Cornerstone Community Bancorp Reports Financial Results For the Second Quarter Ended June 30, 2023

Red Bluff, CA – July 25, 2023 – Cornerstone Community Bancorp (**OTC Pink: CRSB**) announced today its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2023.

The Company reported net income of \$1,864,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2023 compared to net income of \$1,706,000 for the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share were \$1.22 for the three months ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$1.12 for the same period last year.

The return on average assets for the three months ended June 30, 2023 was 1.20% and the return on average equity was 19.71%. The tax-equivalent net interest margin was 3.73% for the three months ended June 30, 2023 compared to 3.32% for the same period last year.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company reported net income of \$3,559,000 compared to net income of \$3,381,000 for the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share were \$2.34 for the six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$2.21 for the same period last year.

The return on average assets for the six months ended June 30, 2023 was 1.16% and the return on average equity was 19.47%.

President and CEO, Matt Moseley stated, "I am proud of Cornerstone's performance as our team continues to work hard to meet the financial needs of our customers and our community."

Net Interest Income

Net interest income increased to \$5,541,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$4,605,000 for the same quarter last year. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, net interest income increased to \$10,720,000 compared to \$8.955,000 for the same period last year.

Provision for credit losses on loans

The Company recorded a \$220,000 provision for credit losses on loans during the three months ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$55,000 for the same period last year. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company recorded a \$330,000 provision for credit losses compared to \$73,000 for the same period last year.

Non-Interest Income

Non-interest income for the quarter ended June 30, 2023 was \$353,000 compared to \$266,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2022. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, noninterest income was \$662,000 compared to \$530,000 for the same period last year.

Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest expense was \$3,085,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$2,426,000 for the same period last year. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, non-interest expense was \$6,108,000 compared to \$4,669,000 for the same period last year.

Balance Sheet

Total loans, net of unearned income, at June 30, 2023 were \$447.3 million compared to \$399.2 million at June 30, 2022.

Total deposits were \$569.3 million at June 30, 2023 compared to total deposits of \$539.6 million at June 30, 2022.

Credit Quality

The allowance for credit losses on loans was \$5,617,000, or 1.26% of loans, net of unearned income, at June 30, 2023, compared to \$5,132,000, or 1.29% of loans, net of unearned income, at June 30, 2022. Nonperforming assets totaled \$233,000 at June 30, 2023. There were no nonperforming assets at June 30, 2022.

Capital

At June 30, 2023, shareholders' equity totaled \$38.3 million compared to \$31.7 million at June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2023, the Company's book value per common share was \$25.89 compared to \$21.51 at June 30, 2022.

At June 30, 2023, the Bank's estimated total risk-based capital ratio was 12.89% and its tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets ratio was 11.77%. The Bank remains well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action.

About Cornerstone Community Bancorp

Cornerstone Community Bancorp, a bank holding company headquartered in Red Bluff, California, serves the Red Bluff, Redding and Anderson communities through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cornerstone Community Bank with a headquarters office in Red Bluff, two banking offices in Redding and one in Anderson. The Bank provides commercial banking services to small and mid-size businesses, including professional service firms, real estate developers and investors and not-for-profit organizations and to their owners and other individuals. Additional information about the Bank is available on its website at www.bankcornerstone.com

Forward-Looking Statements

This release may contain certain forward-looking statements that are based on management's current expectations regarding economic, legislative, and regulatory issues that may impact

Cornerstone Community Bancorp's earnings in future periods. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They often include the words "believe," "expect," "intend," "estimate" or words of similar meaning, or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "could" or "may." Factors that could cause future results to vary materially from current management expectations include, but are not limited to, natural disasters (such as wildfires and earthquakes), pandemics such as COVID-19 and the economic impact caused directly by the disease and by government responses thereto, general economic conditions, economic uncertainty in the United States and abroad, changes in interest rates, deposit flows, real estate values, costs or effects of acquisitions, competition, changes in accounting principles, policies or guidelines, legislation or regulation (including the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act of 2022), interruptions of utility service in our markets for sustained periods, and other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory and technological factors (including external fraud and cybersecurity threats) affecting Cornerstone Community Bancorp's operations, pricing, products and services. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Except as required by law, Cornerstone Community Bancorp does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent circumstances or events.

