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FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013.

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO .

Commission file number: 000-32987

UNITED SECURITY BANCSHARES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CALIFORNIA

91-2112732

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2126 Inyo Street, Fresno, California

93721

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (559) 248-4943

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Common Stock, no par value on Nasdaq

(Title of Class)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: NONE

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every

Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrants knowledge, in the definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Small reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

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Aggregate market value of the Common Stock held by non-affiliates as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter - June 30, 2013: \$43,148,493

Shares outstanding as of February 28, 2014: 14,799,888

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Certain portions of the Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2014 Meeting of Part III, Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Shareholders is incorporated by reference into Part III.

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PART 1

Certain matters discussed or incorporated by reference in this Annual Report of Form 10-K including, but not limited to, those described in "Item 7 - Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations", are forward-looking statements as defined under the Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, (1) competitive pressure in the banking industry increases significantly; (2) changes in the interest rate environment which may reduce margins and devalue assets; (3) general economic conditions, either nationally or regionally, are less favorable than expected, resulting in, among other things, a deterioration in credit quality; (4) changes in the regulatory environment; (5) failure to comply with the regulatory agreement under which the Company is subject; (6) changes in business conditions and inflation; (7) changes in securities markets; (8) asset/liability matching risks and liquidity risks; (9) potential impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets; (10) loss of key personnel; and (11) operational interruptions including data processing systems failure and fraud. Therefore, the information set forth therein should be carefully considered when evaluating the business prospects of the Company.

Item 1 - Business

General

United Security Bancshares (the "Company") is a California corporation incorporated during March of 2001 and is registered with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended. The Company's stock is listed on NASDAQ under the symbol "UBFO". United Security Bank (the "Bank") is a wholly-owned bank subsidiary of the Company and was formed in 1987. United Security Bancshares Capital Trust I (the "Trust") was formed during June of 2001 as a Delaware business trust for the sole purpose of issuing Trust Preferred securities. The Trust was originally formed as a subsidiary of the Company, but was deconsolidated during 2004 pursuant to the adoption of ASC 810 (as revised), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities." During July 2007, the Trust Preferred Securities issued under USB Capital Trust I were redeemed, and upon retirement, the USB Capital Trust I was dissolved. During July 2007, the Company formed United Security Bancshares Capital Trust II and issued \$15.0 million in Trust Preferred Securities with terms similar to those originally issued under USB Capital Trust I, except at a lower interest rate. At present, the Company does not engage in any material business activities other than ownership of the Bank.

United Security Bank

On June 12, 2001, the Bank became the wholly-owned subsidiary of United Security Bancshares through a tax-free holding company reorganization, accounted for on a basis similar to the pooling of interest method. In the transaction, each share of Bank stock was exchanged for a share of Company stock on a one-to-one basis.

The Bank is a California state-chartered bank headquartered in Fresno, California. It is also a member of the Federal Reserve System ("Fed member"). The Bank originally commenced business on December 21, 1987, as a national bank and, during the fourth quarter of 1998, filed an application with the California Department of Financial Institutions and other regulatory authorities to become a state-chartered bank. The shareholders approved the conversion in January of 1999, and the Bank was granted approval to operate as a state-chartered bank on February 3, 1999. The Bank's operations are currently subject to federal and state laws applicable to state-chartered, Fed member banks, and its deposits are insured up to the applicable limits by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The Bank is also subject to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and regulatory reporting requirements of the FDIC. As a state-chartered bank and a member of the Federal Reserve System, the Bank is subject to supervision and regular

examinations by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (FRB) and the California Department of Financial Institutions (DFI). In addition, the Bank is required to file reports with the FRB and provide such additional information as the FRB may require.

USB Investment Trust Inc. was incorporated effective December 31, 2001 as a special purpose real estate investment trust (REIT) under Maryland law. The REIT is a subsidiary of the Bank and was funded with \$133.0 million in real estate-secured loans contributed by the Bank. USB Investment Trust was originally formed to give the Bank flexibility in raising capital, and reduce the expenses associated with holding the assets contributed to USB Investment Trust. For further discussion of the REIT, refer to Item 7 – Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Income Taxes.

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Effective April 23, 2004, the Company completed a merger with Taft National Bank headquartered in Taft, California. Taft National Bank (Taft) was merged into United Security Bank and Taft's two branches, one located in Taft and the other located in Bakersfield, California, operate as branches of United Security Bank. This transaction was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and resulted in the purchase price being allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed from Taft based on the fair value of those assets and liabilities, with resultant goodwill of \$1.6 million and core deposits intangibles of \$1.9 million. Goodwill is not amortized but is reviewed at least annually for impairment, while core deposit intangibles were amortized over a period of 7 years. At the time of the merger, the Company sought opportunities to expand its market area to the south with the expectation that the Bakersfield area would have significant growth given its strategic location just north of Los Angeles. The Company believes there was no impairment on either the goodwill or core deposit intangible related to the Taft merger.

On February 16, 2007, the Company completed its merger with Legacy Bank, N.A., located in Campbell, California, with the acquisition of 100 percent of Legacy's outstanding common shares. At the time of the merger, Legacy Bank's one branch was merged with and into United Security Bank, a subsidiary of the Company. The purchase of Legacy Bank provided the Company with an opportunity to expand its market area into Santa Clara County and to serve a growing small business niche and individual client base built by Legacy. The Company believes that as the economy continues to recover from the recent significant downturn, there will be increased opportunities to expand business within the greater Campbell area particularly in lending to small-to-medium sized businesses. The merger transaction was accounted for as a purchase transaction, and resulted in the purchase price being allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed from Legacy Bank based on the fair value of those assets and liabilities, with resultant goodwill of \$8.8 million and core deposits intangibles of \$1.9 million. Goodwill is not amortized but is reviewed at least annually for impairment, while core deposit intangibles are being amortized over a period of approximately 7 years. The Company recognized no impairment charges related to goodwill or core deposit intangibles for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

At December 31, 2013, the Bank operates three branches (including its main office), one construction lending office, and one financial services office in Fresno and one branch each, in Oakhurst, Caruthers, San Joaquin, Firebaugh, Coalinga, Bakersfield, Taft, and Campbell. In addition, the Company and Bank have administrative headquarters located at 2126 Inyo Street, Fresno, California, 93721. The Company operates as one operating segment.

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, the consolidated Company had total assets of approximately \$635,929,000, and \$648,877,000, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company reported net income of \$7,269,000, as compared to \$6,069,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012. At December 31, 2013, the consolidated Company had approximately \$384,025,000 in net loans, \$542,489,000 in deposits, and \$76,543,000 in shareholders' equity.

Effective March 23, 2010, United Security Bancshares (the "Company") and its wholly owned subsidiary, United Security Bank (the "Bank"), entered into a written agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (see "Regulatory Action" included below Supervision and Regulation for further information on terms of the written agreement). As a result of the agreement, the Company will, among other things, continue to focus its attention on reducing the level of problem assets while maintaining adequate liquidity and capital, and reducing its dependence on brokered and other wholesale deposits.

The Company had slowed its loan growth significantly during the economic downturn. Even though the economy has shown signs of improvement over the last two years, loan growth is still weak. Total loans declined 2.1% between December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012, and declined another 1.09% between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. During the same period, nonperforming assets and related loan losses also decreased. Nonperforming assets declined from \$57,074,000 at December 31, 2011, to \$47,073,000 at December 31, 2012 and to \$32,048,000 at December 31, 2013. Loan loss provisions totaled \$13,602,000 and \$1,019,000 for December 31, 2011, and December 31, 2012, respectively. A negative provision of \$1,098,000 was recorded during

the year ended December 31, 2013. The largest impact of nonperforming assets was in the real estate construction and development area with significant slowdowns in housing starts combined with swift and severe declines in housing prices in the Company's market area as well as the rest of the country during 2008 thru 2013. Management's focus over the past four years, as a result of the depressed economy as well as the recent agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank, has been to concentrate its efforts on reducing the level of nonperforming assets rather than developing new business and growing the loan portfolio. This has been challenging in an economic environment where real estate construction all but stopped in late 2008 and early 2009, and housing prices continued to decline quarter after quarter, while unemployment and other economic factors grew worse. Lending policies and procedures have been enhanced and exposure to real estate loans have been reduced. Loan modifications, including rate and maturity concessions, and forbearance agreements, have been utilized more frequently to minimize loss exposure in the loan portfolio.

While loan growth prior to 2007 was funded to some degree by brokered deposits and other wholesale funding sources, the current state of the economy and the financial condition of the Company have made it increasingly important to continue to

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develop core deposits and reduce the Company's dependence on brokered and other wholesale funding sources, including lines of credit with the Federal Reserve Bank and the FHLB. The Company increased its efforts early in 2009 to develop core deposit growth with employee training throughout the entire organization and a deposit-gathering program that incited employees to bring in new deposits from our local market area and establish more extensive relationships with our customers. The Company continues its deposit gathering program and committed additional resources to its efforts during 2010 including two full time employees dedicated to business development. As a result of the formal agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank issued in March 2010, the Bank has reduced its dependence on wholesale funding sources, including brokered deposits, to a level more in-line with peers.

While we still have a higher percentage of brokered deposits than peers at December 31, 2013, efforts to restructure the balance sheet through reducing the level of total assets, and specifically real estate loans, are proving successful. Total brokered deposits decreased from \$17,984,000 at December 31, 2012 to \$11,500,000 at December 31, 2013, representing a decrease of \$6,484,000, and the Company improved its liquidity positions with an increase in fed funds sold and other overnight investments of \$114,146,000 at December 31, 2011 to \$115,019,000 at December 31, 2013.

The following discussion of the Company's services should be read in conjunction with "MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS."

### Bank Services

As a state-chartered commercial bank, United Security Bank offers a full range of commercial banking services primarily to the business and professional community and individuals located in Fresno, Madera, Kern, and Santa Clara Counties.

The Bank offers a wide range of deposit instruments including personal and business checking accounts and savings accounts, interest-bearing negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, money market accounts and time certificates of deposit. Most of the Bank's deposits are attracted from individuals and from small and medium-sized business-related sources. Time deposits have provided a significant portion of the Bank's deposit base amounting to 15.39% and 17.64% of total deposits at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. A portion of those time deposits are brokered deposits which are considered wholesale funding sources generally from out of the Bank's market area. Brokered deposits comprised 2.12% and 3.19% of total deposits at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. As a result of the formal agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank issued in March 2010, the Bank has reduced its dependence on wholesale funding sources, including brokered deposits, to a level more in-line with peers.

The Bank also engages in a full complement of lending activities, including real estate mortgage (49.9% of total loans at December 31, 2013), commercial and industrial (17.9% of total loans at December 31, 2013), real estate construction (22.0% of total loans at December 31, 2013), as well as agricultural (7.8% of total loans at December 31, 2013), and consumer loans (2.4% of total loans at December 31, 2013), with particular emphasis on short and medium-term obligations. Approximately 60% of the Bank's loans are secured by real estate at December 31, 2013. A loan may be secured (in whole or in part) by real estate even though the purpose of the loan is not to facilitate the purchase or development of real estate. At December 31, 2013, the Bank had loans (net of unearned fees) outstanding of \$395,013,000, which represented approximately 72.8% of the Bank's total deposits and approximately 62.1% of its total assets.

