directors are: Daniel N. Cunningham (Chairman), Sidney B. Cox, Edwin S. Darden, Jr., Daniel J. Doyle, Steven D. McDonald, Louis McMurray, William S. Smittcamp, Joseph B. Weirick and Wanda L. Rogers (Director Emeritus). More information about Central Valley Community Bancorp and Central Valley Community Bank can be found at www.cvcb.com

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