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	06/30/23		03/31/23		12/31/22		09/30/22		06/30/22	
ASSETS										
Cash and due from banks	\$	8,482	\$	7,365	\$	5,628	\$	6,011	\$	5,230
Federal funds sold	ψ	0,402	φ	124	Φ	123	φ	122	ψ	121
Interest-bearing deposits		34,076		44,706		25,212		57,618		48,277
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value		93,889		95,139		94,435		95,511		102,692
Loans held for sale		95,889						- 95,511		102,092
Loans, net of unearned income		447,339		431,475		420,415		400,480		399,156
Allowance for credit losses on loans		(5,617)		(5,397)		(5,159)		(5,172)		(5,132)
Loans, net	-	441,722		426,079		415,256		395,308		394,024
Premises and equipment, net		14,492		14,492		14,601		14,671		14,691
Other assets		29,724		28,906		27,326		21,261		20,588
Total assets	\$	622,385	\$	616,812	\$	582,581	\$	590,502	\$	585,623
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LIABILITIES										
Deposits:										
Demand noninterest-bearing	\$	109,775	\$	125,008	\$	126,946	\$	129,236	\$	130,249
Demand interest-bearing		179,508		165,203		136,655		138,630		131,623
Money market and savings		177,976		180,996		182,787		201,316		201,106
Time deposits		101,991		94,542		88,430		76,121		76,576
Total deposits		569,250		565,749		534,818		545,303		539,554
Borrowings and other obligations		-		-		-		-		-
Subordinated debentures		11,756		11,750		11,744		11,738		11,732
Interest payable and other liabilities		3,070		2,954		2,755		2,892		2,631
Total liabilities		584,076		580,452		549,317		559,933		553,917
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY										
Common stock		15,140		15,113		15,075		14,964		15,079
Retained Earnings		33,827		31,963		30,294		28,368		26,432
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(10,658)		(10,716)		(12,105)		(12,763)		(9,805)
Total shareholders' equity		38,309		36,360		33,264		30,569		31,706
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	622,385	\$	616,812	\$	582,581	\$	590,502	\$	585,623
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Total equity / total assets		6.16%		5.89%		5.71%		5.18%		5.41%
Book value per share	\$	25.89	\$	24.57	\$	22.48	\$	20.81	\$	21.51
Shares Outstanding		1,479,862		1,479,862	1	,479,862	1	,469,091	1	,474,091

	Three months ended					Six Months Ended					
		06/30/23		03/31/23		06/30/22		06/30/23	06/30/22		
INTEREST INCOME											
Loans	\$	5,955	\$	5,551	\$	4,485	\$	11,506 \$	8,833		
Federal funds sold	Ψ	2	Ψ	1	Ψ	-	Ψ	3	-		
Investment securities		734		724		464		1,458	835		
Other		667		467		146		1,134	204		
Total interest income		7,358		6,744		5,095		14,101	9,872		
INTEREST EXPENSE											
Deposits:											
Interest-bearing demand		209		247		64		456	110		
Money market and savings		675		579		147		1,254	264		
Time deposits		784		589		131		1,373	238		
Other		149		149		148		298	305		
Total interest expense		1,817		1,564		490		3,381	917		
Net interest income		5,541		5,180		4,605		10,720	8,955		
Provision for credit losses on loans Net interest income after provision		220		110		55		330	73		
for credit losses		5,321		5,070		4,550		10,390	8,882		
NON-INTEREST INCOME											
Service charges on deposit accounts		75		62		62		137	133		
Gain on sale of loans		-		-		-		-	-		
Gain (loss) on sale of other real estate owned		-		-		-		-	-		
Gain (loss) on sale of securities		-		-		-		-	-		
Other non-interest income		278		247		204		525	397		
Total non-interest income		353		310		266		662	530		
OPERATING EXPENSES											
Salaries and benefits		1,668		1,649		1,219		3,317	2,365		
Premises and fixed assets		266		313		194		579	385		
Other		1,151		1,061		1,013		2,212	1,919		
Total operating expenses		3,085		3,024		2,426		6,108	4,669		
Income before income taxes		2,589		2,355		2,390		4,944	4,743		
Income taxes		725		660		684		1,385	1,362		
NET INCOME	\$	1,864	\$	1,695	\$	1,706	\$	3,559 \$	3,381		
EARNINGS PER SHARE											
Basic earnings per share	\$	1.26	\$	1.15	\$	1.16	\$	2.41 \$	2.30		
Diluted earnings per share	\$	1.22	\$	1.11	\$	1.12	\$	2.34 \$	2.21		
Average common shares outstanding		1,479,862		1,479,862		1,472,168		1,479,862	1,470,721		
Average common and equivalent											
shares outstanding		1,522,072		1,525,267		1,529,540		1,523,716	1,530,890		
PERFORMANCE MEASURES											
Return on average assets		1.20%		1.13%		1.18%		1.16%	1.17%		
Return on average equity		19.71%		19.20%		20.33%		19.47%	19.23%		
Tax-equivalent net interest margin		3.73%		3.65%		3.32%		3.69%	3.25%		
Efficiency ratio		52.34%		55.09%		49.80%		53.66%	49.23%		