Real estate mortgage loans are secured by deeds of trust primarily on commercial property. Repayment of real estate mortgage loans is generally from the cash flow of the borrower. Commercial and industrial loans have a high degree of industry diversification. Loans may be originated in the Company's market area, or participated with other financial institutions outside the Company's market area. A substantial portion of the Company's commercial and industrial loans are secured by accounts receivable, inventory, leases or other collateral. The remainder are unsecured. However,



extensions of credit are predicated on the financial capacity of the borrower to repay. Repayment of commercial loans is generally from the cash flow of the borrower. Real estate construction loans consist of loans to residential contractors, which are secured by single-family residential properties. All real estate loans have established equity requirements. Repayment of real estate construction loans is generally from long-term mortgages with other lending institutions. Agricultural loans are generally secured by land, equipment, inventory and receivables. Repayment of agricultural loans is generally from the expected cash flow of the borrower.

Although the Bank has a high concentration of commercial real estate loans, the Bank is not in the business of making residential mortgage loans to individuals. Residential mortgage loans totaled \$52,036,000 or 13.16% of the portfolio at December 31, 2013. The Bank does not originate, or have in its loans portfolio, any subprime, Alt-A, or option adjustable rate loans. The Bank does originate interest-only loans which are generally revolving lines of credit to commercial and agricultural businesses or for real estate development where the borrowers business may be seasonal or cash flows may be restricted until

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the completion of the project. In addition, the Bank has restructured certain loans to allow the borrower to continue to perform on the loan under a troubled debt restructuring plan.

The Bank does purchase loan participations from, and does sell loan participations to, other financial institutions. The underwriting standards for loan participations or purchases are the same as non-participated loans, and are subject to the same limitations, collateral requirements, and borrower requirements. The Bank has reduced its level of loan participations over the past several years. Loan participations purchased comprised 0.01% and 0.1% of the total loan portfolio at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Loan participations sold comprised 2.5% and 3.4% of the total loan portfolio at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. During the past year, participation lending activity has decreased and currently the Company is participating in few, if any, participation sales or purchases.

In the normal course of business, the Bank makes various loan commitments and incurs certain contingent liabilities. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, loan commitments of the Bank totaled \$65,272,000 and \$62,554,000, respectively, and letters of credit totaled \$2,001,000 and \$2,504,000, respectively. Of the \$65,272,000 in loan commitments outstanding at December 31, 2013, \$13,902,000 or 21.3% were for loans with maturities of one year or less. Due to the nature of the business of the Bank's customers, there are no seasonal patterns or absolute predictability to the utilization of unused loan commitments; therefore, the Bank is unable to forecast the extent to which these commitments will be exercised within the current year. The Bank does not believe that any such utilization will constitute a material liquidity demand. The Company does however have collateralized and uncollateralized lines of credit which could be utilized if such loan commitments were to be exercised in excess of normal expectations.

In addition to the loan and deposit services discussed above, the Bank also offers a wide range of specialized services designed to attract and service the needs of commercial customers and account holders. These services include online banking, safe deposit boxes, ATM services, payroll direct deposit, cashier's checks, traveler's checks, money orders, and foreign drafts. In addition, the Bank offers a variety of specialized financial services, including wealth management, employee benefit, insurance and loan products, as well as consulting services for a variety of clients. The Bank does not operate a trust department; however, it makes arrangements with its correspondent bank to offer trust services to its customers on request. Most of the Bank's business originates within Fresno, Madera, Kern, and Santa Clara Counties. Neither the Bank's business or liquidity is seasonal, and there has been no material effect upon the Bank's capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position as a result of federal, state or local environmental regulation.

## Lending Policies

The following is a summary of the Bank's loan policies.

**Loan Documentation** – All loan documentation is prepared by a centralized loan servicing department or by legal counsel based on the terms contained in the approved Credit Authorizations. The documentation, upon completion, is reviewed by a third party (Bank employee) in the loan servicing department prior to forwarding to the relationship managers, who then review the documents to ensure that they have been correctly prepared in accordance with the credit approval before execution by the borrowers.

**Purchased Participations** – The Bank independently underwrites, using the Bank's same guidelines for direct originations, and reviews the loan documentation of participation loans originated by other lenders for acceptability.

**Verification of Information** – The Bank, principally a commercial business lender, has not and does not make any "No Doc" or "Stated Income" loans. In the underwriting of a commercial loan request, the Bank performs an enterprise analysis of the financial information for trends, verifies major assets and liabilities, and obtains Dun and Bradstreet Credit reports on the entities and credit bureau reports on the principals of the entity. Regarding construction lending, the analysis has been enhanced to investigate and analyze real estate projects being financed by other lenders. The Company is not dependent on any individual customer, entity, or group of related entities for deposits nor have a significant percentage of loans to borrowers.

Unsecured - Whether unsecured or secured, guarantees are usually obtained from the principals or from 3<sup>rd</sup> party guarantors if necessary for additional financial support. Unsecured loans totaled \$46,982,000 and \$53,361,000 at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Historic policy on renewals - The renewal or extension of existing performing lines of credit or loans has not been changed; the credits are re-underwritten for the renewal period. The restructure of lines of credit or loans may occur based on the occurrence of pre-determined event or time, as part of the original underwriting. The renewal or restructuring of criticized credits has changed since the March 2010 FRB Agreement. The restructure or renewal is certified to the Board of Directors that the renewal is necessary to improve and protect the Bank's ultimate interest in

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the collection of the credit or maximize its potential for collection, that the renewal reflects prudent underwriting based on reasonable repayment terms and is adequately secured, that the Bank has performed a comprehensive credit analysis indicating the borrower has the willingness and ability to repay the debt as per the terms of the restructure plan and that the Bank's Loan Committee, designated by the Board, believes that the renewal will be repaid in accordance with the terms.

**Additional Loans to nonaccrual borrowers.** – The Bank as a general rule does not make additional loans to borrowers that are past due in principal or interest more than 90-days. However, in selected and limited instances as part of the workout or restructure of non-performing assets, to effect repayment, additional secured advances may be made.

**Lending Limits** – The Bank approves revolving lines of credit or loans for each borrower with terms and limits. Consideration is given for the aggregate direct borrowing exposure of the borrower, as well as, their indirect liability, plus the indirect liability of any guarantor. Overall, the Bank has established normal “House” lending limits at 50% of the Legal Lending Limit. The Legal Lending Limit is calculated for unsecured loans at 15% of total regulatory capital, and for secured loans at 25% of total regulatory capital. The Board of Directors must approve any borrowing relationship that exceeds the House Lending Limit.

### Competition and Market Share

The banking business in California generally, and in the market area served by the Company specifically, is highly competitive with respect to both loans and deposits. The Company competes for loans and deposits with other commercial banks, savings and loan associations, finance companies, money market funds, credit unions and other financial institutions, including a number that are substantially larger than the Company. Deregulation of the banking industry, increased competition from non-bank entities for the cash balances of individuals and businesses, and continuing developments in the computer and communications industries have had, and most likely will continue to have, a significant impact on the Company's competitive position. With the enactment of interstate banking legislation in California, bank holding companies headquartered outside of California will continue to enter the California market and provide competition for the Company. Additionally, with the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, traditional competitive barriers between insurance companies, securities underwriters, and commercial banks have been eased, allowing a greater number of financial intermediaries to offer a wider assortment of financial services. Many of the major commercial banks operating in the Company's market areas offer certain services such as trust and international banking services, which the Company does not offer directly. In addition, banks with larger capitalization have larger lending limits and are thereby able to serve larger customers.

The Company's primary market area at December 31, 2013 was located in Fresno, Madera, and Kern Counties, in which approximately 30 FDIC-insured financial institutions compete for business. Santa Clara County was added during February 2007 with the Legacy Bank acquisition, in which approximately 50 FDIC-insured financial institutions compete for business. The following table sets forth information regarding deposit market share and ranking by county as of June 30, 2013, which is the most current information available.

	Rank	Share
Fresno County	9th	3.64%
Madera County	10th	4.83%
Kern County	14th	1.09%
Total of Fresno, Madera, Kern Counties	12th	2.79%
Santa Clara County	44th	0.03%

### Supervision and Regulation

#### The Company

The Company is a bank holding company within the meaning of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "BHC Act"), and is registered as such with the FRB. A bank holding company is required to file with the FRB annual reports and other information regarding its business operations and those of its subsidiaries and is also subject to examination by the FRB.

The BHC Act requires, among other things, prior approval before acquiring, directly or indirectly, ownership or control of any voting shares of any bank, if after such acquisition it would directly or indirectly own or control more than 5% of the voting

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stock of that bank, unless it already owns a majority of the voting stock of that bank. The BHC Act also provides that the FRB shall not approve any acquisition that would result in or further the creation of a monopoly, or the effect of which may be substantially to lessen competition, unless the anticompetitive effects of the proposed transaction are clearly outweighed by the probable effect in meeting the convenience and needs of the community served.

Furthermore, under the BHC Act, a bank holding company is, with limited exceptions, prohibited from (i) acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any company which is not a bank or (ii) engaging in any activity other than managing or controlling banks. With the prior approval of the FRB, however, a bank holding company may own shares of a company engaged in activities which the FRB has determined to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be proper incident thereto. Amendments to the BHC Act expand the circumstances under which a bank holding company may acquire control of all or substantially all of the assets of a bank located outside the State of California.

The BHC Act requires a bank holding company to serve as a source of financial and managerial strength to its subsidiary banks. It is the FRB's policy that a bank holding company should stand ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital funds to subsidiary banks during periods of financial stress and should maintain the financial flexibility and capital raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting a subsidiary bank. Under certain conditions, the FRB may conclude that certain actions of a bank holding company, such as payment of cash dividends, would constitute unsafe and unsound banking practices because they violate the FRB's "source of strength" doctrine.

A bank holding company and its subsidiaries are prohibited from certain tie-in arrangements in connection with any extension of credit, sale or lease of property or furnishing of services. For example, with certain exceptions, a bank may not condition an extension of credit on a promise by its customer to obtain other services by it, its holding company or other subsidiaries, or on a promise by its customer not to obtain services from a competitor. In addition, federal law imposes certain restrictions between the Company and its subsidiaries, including the Bank. As an affiliate of the Bank, the Company is subject, with certain exceptions, to provisions of federal law imposing limitations on, and requiring collateral for, extensions of credit by the Bank to its affiliates.

As a public company, United Security Bancshares is subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act amends the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, and is intended to protect investors by, among other things, improving the reliability of financial reporting, increasing management accountability, and increasing the independence of Directors and the Company's external accountants.

The Company is subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which include but are not limited to the filing of annual, quarterly and other current reports with the SEC.

### The Bank

The Bank as a state-chartered bank and a member of the Federal Reserve, is subject to regulation, supervision and regular examination by the FRB, the California Department of Business Oversight (DBO) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB.) The Bank is subject to California law, insofar as they are not preempted by federal banking law. Deposits of the Bank are insured by the FDIC up to the applicable limits in an amount up to \$250,000 per customer, and, as such, the Bank is subject to the regulations of the FDIC and the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. As a consequence of the extensive regulation of commercial banking activities in California and the United States, the Bank's business is particularly susceptible to changes in California and federal legislation and regulation, which may have the effect of increasing the cost of doing business, limiting permissible activities or increasing competition.

Various other requirements and restrictions under the laws of the United States and the State of California affect the operations of the Bank. Federal and California statutes and regulations relate to many aspects of the Bank's operations,

including capital requirements and disclosure requirements to depositors and borrowers, requirements to maintain reserves against deposits, limitations on interest rates payable on deposits, loans, investments, and restrictions on borrowings and on payment of dividends. The DBO regulates the number and location of branch offices of a state-chartered bank, and may permit a bank to maintain branches only to the extent allowable under state law for state banks. California law presently permits a bank to locate a branch in any locality in the state. Additionally, California law exempts banks from California usury laws.

Capital Standards. The FRB has risk-based capital adequacy guidelines intended to provide a measure of capital adequacy that reflects the degree of risk associated with a banking organization's operations for both transactions reported on the balance sheet as assets, and transactions, such as letters of credit and recourse arrangements, which are reported as off-balance-sheet items. Under these guidelines, nominal dollar amounts of assets and credit equivalent amounts of off-balance-sheet items are

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multiplied by one of several risk adjustment percentages, which range from 0% for assets with low credit risk, such as certain U.S. government securities, to 100% for assets with relatively higher credit risk, such as business loans.

A banking organization's risk-based capital ratios are obtained by dividing its qualifying capital by its total risk-adjusted assets and off-balance-sheet items. The regulators measure risk-adjusted assets and off-balance-sheet items against both total qualifying capital (the sum of Tier 1 capital and limited amounts of Tier 2 capital) and Tier 1 capital. Tier 1 capital consists of common stock, retained earnings, noncumulative perpetual preferred stock and minority interests in certain subsidiaries, less most other intangible assets. Tier 2 capital may consist of a limited amount of the allowance for loan and lease losses and certain other instruments with some characteristics of equity. The inclusion of elements of Tier 2 capital is subject to certain other requirements and limitations of the federal banking agencies. Since December 31, 1992, the FRB and the FDIC have required a minimum ratio of qualifying total capital to risk-adjusted assets and off-balance-sheet items of 8%, and a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-adjusted assets and off-balance-sheet items of 4%.

In addition to the risk-based guidelines, the FRB requires banking organizations to maintain a minimum amount of Tier 1 capital to average total assets, referred to as the leverage ratio. For a banking organization rated in the highest of the five categories used by regulators to rate banking organizations, the minimum leverage ratio of Tier 1 capital to total assets is 3%. It is improbable; however, that an institution with a 3% leverage ratio would receive the highest rating by the regulators since a strong capital position is a significant part of the regulators' ratings. For all banking organizations not rated in the highest category, the minimum leverage ratio is 4%. In addition to these uniform risk-based capital guidelines and leverage ratios that apply across the industry, the FRB and FDIC have the discretion to set individual minimum capital requirements for specific institutions at rates significantly above the minimum guidelines and ratios.

A bank that does not achieve and maintain the required capital levels may be issued a capital directive by the FDIC to ensure the maintenance of required capital levels. As discussed above, the Company is required to maintain certain levels of capital, as is the Bank. The regulatory capital guidelines as well as the actual capitalization for the Bank and the Company as of December 31, 2013 are as follows:

	Requirement to be:		December 31, 2013	
	Adequately Capitalized	Well Capitalized	Company	Bank
Tier 1 leverage capital ratio	4.0%	5.0%	11.19%	11.43%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	4.0%	6.0%	15.93%	16.15%
Total risk-based capital ratio	8.0%	10.0%	11.19%	11.43%

In that the Bank is subject to a Consent Order with the FRB and DBO, the Bank is subject to additional capital guidelines. Under the Consent Order the Bank is required to maintain a ratio of tangible equity to tangible assets of 9.50%. The Bank at December 31, 2013 was in compliance with this requirements of the Consent Order.

**New Capital Rules.** On July 2, 2013, the FRB approved the final rules implementing the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's capital guidelines for U.S. banks. Under the final rules, minimum requirements will increase for both the quantity and quality of capital held by the Company. The rules include a new common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of 4.5% and a common equity Tier 1 capital conservation buffer of 2.5% of risk-weighted assets. The final rules also raise the minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets from 4.0% to 6.0% and require a minimum leverage ratio of 4.0%. The final rules also implement strict eligibility criteria for regulatory capital instruments. On July 9, 2013, the FDIC also approved, as an interim final rule, the regulatory capital requirements for U.S. banks, following the actions of the FRB. The FDIC's rule is identical in substance to the final rules issued by the FRB.



The phase-in period for the final rules will begin for the Company on January 1, 2015, with full compliance with all of the final rule's requirements phased in over a multi-year schedule. Management believes that as of December 31, 2013, the Company's capital levels would remain "well-capitalized" under the new rules.

Prompt Corrective Action. Federal banking agencies possess broad powers to take corrective and other supervisory action to resolve the problems of insured depository institutions, including those institutions that fall below one or more prescribed minimum capital ratios described above. An institution that, based upon its capital levels, is classified as well capitalized, adequately capitalized, or undercapitalized may be treated as though it were in the next lower capital category if the appropriate federal banking agency, after notice and opportunity for hearing, determines that an unsafe or unsound condition or an unsafe

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or unsound practice warrants such treatment. At each successive lower capital category, an insured depository institution is subject to more restrictions.

In addition to measures taken under the prompt corrective action provisions, commercial banking organizations may be subject to potential enforcement actions by the federal regulators for unsafe or unsound practices in conducting their businesses or for violations of any law, rule, regulation, or any condition imposed in writing by the agency or any written agreement with the agency. Enforcement actions may include the imposition of a conservator or receiver, the issuance of a cease-and-desist order that can be judicially enforced, the termination of insurance of deposits (in the case of a depository institution), the imposition of civil money penalties, the issuance of directives to increase capital, the issuance of formal and informal agreements, the issuance of removal and prohibition orders against institution-affiliated parties and the enforcement of such actions through injunctions or restraining orders based upon a judicial determination that the agency would be harmed if such equitable relief was not granted. Additionally, a holding company's inability to serve as a source of strength to its subsidiary banking organizations could serve as an additional basis for a regulatory action against the holding company.

**Premiums for Deposit Insurance.** The deposit insurance fund of the FDIC insures our customer deposits up to prescribed limits for each depositor. The Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 ("Reform Act") and the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Conforming Amendments Act of 2005 amended the insurance of deposits by the FDIC and collection of assessments from insured depository institutions for deposit insurance. The base assessment rates under the Reform Act ranged from \$0.02 to \$0.40 per \$100 of deposits annually. Implementing the Reform Act, the FDIC approved a final rule in 2006 and amended the rule in February 2009 that sets an insured depository institution's assessment rate on different factors that pose a risk of loss to the Deposit Insurance Fund, including the institution's recent financial ratios and supervisory ratings, and level of reliance on a significant amount of secured liabilities or significant amount of brokered deposits (except that the factor of brokered deposits will not be considered for well capitalized institutions that are not accompanied by rapid growth). The FDIC also in February 2009 set the assessment base rates to range between \$0.12 to \$0.16 per \$100 of insured deposits on an annual basis. In May 2009, the FDIC imposed a special assessment of 5 basis points on each insured depository institution's assets less its Tier 1 capital payable on September 30, 2009 with a ceiling of 10 basis points of an institution's domestic deposits. In November 2009, the FDIC approved a final rule to require all insured depository institutions including the Bank to prepay three years (and ratably expense over three years) of FDIC assessments in the fourth quarter of 2009, except in the event such prepayment is waived by the FDIC.

In October 2010, the FDIC under the Dodd-Frank Act adopted a new DIF restoration plan to ensure that the fund reserve ratio reaches 1.35% by September 30, 2020. Under the new restoration plan, the FDIC will forego the uniform three-basis point increase in initial assessment rates schedules for January 1, 2011 and maintain the current schedule of assessment rates. At least semi-annually, the FDIC will update its loss and income projections for the DIF and, if needed, increase or decrease assessment rates. On February 7, 2011, the FDIC adopted a final rule modifying the risk-based assessment system from a domestic deposit base to a scorecard based assessment system, effective April 1, 2011. Effective as of April 1, 2011, the Bank was categorized as a small institution as the Bank has less than \$10 billion in assets. The initial base assessment rates range from five to 35 basis points. After potential adjustments related to unsecured debt and brokered deposit balances, the final total assessment rates range from 2.5 to 45 basis points. Initial base assessment rates for small institutions ranged from five to 35 basis points. The Bank's assessment rate for 2011 fell at the high end of this range. Any material increase in assessments or the assessment rate could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows, depending on the amount of the increase. Furthermore, the FDIC is authorized to raise insurance premiums under certain circumstances.

In 2006, the Reform Act increased the deposit insurance limit for certain retirement plan deposit accounts from \$100,000 to \$250,000. The basic insurance limit for other deposits, including individuals, joint account holders,

businesses, government entities, and trusts, remained at \$100,000. The Reform Act also provided for the merger of the two deposit insurance funds administered by the FDIC, the Bank Insurance Fund (“BIF”) and the Savings Association Insurance Fund (“SAIF”), into the DIF. On October 3, 2008, the EESA temporarily raised the basic limit on federal deposit insurance coverage from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per depositor. While the basic deposit insurance limit was to have returned to \$100,000 after December 31, 2009, the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act extended the temporary increase in the standard maximum deposit insurance amount to \$250,000 per depositor through December 31, 2013, and the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act permanently raises the current standard maximum federal deposit insurance amount from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per qualified account.

In November 2008, the FDIC approved the final ruling establishing the Transaction Account Guarantee Program (“TAGP”) as part of the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (“TLGP”). Under this program, all non-interest bearing transaction accounts became fully guaranteed by the FDIC for the entire amount in the account. This unlimited coverage also extended to NOW (interest bearing deposit accounts) earning an interest rate no greater than 0.50% and all IOLTAs (lawyers’ trust accounts). TAGP was extended with the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act provides for unlimited deposit insurance for noninterest bearing transactions accounts (excluding NOW, but including IOLTAs) expiring on December 31, 2012.

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The FDIC is authorized to terminate a depository institution's deposit insurance upon a finding by the FDIC that the institution's financial condition is unsafe or unsound or that the institution has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices or has violated any applicable rule, regulation, order or condition enacted or imposed by the institution's regulatory agency. The termination of deposit insurance for the bank would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and/or cash flows.

Federal Home Loan Bank System. The Bank is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (the "FHLB-SF"). Among other benefits, each Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") serves as a reserve or central bank for its members within its assigned region. Each FHLB is financed primarily from the sale of consolidated obligations of the FHLB system. Each FHLB makes available loans or advances to its members in compliance with the policies and procedures established by the Board of Directors of the individual FHLB. The FHLB-SF utilizes a single class of stock with a par value of \$100 per share, which may be issued, exchanged, redeemed and repurchased only at par value. As an FHLB member, the Bank is required to own FHLB –SF capital stock in an amount equal to the greater of:

a membership stock requirement with an initial cap of \$25 million (100% of "membership asset value" as defined), or an activity based stock requirement (based on percentage of outstanding advances).

The FHLB – SF capital stock is redeemable on five years written notice, subject to certain conditions. At December 31, 2013 the Bank owned 19,784 shares of the FHLB-SF capital stock.

Federal Reserve. The FRB requires all depository institutions to maintain non-interest bearing reserves at specified levels against their transaction accounts and non-personal time deposits. At December 31, 2013, the Bank was in compliance with these requirements.

Federal Reserve Action against the Company and the Bank dated March 10, 2010

During March 2010, the Federal Reserve Bank took regulatory action against the Company and the Bank. As a result, effective March 23, 2010, United Security Bancshares (the "Company") and its wholly owned subsidiary, United Security Bank (the "Bank"), entered into a written agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company and the Bank agreed, among other things, to strengthen board oversight of management and the Bank's operations; submit an enhanced written plan to strengthen credit risk management practices and improve the Bank's position on the past due loans, classified loans, and other real estate owned; maintain a sound process for determining, documenting, and recording an adequate allowance for loan and lease losses; improve the management of the Bank's liquidity position and funds management policies; maintain sufficient capital at the Company and Bank level; and improve the Bank's earnings and overall condition. The Company and Bank have also agreed not to increase or guarantee any debt, purchase or redeem any shares of stock, declare or pay any cash dividends, or pay interest on the Company's junior subordinated debt or trust preferred securities, without prior written approval from the Federal Reserve Bank.

The Agreement's major components and requirements for the Bank are as follows:

Strengthen board oversight of the Bank's management and operations by the Bank submitting a written plan to the Federal Reserve Bank to address and include (i) the actions that the board will take to improve the Bank's conditions and maintain effect control over, and supervision of the Bank's major operations and activities, (ii) the responsibility of the board to monitor management's adherence to approved policies and procedures, and applicable laws and regulations; and (iii) a description of the information and reports that are regularly reviewed by the board in its oversight of the operations and management of the Bank;

Strengthen credit risk management practices of the Bank by the Bank submitting a written plan to the Federal Reserve Bank to address and include (i) the responsibility of the board of directors to establish appropriate risk tolerance guidelines and risk limits; (ii) timely and accurate identification and quantification of credit risk within the loan portfolio; (iii) strategies to minimize credit losses and reduce the level of problem assets; (iv) procedures for the on-going review of the investment portfolio to evaluate other-than temporary-impairment (“OTTI”) and accurate accounting for OTTI; (v) stress testing of commercial real estate loan and portfolio segments; and (vi) measures to reduce the amount of other real estate owned;

Strengthen asset quality at the Bank by (i) not extending, renewing, or restructuring any credit to or for the benefit of any borrower, including any related interest of the borrower, whose loans or other extensions of credit were criticized in the Report of Examination or in any subsequent report of examination, without appropriate underwriting analysis, documentation, board or committee approval and certification that the board or committee reasonably believes that the

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extension of credit will not impair the Bank's interest in obtaining repayment of the already outstanding credit and that the extension of credit or renewal will be repaid according to its terms, (ii) submitting to the Federal Reserve Bank an acceptable written plan designed to improve the Bank's position through repayment, amortization, liquidation, additional collateral, or other means on each loan or other asset in excess of \$1.5 million including other real estate owned that is past due as to principal or interest more than 90 days, on the Bank's problem loan list, or were adversely classified in the Report of Examination or subsequent report of examination;

Improve management of the Bank's allowance for loan losses by (i) eliminating from its books, by charge-off or collection, all assets or portions of assets classified "loss" in the Report of Examination that have not been previously collected in full or charged off within 10 days of the Agreement, and within 30 days from the receipt of any federal or state report of examination, charge off all assets classified "loss" unless otherwise approved in writing by the Federal Reserve Bank, (ii) maintain a sound process for determining, documenting, and recording an adequate allowance for loan and lease losses ("ALLL") in accordance with regulatory reporting instructions and relevant supervisory guidance, and (iii) within 60 days of the date of the Agreement, submitting to the Federal Reserve Bank an acceptable written program for the maintenance of an adequate ALLL, including provision for a review of the ALLL by the board on at least a quarterly calendar basis and remedying any deficiency found in the ALLL in the quarter it is discovered, and the board maintaining written documentation of its review of the ALLL;

Maintain sufficient capital at the Company and Bank by submitting to the Federal Reserve Bank an acceptable written plan to maintain sufficient capital at the Company, on a consolidated basis, and the Company and the Bank shall jointly submit to the Reserve Bank an acceptable written plan to maintain sufficient capital at the Bank, as a separate legal entity on a stand-alone basis that (i) complies with the applicable bank and bank holding company capital maintenance regulations and regulatory guidelines and that also considers the adequacy of the Bank's capital, (ii) takes into account the volume of classified credits, concentrations of credit, ALLL, current and projected asset growth, and projected retained earnings, the source and timing of additional funds to fulfill the Company's and the Bank's future capital requirements, and a provision to notify the Federal Reserve Bank when either entity falls below the capital ratios in the accepted plan;

Submit a revised business plan and budget to the Federal Reserve Bank for 2010 and subsequent calendar years that the Bank is subject to the Agreement to improve the Bank's earnings and overall condition, which plan at a minimum provides a realistic and comprehensive budget for the remainder of calendar year 2010, and description of the operating assumptions that form the basis for, and adequately support, major projected income, expense, and balance sheet components;

Not make certain distributions, dividends, and payments, specifically that (i) the Company and Bank agreeing not to declare or pay any dividends without the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve Bank and the Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation of the Board of Governors ("Director"), (ii) the Company not taking any other form of payment representing a reduction in capital from the Bank without the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve Bank, and (iii) the Company and its nonbank subsidiaries not making any distributions of interest, principal, or other sums on subordinated debentures or trust preferred securities without the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve Bank and the Director;

Not incur debt or redeem stock, specifically, that except with the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve Bank, the Company each agree not to incur, increase, or guarantee any debt or purchase or redeem any shares of its stock;

Correct violations of the laws by (i) the Bank immediately taking all necessary steps to correct all violations of law and regulation cited in the Report of Examination, (ii) the board of the Bank taking the necessary steps to ensure the Bank's future compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, (iii) complying with the notice provisions of Section 32 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1831i) and Subpart H of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 C.F.R. §§ 225.71 et seq) prior to appointing any new director or senior executive officer, or changing the responsibilities of any senior executive officer so that the officer would assume a different senior executive officer position, and (iv) complying with the restrictions on indemnification and severance payments of Section 18(k) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1828(k)) and Part 359 of the FDIC's regulations (12 C.F.R. Part 359);

Comply with the Agreement by (i) appointing a compliance committee of the Bank ("Compliance Committee") within 10 days of the date of the Agreement to monitor and coordinate the Bank's compliance with the provisions of the

Agreement, which Compliance Committee is composed of a majority of outside directors who are not executive officers or principal shareholders of the Bank and which is to meet at least monthly and report its findings to the board of directors of the Bank, and (ii) the Company and Bank within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter following the date of the Agreement submitting to the Federal Reserve Bank written progress reports detailing the form and manner of all actions taken to secure compliance with the Agreement and the results of such actions.

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To view a copy of the Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, see the Company's Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 25, 2010.

In addition to the submission of the plans referred to in the Agreement to the Federal Reserve Bank for approval, and implementation of those plans, the Bank is required within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter to submit written progress reports to the Federal Reserve Bank detailing actions taken to secure compliance with the Agreement. On April 23, 2013, July 23, 2013, and October 22, 2013, respectively, the Bank submitted progress reports to the Federal Reserve for the first, second, and third quarters of 2013. As of the January 30, 2014 progress report submitted for the fourth quarter of 2013, the Company and the Bank believe they are in compliance with the Agreement, including remediation of technical violations of laws and regulations regarding stale loan appraisals and the various deadlines in the Agreement.

### Regulatory Order from the California Department of Business Oversight

During May of 2010, the California Department of Financial Institutions issued a written order (the "Order") pursuant to section 1913 of the California Financial Code to the Bank as a result of a regulatory examination that was conducted by the Federal Reserve and the California Department of Financial Institutions in June 2009. The Order issued by the California Department of Financial Institutions is basically similar to the written agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, except for certain additional requirements.

On September 24, 2013, the Bank entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") with the California Department of Business Oversight (formerly known as the California Department of Financial Institutions). Effective October 15, 2013, the California Department of Business Oversight terminated the Order issued in May 2010. The additional requirements in the MOU for the Bank are as follows:

Develop and adopt a capital plan to maintain a ratio of tangible shareholders' equity to total tangible assets equal to or greater than 9% and include in such capital plan a capital contingency plan for raising additional capital in the event of various contingencies;

Maintain a ratio of tangible shareholders' equity to total tangible assets equal to or greater than 9%

Provide progress reports within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter following the effective date of the MOU to the California Department of Business Oversight detailing the form and manner of all actions taken to secure compliance with the MOU and Agreement and the results of such actions.

Within 180 days from the effective date of the MOU, reduce the assets classified "Substandard" to not more than 45% of total capital.

Within 270 days from the effective date of the MOU, reduce the assets classified "Substandard" to not more than 40% of total capital.

Not establish any new branches or other offices without the prior written consent of the Commissioner of the California Department of Business Oversight;

The Bank is currently in full compliance with the requirements of the MOU including its deadlines.

### Effect of Governmental Policies and Recent Legislation

Banking has traditionally been a business that depends on rate differentials. In general, the difference between the interest rate paid by the Company on its deposits and other borrowings and the interest rate received on loans extended to its customers and securities held in the Company's portfolio comprise the major portion of the Company's earnings.



These rates are highly sensitive to many factors which are beyond the control of the Company. Accordingly, the earnings and growth of the Company are subject to the influence of domestic and foreign economic conditions, including, but not limited to, inflation, recession and unemployment.

Impact of Monetary Policies. The earnings and growth of the Company are affected not only by general economic conditions, both domestic and foreign, but also by the monetary and fiscal policies of the United States government and its agencies, particularly the Federal Reserve Board ("FRB"). The FRB implements national monetary policies (with objectives such as to curb inflation and combat recession) by its open market operations in United States Government securities, by adjusting the required level of reserves for financial institutions subject to reserve requirements, and by varying the discount rates applicable

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to borrowing by banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System. The actions of the FRB in these areas influence the growth of bank loans, investments and deposits and also affect interest rates charged on loans and paid on deposits. The FRB's policies have had a significant effect on the operating results of commercial banks and are expected to continue to do so in the future. The nature and timing of any future changes in monetary policies are not predictable. In addition, adverse economic conditions could make a higher provision for loan losses a prudent course and could cause higher loan charge-offs, thus adversely affecting the Company's net income.

Extensions of Credit to Insiders and Transactions with Affiliates. The Federal Reserve Act and FRB Regulation O place limitations and conditions on loans or extensions of credit to:

a bank's or bank holding company's executive officers, directors and principal shareholders (i.e., in most cases, those persons who own, control or have power to vote more than 10% of any class of voting securities), any company controlled by any such executive officer, director or shareholder, or any political or campaign committee controlled by such executive officer, director or principal shareholder.

Loans and leases extended to any of the above persons must comply with loan-to-one-borrower limits, require prior full board approval when aggregate extensions of credit to the person exceed specified amounts, must be made on substantially the same terms (including interest rates and collateral) as, and follow credit-underwriting procedures that are not less stringent than, those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with non-insiders, and must not involve more than the normal risk of repayment or present other unfavorable features. In addition, Regulation O provides that the aggregate limit on extensions of credit to all insiders of a bank as a group cannot exceed the bank's unimpaired capital and unimpaired surplus. Regulation O also prohibits a bank from paying an overdraft on an account of an executive officer or director, except pursuant to a written pre-authorized interest-bearing extension of credit plan that specifies a method of repayment or a written pre-authorized transfer of funds from another account of the officer or director at the bank.

Consumer Protection Laws and Regulations. The banking regulatory agencies are focusing greater attention on compliance with consumer protection laws and their implementing regulations. Examination and enforcement have become more intense in nature, and insured institutions have been advised to monitor carefully compliance with such laws and regulations. The Company is subject to many federal and state consumer protection and privacy statutes and regulations, some of which are discussed below.

The Community Reinvestment Act (the "CRA") is intended to encourage insured depository institutions, while operating safely and soundly, to help meet the credit needs of their communities. The CRA specifically directs the federal regulatory agencies, in examining insured depository institutions, to assess a bank's record of helping meet the credit needs of its entire community, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with safe and sound banking practices. The CRA further requires the agencies to take a financial institution's record of meeting its community credit needs into account when evaluating applications for, among other things, domestic branches, mergers or acquisitions, or holding company formations. The agencies use the CRA assessment factors in order to provide a rating to the financial institution. The ratings range from a high of "outstanding" to a low of "substantial noncompliance." In its last examination for CRA compliance, as of October 2012, the Bank was rated "satisfactory."

The Equal Credit Opportunity Act (the "ECOA") generally prohibits discrimination in any credit transaction, whether for consumer or business purposes, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age (except in limited circumstances), receipt of income from public assistance programs, or good faith exercise of any rights under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.

The Truth in Lending Act (the "TILA") is designed to ensure that credit terms are disclosed in a meaningful way so that consumers may compare credit terms more readily and knowledgeably. As a result of the TILA, all creditors must use

the same credit terminology to express rates and payments, including the annual percentage rate, the finance charge, the amount financed, the total of payments and the payment schedule, among other things. As a result of Dodd Frank, Regulation Z promulgated under TILA includes new limits on loan originator compensation for all closed-end mortgages. These changes include, prohibiting certain payments to a mortgage broker or loan officer based on the transaction's terms or conditions, prohibiting dual compensation, and prohibiting a mortgage broker or loan officer from "steering" consumers to transactions not in their interest, to increase mortgage broker or loan officer compensation.

The Fair Housing Act (the "FH Act") regulates many practices, including making it unlawful for any lender to discriminate in its housing-related lending activities against any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap or familial status. A number of lending practices have been found by the courts to be, or may be considered, illegal under the FH Act, including some that are not specifically mentioned in the FH Act itself.

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The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (the “HMDA”), in response to public concern over credit shortages in certain urban neighborhoods, requires public disclosure of information that shows whether financial institutions are serving the housing credit needs of the neighborhoods and communities in which they are located. The HMDA also includes a "fair lending" aspect that requires the collection and disclosure of data about applicant and borrower characteristics as a way of identifying possible discriminatory lending patterns and enforcing anti-discrimination statutes.

The Right to Financial Privacy Act (the “RFPA”) imposes a new requirement for financial institutions to provide new privacy protections to consumers. Financial institutions must provide disclosures to consumers of its privacy policy, and state the rights of consumers to direct their financial institution not to share their nonpublic personal information with third parties.

Finally, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (the “RESPA”) requires lenders to provide noncommercial borrowers with disclosures regarding the nature and cost of real estate settlements. Also, RESPA prohibits certain abusive practices, such as kickbacks, and places limitations on the amount of escrow accounts.

Penalties for noncompliance or violations under the above laws may include fines, reimbursement and other penalties. Due to heightened regulatory concern related to compliance with CRA, ECOA, TILA, FH Act, HMDA, RFPA and RESPA generally, the Company may incur additional compliance costs or be required to expend additional funds for investments in its local communities.

From time to time, legislation is enacted which has the effect of increasing the cost of doing business, limiting or expanding permissible activities or affecting the competitive balance between banks and other financial institutions. Proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the operations and taxation of banks and other financial institutions are frequently made in Congress, in the California legislature and before various bank regulatory agencies. The likelihood of any major change and the impact such change may have on the Company is impossible to predict. Certain of the potentially significant changes which have been enacted recently and other which are currently under consideration by Congress or various regulatory agencies or professional agencies are discussed below.

### Recent Legislation and Other Changes

Federal and state laws affecting banking are enacted from time to time, and similarly federal and state regulations affecting banking are also adopted from time to time. The following include some of the recent laws and regulations affecting banking.

The Dodd-Frank Act, signed into law in July 2010, will significantly change the current bank regulatory structure and affect the lending, investment, trading and operating activities of financial institutions and their holding companies. The Dodd-Frank Act creates of a new interagency council, the Financial System Oversight Council that is charged with identifying and monitoring the systemic risk to the U.S. economy posed by systemically significant, large financial companies, including bank holding companies and non-bank financial companies. The Office of Thrift Supervision will be eliminated and its powers distributed among the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve Board and the FDIC. The legislation also establishes a floor for capital of insured depository institutions that cannot be lower than the standards in effect today, and directs the federal banking regulators to implement new leverage and capital requirements within 18 months that take into account off-balance sheet activities and other risks, including risks relating to securitized products and derivatives.

The Dodd-Frank Act additionally created a new independent federal regulator to administer federal consumer protection laws. Among the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act are the following:

### Deposit Insurance

The Dodd-Frank Act permanently increased the maximum deposit insurance amount for banks, savings institutions and credit unions to \$250,000 per depositor, retroactive to January 1, 2009. The Dodd-Frank Act also broadened the base for FDIC insurance assessments. Assessments are based on the average consolidated total assets less tangible equity capital of a financial institution. The Dodd-Frank Act requires the FDIC to increase the reserve ratio of the Deposit Insurance Fund from 1.15% to 1.35% of insured deposits by 2020 and eliminates the requirement that the FDIC pay dividends to insured depository institutions when the reserve ratio exceeds certain thresholds. The Dodd-Frank Act eliminated the federal statutory prohibition against the payment of interest on business checking accounts.

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The Dodd-Frank Act authorized national and state banks to establish branches in other states to the same extent as a bank chartered by that state would be permitted to branch. Previously, banks could only establish branches in other states if the host state expressly permitted out-of-state banks to establish branches in that state. Accordingly, banks will be able to enter new markets more freely.

### Limits on Derivatives

The Dodd-Frank Act prohibits state-chartered banks from engaging in derivatives transactions unless the loans to one borrower limits of the state in which the bank is chartered take into consideration credit exposure to derivatives transactions. For this purpose, derivative transactions include any contract, agreement, swap, warrant, note or option that is based in whole or in part on the value of, any interest in, or any quantitative measure or the occurrence of any event relating to, one or more commodities securities, currencies, interest or other rates, indices or other assets.

### Transactions with Affiliates and Insiders

The Dodd-Frank Act expanded the definition of “affiliate” for purposes of quantitative and qualitative limitations of Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act to include mutual funds advised by a depository institution or its affiliates. The Dodd-Frank Act applies Section 23A and Section 22(h) of the Federal Reserve Act (governing transactions with insiders) to derivative transactions, repurchase agreements and securities lending and borrowing transactions that create credit exposure to an affiliate or an insider. Any such transactions with affiliates must be fully secured. The Dodd-Frank Act also prohibits an insured depository institution from purchasing an asset from or selling an asset to an insider unless the transaction is on market terms and, if representing more than 10% of capital, is approved in advance by disinterested directors.

### Debit Card Interchange Fees

The Dodd-Frank Act requires that the amount of any interchange fee charged by a debit card issuer with respect to a debit card transaction must be reasonable and proportional to the cost incurred by the issuer. The FRB has established standards for reasonable and proportional fees which take into account the costs of preventing fraud. The restrictions on interchange fees, however, do not apply to banks that, together with their affiliates, have assets of less than \$10 billion, such as the Bank.

### Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

The Dodd-Frank Act created a new, independent federal agency called the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”), which is granted broad rulemaking, supervisory and enforcement powers under various federal consumer financial protection laws, including the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Truth in Lending Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Fair Debt Collection Act, the Consumer Financial Privacy provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and certain other statutes. The CFPB has examination and primary enforcement authority with respect to depository institutions with \$10 billion or more in assets. Smaller institutions will be subject to rules promulgated by the CFPB but will continue to be examined and supervised by federal banking regulators for consumer compliance purposes. The CFPB has authority to prevent unfair, deceptive or abusive practices in connection with the offering of consumer financial products. The Dodd-Frank Act authorizes the CFPB to establish certain minimum standards for the origination of residential mortgages including a determination of the borrower’s ability to repay. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act allows borrowers to raise certain defenses to foreclosure if they receive any loan other than a “qualified mortgage” as defined by the CFPB. The Dodd-Frank Act permits states to adopt consumer protection laws and standards that are more stringent than those adopted at the federal level and, in certain circumstances, permits state attorneys general to enforce compliance with both the state and federal laws and regulations.

The Electronic Funds Transfer Act (EFTA) provides a basic framework for establishing the rights, liabilities, and responsibilities of consumers who use electronic funds transfer (EFT) systems. The EFTA is implemented by the Federal Reserve's Regulation E, which governs transfers initiated through ATMs, point-of-sale terminals, payroll cards, automated clearinghouse (ACH) transactions, telephone bill-payment plans, or remote banking services. Regulation E was amended in January 2010 to require consumers to opt in (affirmatively consent) to participation in the Bank's overdraft service program for ATM and one-time debit card transactions before overdraft fees may be assessed on the consumer's account. Notice of the opt-in right must be provided to all existing and new customers who are consumers, and the customer's affirmative consent must be obtained, before charges may be assessed on the consumer's account for paying such overdrafts.

The rule provides bank customers with an ongoing right to revoke consent to participation in an overdraft service program for ATM and one-time debit card transactions, as opposed to being automatically enrolled in such a program. The rule also prohibits banks from conditioning the payment of overdrafts for checks, ACH transactions, or other types of transactions that overdraw the consumer's account on the consumer's opting into an overdraft service for ATM and one-time debit card transactions. For customers who do not affirmatively consent to overdraft service for ATM and one-time debit card transactions, a bank must provide those

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customers with the same account terms, conditions, and features that it provides to consumers who do affirmatively consent, except for the overdraft service for ATM and one-time debit card transactions.

On June 21, 2010, the federal banking agencies issued final guidance on incentive compensation which applies to all banks. Except for the largest banking organizations, enforcement of this guidance is handled through the supervisors' regular risk-focused examination process. . The employees covered by the final guidance are senior executives and others who are responsible for oversight of the organization's firm-wide activities or material business lines; individual employees, including non-executive employees, whose activities may expose the organization to material amounts of risk; and groups of employees who are subject to the same or similar incentive compensation arrangements and who, in the aggregate, may expose the organization to material amounts of risk, even if no individual employee is likely to expose the organization to material risk. The guidance provides for three principles for safe and sound incentive compensation arrangements:

**Balanced Risk-Taking:** Incentive compensation arrangements should balance risk and financial results in a manner that does not encourage employees to expose their organizations to imprudent risks;

**Compatibility with Effective Controls and Risk-Management:** A banking organization's risk-management processes and internal controls should reinforce and support the development and maintenance of balanced incentive compensation arrangements;

**Strong Corporate Governance:** Banking organizations should have strong and effective corporate governance to help ensure sound compensation practices, including active and effective oversight by the board of directors.

In May 2009 the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009 was enacted to help consumers avoid mortgage foreclosures on their homes through certain loss mitigation actions including special forbearance, loan modification, pre-foreclosure sale, deed in lieu of foreclosure, support for borrower housing counseling, subordinate lien resolution, and borrower relocation. This law permits the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for mortgages either in default or facing imminent default, to: (1) authorize the modification of such mortgages; and (2) establish a program for payment of a partial claim to a mortgagee who agrees to apply the claim amount to payment of a mortgage on a 1- to 4-family residence. In implementing the law, the Secretary of HUD is authorized to (1) provide compensation to the mortgagee for lost income on monthly mortgage payments due to interest rate reduction; (2) reimburse the mortgagee from a guaranty fund in connection with activities that the mortgagee is required to undertake concerning repayment by the mortgagor of the amount owed to HUD; (3) make payments to the mortgagee on behalf of the borrower, under terms defined by HUD; and (4) make mortgage modification with terms extended up to 40 years from the modification date. The new law also authorizes the Secretary of HUD to: (1) reassign the mortgage to the mortgagee; (2) act as a Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA, or Ginnie Mae) issuer, or contract with an entity for such purpose, in order to pool the mortgage into a Ginnie Mae security; or (3) resell the mortgage in accordance with any program established for purchase by the federal government of insured mortgages. The law also amended the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008, with respect to emergency assistance for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes (neighborhood stabilization), to authorize each state that has received certain minimum allocations and has fulfilled certain requirements, to distribute any remaining amounts to areas with homeowners at risk of foreclosure or in foreclosure without regard to the percentage of home foreclosures in such areas.

Also in May 2009, the Credit Card Act of 2009 was enacted to help consumers and ban certain practices of credit card issuers. This law allows interest rate hikes on existing balances only under limited conditions, such as when a promotional rate ends, there is a variable rate or if the cardholder makes a late payment. Interest rates on new transactions can increase only after the first year. Significant changes in terms on accounts cannot occur without 45 days' advance notice of the change. The law bans raising interest rates on customers based on their payment records



with other unrelated credit issuers (such as utility companies and other creditors) for existing credit card balances, though card issuers would still be allowed to use universal default on future credit card balances if they give at least 45 days' advance notice of the change. The law allows consumers to opt out of certain significant changes in terms on their accounts. Opting out means cardholders agree to close their accounts and pay off the balance under the old terms. They have at least five years to pay the balance. Credit card issuers will be banned from issuing credit cards to anyone under 21, unless they have adult co-signers on the accounts or can show proof they have enough income to repay the card debt.

The law requires card issuers to give card account holders "a reasonable amount of time" to make payments on monthly bills. That means payments would be due at least 21 days after they are mailed or delivered. Credit card issuers would no longer be able to set early morning or other arbitrary deadlines for payments. When consumers have accounts that carry different interest rates for different types of purchases payments in excess of the minimum amount due must go to balances with higher interest rates first. Consumers must "opt in" to over-limit fees. Those who opt out would have their transactions rejected if they exceed their credit limits, thus avoiding over-limit fees. Fees charged for going over the limit must be reasonable. Finance charges on outstanding credit card balances would be computed based on purchases made in the current cycle rather than going back to the

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previous billing cycle to calculate interest charges. Fees on credit cards cannot exceed 25 percent of the available credit limit in the first year of the card.

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was enacted to provide stimulus to the struggling US economy. ARRA authorizes spending of \$787 billion, including about \$288 billion for tax relief, \$144 billion for state and local relief aid, and \$111 billion for infrastructure and science. In addition, ARRA includes additional executive compensation restrictions for recipients of funds from the US Treasury under the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Emergency Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 (EESA).

EESA was amended by ARRA to provide additional incentive compensation restrictions for financial institutions receiving TARP funds and also require additional corporate governance provisions with respect to limiting golden parachutes, lavish expenditures and requiring officer certifications of compliance and clawbacks for improperly earned incentive compensation at such institutions.

In addition, EESA as amended by ARRA provides that for any TARP recipient, its annual meeting materials shall include a nonbinding shareholder approval proposal of executive compensation for shareholders to vote.

ARRA also provides \$730 million to the SBA and makes changes to the agency's lending and investment programs so that they can reach more small businesses that need help. The funding includes:

• \$375 million for temporarily eliminating fees on SBA-backed loans and raising SBA's guarantee percentage on some loans to 90 percent.

• \$255 million for a new loan program to help small businesses meet existing debt payments.

• \$30 million for expanding SBA's Microloan program, enough to finance up to \$50 million in new lending and \$24 million in technical assistance grants to microlenders

On January 1, 2012, SB 664 (Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions, Chapter 243, Statutes of 2011) became operative. While some substantive changes were included in this legislation due to the passage of the Dodd-Frank federal legislation and some technical corrections that resulted from earlier amendments to the Code, the majority of the work involved in SB 664 was to reorder the section numbering in the Code. Among other things, the law requires a bank that establishes a branch office in this state in accordance with the National Bank Act, as amended by the Dodd-Frank Act to provide a specified notice to the Commissioner of DBO within 10 days of the establishment, relocation, or redesignation of offices.

In 2010, California SB 931 was enacted and provides that the first lien holder of a California residential loan accepts as full payment and satisfaction of such lien after the successful completion of the short sale of such residence, and furthermore such lender is prevented from pursuing a deficiency against the noncorporate borrower. In 2011, the benefits of SB 931 was extended to such borrowers with a second or subordinate lien in SB458 where such lien holder agreed to the short sale.

In California, the enactment of AB329 in 2009, the Reverse Mortgage Elder Protection Act of 2009 prohibits a lender or any other person who participates in the origination of the mortgage from participation in, being associated with, or employing any party that participates in or is associated with any other financial or insurance activity or referring a prospective borrower to anyone for the purchase of other financial or insurance products; and imposes certain disclosure requirements on the lender.

The enactment of AB1160 in 2009, requires a supervised financial institution in California that negotiates primarily in any of a number of specified languages in the course of entering into a contract or agreement for a loan or extension of credit secured by residential real property, to deliver, prior to the execution of the contract or agreement, and no later than 3 business days after receiving the written application, a specified form in that language summarizing the terms of the contract or agreement; provides for administrative penalties for violations; and requires the California Department of Corporations and the DBO to create a form for providing translations and make it available in Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Korean.

The enactment of AB 1291 in 2009 made changes to the California Unclaimed Property Law including (among other things): allowing electronic notification to customers who have consented to electronic notice; requiring that notices contain certain information and allow the holder to provide electronic means to enable the owner to contact the holder in lieu of returning the prescribed form to declare the owner's intent; authorizing the holder to give additional notices; and requiring, beginning January 1, 2011, a banking or financial organization to provide a written notice regarding escheat at the time a new account or safe deposit box is opened.

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On February 20, 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger signed ABX2 7 and SBX2 7, which established the California Foreclosure Prevention Act. The California Foreclosure Prevention Act modifies the foreclosure process to provide additional time for borrowers to work out loan modifications while providing an exemption for mortgage loan servicers that have implemented a comprehensive loan modification program. Civil Code Section 2923.52 requires an additional 90 day period beyond the period already provided before a Notice of Sale can be given in order to allow all parties to pursue a loan modification to prevent foreclosure of loans meeting certain criteria identified in that section.

A mortgage loan servicer who has implemented a comprehensive loan modification program may file an application for exemption from the provisions of Civil Code Section 2923.52. Approval of this application provides the mortgage loan servicer an exemption from the additional 90-day period before filing the Notice of Sale when foreclosing on real property covered by the new law.

It is impossible to predict what effect the enactment of certain of the above-mentioned legislation will have on the Company. Moreover, it is likely that other bills affecting the business of banks may be introduced in the future by the United States Congress or California legislature.

## Employees

At December 31, 2013, the Company employed 138 persons on a full-time equivalent basis. The Company believes its employee relations are excellent.

## Available Information

The Company files period reports and other reports under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). These reports, as well as the Company's Code of Ethics, are posted and are available at no cost on the Company's website at <http://www.unitedsecuritybank.com> as soon as reasonably practical after the Company files such reports with the SEC. The Company's periodic and other reports filed with the SEC are also available at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>).

## Item 1B. - Unresolved Staff Comments

The Company had no unresolved staff comments at December 31, 2013.

## Item 2 - Properties

The Bank's Main bank branch is located at 2151 West Shaw Avenue, Fresno, California. The Company owns the building and leases the land under a sublease dated December 1, 1986, between Central Bank and USB. The current sublessor under the master ground lease is Bank of the West, which acquired the position through the purchase of Central Bank. The lessor under the ground lease (Master Lease) is Thomas F. Hinds. The lease expires on December 31, 2015, and the Company has options to extend the term for four (4) ten-year periods and one seven (7) year period.

The Company leases the banking premises of approximately 6,450 square feet for its second of three Fresno branches at 7088 N. First St, Fresno, California., under a lease which commenced August 2005 for a term of ten years expiring in July 2015. The branch was previously located at 1041 E. Shaw Avenue, Fresno, California, under a lease extension expiring February 28, 2005. The 7088 N. First location provides space for the relocated branch as well as the Real Estate Construction Department and the Indirect Consumer Lending Department.

The Company leases the Oakhurst bank branch located at the Old Mill Village Shopping Center, 40074 Highway 49, Oakhurst, California. The branch facility consists of approximately 5,000 square feet with a lease term of 15 years

ending April 2014, and has two five-year options to extend the lease term after that date.

The Company owns the Caruthers bank branch located at 13356 South Henderson, Caruthers, California, which consists of approximately 5,000 square feet of floor space.

The Company owns the San Joaquin branch facilities located at 21574 Manning Avenue, San Joaquin, California. The bank branch is approximately 2,500 square feet.

The Company owns the Firebaugh bank branch located at 1067 O Street, Firebaugh, California. The premises are comprised of approximately 4,666 square feet of office space situated on land totaling approximately one-third of an acre.

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The Company owns the Coalinga bank branch located at 145 East Durian, Coalinga, California. The office building has a total of 6,184 square feet of interior floor space situated on approximately 0.45 acres of land.

The Company leases the Convention Center branch located at 855 "M" Street, Suite 130, Fresno, California. Total space leased is approximately 4,520 square feet, and was occupied during March 2004. The fifteen-year lease expires in March 2019. There are no extension provisions.

The Company owns the Taft branch office premises located at 523 Cascade Place, Taft, California. The branch facilities consist of approximately 9,200 square feet of office space.

The Company owns the branch facilities located at 3404 Coffee Road, Bakersfield, California, which has approximately 6,130 square feet of office space located on 1.15 acres.

The Company leases the Campbell branch located at 1875 S. Bascom Ave. Suite 19, Campbell, California, which has approximately 2,984 square feet. The lease commenced on January 1, 2011 and expires on December 31, 2021.

The Company owns its administrative headquarters at 2126 Inyo Street, Fresno, California and is occupied by the Company's administrative staff. The facility consists of approximately 21,400 square feet. A portion of the premises has been subleased to a third-party under a lease term of approximately seven years.

The Company leases its financial services facility located at 9 River Park Place, Suite 420, Fresno, CA. The lease commenced on October 1, 2013 and expires on September 30, 2016.

Item 3 - Legal Proceedings

From time to time, the Company is party to claims and legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. At this time, the management of the Company is not aware of any material pending litigation proceedings to which it is a party or has recently been party to, which will have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

Item 4 – Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable

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## PART II

## Item 5 - Market for the Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters, and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

## Trading History

The Company became a NASDAQ National Market listed company on May 31, 2001, then became a Global Select listed company during 2006, and trades under the symbol UBFO.

The Company currently has four market makers for its common stock. These include, Stone & Youngberg, LLC, Howe Barnes Hoeffler & Arnett, Sandler O'Neill & Partners, and Hill Thompson, Magid & Company. The Company is aware of two other securities dealers: Smith Barney and Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., which periodically act as brokers in the Company's stock.

On March 28, 2006, the Company announced a 2-for-1 stock split of the Company's no-par common stock payable May 1, 2006 effected in the form of a 100% stock dividend. Share information for all periods presented in this 10-K have been restated to reflect the effect of the stock split.

During the third quarter ended September 30, 2008 and the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2008, the Company declared 1% stock dividends. During each of the twenty consecutive quarters beginning March 31, 2009 through December 31, 2013, the Company again declared 1% stock dividends. Share information for all periods presented in this Form 10-K has been restated to reflect the effect of the 1% stock dividends.

The following table sets forth the high and low closing sales prices by quarter for the Company's common stock, for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Quarter	Closing Prices		Volume
	High	Low	
4th Quarter 2013	\$5.73	\$4.19	322,000
3rd Quarter 2013	\$4.40	\$3.95	313,100
2nd Quarter 2013	\$4.53	\$3.96	306,600
1st Quarter 2013	\$4.53	\$2.50	767,000
4th Quarter 2012	\$3.10	\$2.46	340,700
3rd Quarter 2012	\$2.82	\$2.23	291,100
2nd Quarter 2012	\$2.54	\$1.95	225,300
1st Quarter 2012	\$2.67	\$1.73	201,800

At December 31, 2013, there were approximately 771 record holders of common stock of the Company. This does not reflect the number of persons or entities who hold their stock in nominee or street name through various brokerage firms.

## Dividends

The Company's shareholders are entitled to cash dividends when and as declared by the Company's Board of Directors out of funds legally available therefore. Dividends paid to shareholders by the Company are subject to restrictions set forth in California General Corporation Law, which provides that a corporation may make a distribution to its shareholders if retained earnings immediately prior to the dividend payout are at least equal the amount of the proposed distribution. As a bank holding company without significant assets other than its equity position in the Bank,

the Company's ability to pay dividends to its shareholders depends primarily upon dividends it receives from the Bank. Such dividends paid by the Bank to the Company are subject to certain limitations. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial and Results of Operations – Regulatory Matters".

The Company distributed a 1% stock dividend to shareholders on January 24, 2013, April 24, 2013, July 24, 2013, and October 23, 2013. The Company distributed a 1% stock dividend to shareholders on January 25, 2012, April 25, 2012, July 25, 2012, and October 24, 2012.



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The amount and payment of dividends by the Company to shareholders are set by the Company's Board of Directors with numerous factors involved including the Company's earnings, financial condition and the need for capital for expanded growth and general economic conditions. No assurance can be given that cash or stock dividends will be paid in the future.

## Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table sets forth securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans as for December 31, 2013.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (column a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	193,082	\$10.57	429,276
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	193,082	\$10.57	429,276

A complete description of the above plans is included in Note 10 of the Company's Financial Statements, in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10K, and is hereby incorporated by reference.

## Purchases of Equity Securities by Affiliates and Associated Purchasers

On May 16, 2007, the Company announced another stock repurchase plan to repurchase, as conditions warrant, up to 750,895 shares of the Company's common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The repurchase plan represents approximately 5.00% of the Company's currently outstanding common stock. The duration of the program is open-ended and the timing of purchases will depend on market conditions.

As of December 31, 2013, there were 650,106 shares available for repurchase. The Company did not repurchase any common shares during the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

## Overview

Certain matters discussed or incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those described in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following factors: i) competitive pressures in the banking industry and

changes in the regulatory environment; ii) exposure to changes in the interest rate environment and the resulting impact on the Company's interest rate sensitive assets and liabilities; iii) decline in the health of the economy nationally or regionally which could reduce the demand for loans or reduce the value of real estate collateral securing most of the Company's loans; iv) credit quality deterioration that could cause an increase in the for loan losses; v) Asset/Liability matching risks and liquidity risks; volatility and devaluation in the securities markets, vi) failure to comply with the regulatory agreement under which the Company is subject, vii) expected cost savings from recent acquisitions are not realized, and, viii) potential impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets.. Therefore, the information set forth therein should be carefully considered when evaluating the business prospects of the Company.

#### The Company

On June 12, 2001, the United Security Bank (the "Bank") became the wholly owned subsidiary of United Security Bancshares (the "Company") through a tax-free holding company reorganization, accounted for on a basis similar to the pooling of

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interest method. In the transaction, each share of Bank stock was exchanged for a share of Company stock on a one-to-one basis. No additional equity was issued as part of this transaction. In the following discussion, references to the Bank are references to United Security Bank. References to the Company are references to United Security Bancshares (including the Bank).

On June 28, 2001, United Security Bancshares Capital Trust I (the “Trust”) was formed as a Delaware business trust for the sole purpose of issuing Trust Preferred securities. On July 16, 2001, the Trust completed the issuance of \$15 million in Trust Preferred securities, and concurrently, the Trust used the proceeds from that offering to purchase Junior Subordinated Debentures of the Company. The Company contributed \$13.7 million of the \$14.5 million in net proceeds received from the Trust to the Bank to increase its regulatory capital and used the rest for the Company’s business. Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the fair value option for its junior subordinated debt issued by the Trust. As a result of the adoption of the accounting standards related to the fair value option, the Company recorded a fair value adjustment of \$1.3 million, reflected as an adjustment to beginning retained earnings. On July 25, 2007, the Company redeemed the \$15.0 million in subordinated debentures plus accrued interest of \$690,000 and a 6.15% prepayment penalty totaling \$922,500. Concurrently, the Trust Preferred securities issued by Capital Trust I were redeemed. The prepayment penalty of \$922,500 had previously been a component of the fair value adjustment for the junior subordinated debt at the initial adoption of the fair value option.

Effective December 31, 2001, United Security Bank formed a subsidiary Real Estate Investment Trust (“REIT”) through which preferred stock was offered to private investors, to raise capital for the bank in accordance with the laws and regulations in effect at the time. The principal business purpose of the REIT was to provide an efficient and economical means to raise capital. The REIT also provided state tax benefits beginning in 2002. On December 31, 2003, the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) announced certain tax transactions related to real estate investment trusts (REITs) and regulated investment companies (RICs) will be disallowed pursuant to Senate Bill 614 and Assembly Bill 1601, which were signed into law in the 4th quarter of 2003 (For further discussion see Income Taxes section of Results of Operations contained in this Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations).

Effective April 23, 2004, the Company completed a merger with Taft National Bank headquartered in Taft, California. Taft National Bank (“Taft”) was merged into United Security Bank and Taft’s two branches, one located Taft and the other located in Bakersfield, California, began operating as branches of United Security Bank. The merger was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and resulted in the purchase price being allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed from Taft based on the fair value of those assets and liabilities, with resultant goodwill of \$1.6 million and core deposits intangibles of \$1.9 million. Goodwill is not amortized but is reviewed at least annually for impairment, while core deposit intangibles were amortized over a period of 7 years. The Company has recognized no impairment on either the goodwill or core deposit intangible related to the Taft merger. .

On February 16, 2007, the Company completed its merger of Legacy Bank, N.A. with and into United Security Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Legacy Bank which began operations in 2003 operated one banking office in Campbell, California serving small business and retail banking clients. With its small business and retail banking focus, Legacy Bank provides a unique opportunity for United Security Bank to serve a loyal and growing small business niche and individual client base in the San Jose area. Upon completion of the merger, Legacy Bank’s branch office began operating as a branch office of United Security Bank. The merger transaction was accounted for using the purchase accounting method, and resulted in the purchase price being allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed from Legacy based on the fair value of those assets and liabilities. Fair value adjustments and intangible assets totaled approximately \$12.9 million, including \$8.8 million in goodwill. Goodwill is not amortized but is reviewed at least annually for impairment, while core deposit intangibles are being amortized over a period of 7 years. The Company did not recognize any impairment charges related to goodwill or core deposit intangibles for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

During July 2007, the Company formed USB Capital Trust II, a wholly-owned special purpose entity, for the purpose of issuing Trust Preferred Securities. Like USB Capital Trust I formed in July 2001, USB Capital Trust II is a Variable Interest Entity (VIE) and a deconsolidated entity pursuant current accounting standards related to variable interest entities. On July 23, 2007, USB Capital Trust II issued \$15 million in Trust Preferred securities. The securities have a thirty-year maturity and bear a floating rate of interest (repricing quarterly) of 1.29% over the three-month LIBOR rate. Interest is payable quarterly. Concurrent with the issuance of the Trust Preferred securities, USB Capital Trust II used the proceeds of the Trust Preferred securities offering to purchase a like amount of junior subordinated debentures of the Company. The Company is to pay interest on the junior subordinated debentures to USB Capital Trust II, which represents the sole source of dividend distributions to the holders of the Trust Preferred securities. The Company elected at September 30, 2009, to defer quarterly payments of interest on the junior subordinated debentures beginning with the quarterly payment due October 1, 2009. In addition, the Agreement entered into with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco during March 2010 prohibits the Bank from making distributions, including dividends and interest payments, without prior written approval. The terms of the

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debentures permit the deferment of payment of interest for up to 20 consecutive quarters. Interest continues to accrue while interest payments are deferred. Under the terms of the trust preferred securities the Company is prohibited from paying dividends on its capital stock (including common stock) during the deferral period. The Company may redeem the junior subordinated debentures at anytime at par.

Regulatory Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Effective March 23, 2010, United Security Bancshares (the "Company") and its wholly owned subsidiary, United Security Bank (the "Bank"), entered into a formal written agreement (the "Agreement") with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. The Agreement was a result of a regulatory examination that was conducted by the Federal Reserve and the California Department of Financial Institutions in June 2009 and is intended to improve the overall condition of the Bank through, among other things, increased Board oversight; formal plans to monitor and improve processes related to asset quality, liquidity, funds management, capital, and earnings; and the prohibition of certain actions that might reduce capital, including the distribution of dividends or the repurchase of the Company's common stock. The Board of Directors and management believe that as of the filing of the fourth quarter written response to the Agreement, Company is in compliance with the terms of the Agreement. (For more information on the terms of the Agreement see the "Regulatory Matters" section included in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.)

The Agreement entered into with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco during March 2010 was a result of a regulatory examination conducted by the Federal Reserve and the California Department of Financial Institutions in June 2009. The following issues related to the June 2010 examination led to the agreement between the Federal Reserve Bank and the Company that corrective action was required:

Asset quality continued to deteriorate as adversely classified assets increased over four consecutive target and full-scope examinations conducted from 2006 through the June 2009 exam. The dollar volume of adversely classified assets increased by 16.7% during the six months prior to the exam to \$142.1 million at the June 2009 examination. Below investment grade investment securities classified substandard at the previous examination totaling \$9.1 million increased to \$17.1 million at the June 2010 examination, representing 18.6% of tier 1 capital and reserves as of March 31, 2009. The classified investment securities are comprised of three private-label residential mortgage backed securities that are below investment grade as graded by a national rating agency, were divided between \$16.9 million in substandard and \$163,000 in loss. The portion listed as loss represented the amount identified as other-than-temporary-impairment (OTTI) and had been recognized as loss as of March 31, 2009. During the June 2009 examination, it was the opinion of the Federal Reserve Bank that the Bank's methodology related to the allowance for loan and leases losses was flawed, leading the Federal Reserve Bank to conclude that additional provisions were required to raise reserves to an appropriate level. In addition, weaknesses in the ALLL policy were identified and needed to be addressed, which included improvements in documentation related to identification and analysis of loans under SFAS No. 114 and SFAS No. 5, and more detailed justification for the qualitative factors used in the ALLL process. During the six months ended June 30, 2010, several large lending relationships to developers in the San Joaquin Valley deteriorated significantly, requiring an additional \$1.8 million in ALLL. In addition, during that period, the Bank experienced increases in other problem loans or potentially problem loans including nonaccrual loans and special mention loans, and real estate valuations continued to decline. Regulators required an increase in the reserves as calculated by the Federal Reserve Bank using a model they call the "Atlanta Model." The Atlanta Model calculated an estimated range of allowance for loan losses using a blend of national, regional, and local peer bank data. The reserve calculated by the Bank for June 30, 2009 under GAAP included additions to ALLL required for increases in adversely classified and special mention loans experienced during the first half of 2009, and although at the lower range of ALLL as estimated by the Federal Reserve, corresponded favorably with the Federal Reserves' "Atlanta Model". The reserve adjustment required for the second quarter of 2009 totaled \$6.8 million bringing the ALLL level to \$15.8 million (including reserve for unfunded

commitments) at June 30, 2009. The ALLL findings of the Federal Reserve Bank included recommendations to better align actual practices with the regulatory governing policy as well as to provide a more specific framework for analyzing, determining, and supporting the factors used in the ALLL methodology.

Earnings performance declined as of June 30, 2009, due in large part to the additional \$6.8 million provision recorded for the second quarter (\$8.2 million year-to-date) resulting in a net loss for the Company of \$4.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009. Earnings for the period were also adversely impacted by: a goodwill impairment loss of \$3.0 million (pre-tax and net); year-to-date pre-tax impairment losses of \$403,000 on the real estate mortgage-backed securities; year-to-date pre-tax operating expenses and impairment losses of \$1.3 million related to other real estate owned through foreclosure.

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Although the Bank's Tier 1 leverage capital, Tier 1 risk-based capital, and total risk-based capital ratios remained above regulatory Prompt Corrective Action guidelines of adequately capitalized banks at 10.8%, 11.3%, and 12.6%, respectively, at June 30, 2009, the Federal Reserve concluded that capital levels were less than adequate to support the Bank's high risk profile resulting primarily from the continued decline in asset quality. At the June 2009 examination adversely classified assets were in excess of 150.0% of Tier 1 capital and reserves.

The Bank's liquidity position had tightened since the last examination and was considered marginal at the June 2009 examination. The Bank's tight liquidity position was the result of low levels of liquid assets, high percentage of investment securities pledged against borrowing lines, and higher levels of wholesale borrowings including \$64.0 million borrowed from the Federal Home Loan Bank line and \$71.3 million borrowed from the Federal Reserve Bank discount window. Brokered deposits total \$99.3 million, 19.4% of total deposits at June 30, 2009, and compared unfavorably with the peer group at 6.3%.

The Federal Reserve concluded in the June 2009 examination that oversight by the Board of Directors and senior management was not adequate given the escalating risk profile of the Bank's activities. Although the severe economic downturn was a significant factor in the decline in asset quality, the Board of Directors and senior management were deemed responsible for implementing a business strategy which allowed concentrations in higher-risk speculative residential construction lending. The Board of Directors and senior management had taken measures to maintain asset quality, capital, earnings, and liquidity, but had not responded in a timely manner to the rapidly changing real estate conditions. As of March 31, 2009, the concentration in construction and land development loans represented high levels in relation to equity capital and reserves, although the exposures were declining over the prior few years. For example, management increased the ALLL in the second quarter of 2009, ordered new appraisals on property remargined collateral on loans, and was seeking sources for new equity capital. In addition, several transactions to reduce or restructure problem assets were in process. However, these actions had not resulted in material tangible improvements in the overall condition of the Bank as of the June 2009 examination. In addition, the June 2009 examination identified nine technical violations of Regulation Y Subpart B that deal with the failure to obtain the prescribed appraisals or evaluations on loan extensions or renewals. These violations of law were subsequently remedied.

The June 2009 examination indicated that risk management practices needed improvement. Management information systems needed to be redesigned and implemented to more accurately measure fundamental exposures, such as the ongoing credit risk posed by the residential construction and land development loan portfolio and the emerging liquidity risks. The Bank needed to continue its efforts to address and reduce the increasing volume of problem assets. While the loan grading process showed improvement over the prior several examinations, the ALLL methodology was identified as flawed in the June 2009 examination. While the Board of Directors and management made some progress to address the findings of the June 2009 examination, management needed to make further progress on improving several key areas to identify, measure, monitor, and control the exposures presented by credit, liquidity, market, operational, reputation, and legal risks.

The result of significant increases in nonperforming assets, both classified loans and OREO, during 2008 and the first half of 2009 increased the overall risk profile of the Bank. The increased risk profile of the Bank included heightened concerns about the Bank's use of brokered and other wholesale funding sources which had been used to fund loan growth and reduce the Company's overall cost of interest bearing liabilities. With loan growth funded materially from wholesale funding sources, liquidity risk increased, and higher levels of nonperforming assets increased risk to equity capital and potential volatility in earnings. In addition, the Federal Reserve Bank identified nine technical violations of Regulation Y Subpart B that deal with the failure to obtain the prescribed appraisals or evaluations on loan extensions or renewals. During the fourth quarter of 2010, the Company identified certain material weaknesses related to the allowance for loan losses and the completeness and accuracy of the provision for loan losses, as well as material weaknesses related to the valuation of OREO properties (for further discussion see Item 9A Controls and Procedures.)

As part of the Agreement, the Board of Directors of the Bank has appointed a Compliance Committee to monitor and coordinate the Bank's compliance with the provisions of the Agreement. The Compliance Committee is comprised of

the outside Directors and they meet on a monthly basis.

Among other things, the Agreement required the Bank to submit a number of written plans to the Federal Reserve Bank within specified time frames. The following is a list of written plans required to be submitted to the Federal Reserve Bank.

Plan to Strengthen Board Oversight – Includes actions that the Board of Directors will take to improve the Bank’s condition, and maintain effective control and supervision over the Bank’s operations including credit risk management, liquidity, and earnings. Also includes the Board’s responsibility to monitor adherence to policies and procedures and

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applicable laws and regulations, and lists information and reports that will enable the Board to perform this oversight function.

**Plan to Strengthen Credit Risk Management Practices** – Includes the responsibility of Board to establish appropriate risk tolerance guidelines and limits, timely and accurate identification and quantification of credit risk, strategies to minimize credit losses and reduce the level of problem assets, procedures for the ongoing review of the investment portfolio to evaluate other-than-temporary-impairment, stress testing for commercial real estate loans and portfolio segments, and measures to reduce the levels of other real estate owned.

**Plan to Improve Adversely Classified Assets** – Includes specific plans and strategies to improve the Bank's asset position through repayment, amortization, liquidation, additional collateral, or other means on each loan, relationship, or other asset in excess of \$1.5 million including OREO, that are past due more than 90 days as of the date of the written agreement.

**Plan for Maintenance of Adequate Allowance for Loan Losses** – Includes policies and procedures to ensure adherence to the Bank's revised ALLL methodology, provides for periodic reviews of the methodology as appropriate, and provides for review of ALLL by the Board at least quarterly.

**Capital Plan** – Includes guidelines and trigger points to ensure sufficient capital is maintained at the Bank and the Company, and that capital ratios are maintained at a level deemed appropriate under regulatory guidelines given the level of classified assets, concentrations of credit, ALLL, current and projected growth, and projected retained earnings. Also contains contingency strategies to obtain additional capital as required to fulfill future capital requirements.

**Plan to Improve Liquidity Position** – Includes measures to enhance the monitoring, measurement, and reporting of the Bank's liquidity to the Board, a timetable to reduce the Bank's reliance on brokered deposits and other wholesale funding, and specific liquidity targets and parameters to meet contractual obligations and unanticipated demands.

**Contingency Funding Plan** – Includes adverse scenario planning, and identifies and quantifies available sources of liquidity for each scenario.

**Earnings Plan and Budget** – Includes a revised business plan for the remainder of 2010, including operating assumptions that support for projected income, expense, and balance sheet components.

As of June 30, 2010, the Bank had completed and submitted to the Federal Reserve Bank all the plans listed above within the designated timeframes. The Federal Reserve responded on July 27, 2010 by letter that stated "We have reviewed your submissions and acknowledge the steps taken by the Bank and Bancshares to achieve compliance with the Agreement's provisions. However, we noted that the Plan to Strengthen Board Oversight omitted references to actions to be taken with regard to Bank earnings as required by the first provision." At the August 24, 2010, regular meeting of the Board, an amended version of the Plan was approved and the amended Plan has been submitted to the Federal Reserve.

In addition to the submission of the above plans to the Federal Reserve Bank for approval, and implementation of the above plans, the Bank is required within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter to submit written progress reports to the Federal Reserve Bank detailing actions taken to secure compliance with the Agreement. On April 23, 2013, July 23, 2013, and October 22, 2013, respectively, the Bank submitted progress reports to the Federal Reserve for the first, second, and third quarters of 2013. As of January 30, 2014, the Company submitted a progress report for the fourth quarter of 2013. At this time the Company and the Bank believe they are in compliance with the Agreement, including remediation of technical violations of laws and regulations regarding stale loan appraisals.

### Regulatory Order from the California Department of Business Oversight

During May of 2010, the California Department of Financial Institutions issued a written order (the "Order") pursuant to section 1913 of the California Financial Code to the Bank as a result of a regulatory examination that was conducted by the Federal Reserve and the California Department of Financial Institutions in June 2009. The Order issued by the California Department of Financial Institutions is basically similar to the written agreement with the Federal Reserve

Bank of San Francisco, except for certain additional requirements.

On September 24, 2013, the Bank entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) with the California Department of Business Oversight (formerly known as the California Department of Financial Institutions). Effective October 15, 2013, the California Department of Business Oversight terminated the Order issued in May 2010. The additional requirements in the MOU for the Bank are as follows:

Develop and adopt a capital plan to maintain a ratio of tangible shareholders’ equity to total tangible assets equal to or greater than 9% and include in such capital plan a capital contingency plan for raising additional capital in the event of various contingencies;

• Maintain a ratio of tangible shareholders’ equity to total tangible assets equal to or greater than 9%

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• Maintain an adequate allowance for loan losses and remedy any deficiency in the allowance for loan losses in the calendar quarter in which it is discovered; and

• Not establish any new branches or other offices without the prior written consent of the Commissioner of the California Department of Business Oversight

• Provide progress reports within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter following the effective date of the MOU to the California Department of Business Oversight detailing the form and manner of all actions taken to secure compliance with the MOU and Agreement and the results of such actions.

• Within 180 days from the effective date of the MOU, reduce the assets classified "Substandard" to not more than 45% of total capital.

• Within 270 days from the effective date of the MOU, reduce the assets classified "Substandard" to not more than 40% of total capital.

The Bank is currently in full compliance with the requirements of the MOU including its deadlines.

(For more information on the Agreement see the "Regulatory Matters" section included in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.)

The Bank currently has eleven banking branches, one construction lending office, and one financial services office, which provide banking and financial services in Fresno, Madera, Kern, and Santa Clara counties. As a community-oriented bank holding company, the Company continues to seek ways to better meet its customers' needs for financial services, and to expand its business opportunities in today's ever-changing financial services environment. The Company's strategy is to be a better low-cost provider of services to its customer base while enlarging its market area and corresponding customer base to further its ability to provide those services.

Current Trends Affecting Results of Operations and Financial Position

The Company's overall operations are impacted by a number of factors, including not only interest rates and margin spreads, which impact results of operations, but also the composition of the Company's balance sheet. One of the primary strategic goals of the Company is to maintain a mix of assets that will generate a reasonable rate of return without undue risk, and to finance those assets with a low-cost and stable source of funds. Liquidity and capital resources are considered as well in the planning process to mitigate risk and allow for growth. Net interest income has declined over the past two years, totaling \$21,391,000 and \$23,090,000 for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The decline in net interest income was primarily the result of declines in the rates on interest-earning assets which more than outweighed the decrease in interest expense during 2013. Average interest-earning assets increased approximately \$29,749,000 between 2013 and 2012, however, the rate on interest earning assets decreased 64bp during the two periods. The increase in average earning assets between 2013 and 2012 consisted of an increase of \$35,243,000 in interest-bearing deposits held at the Federal Reserve Bank and \$2,963,000 in loans, offset by a decrease of \$8,114,000 in investment securities. During the last two years, the Company's cost of interest-bearing liabilities has declined significantly as market rates of interest declined, with the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities dropping from 0.60% during 2012 to 0.47% for the year ended December 31, 2013.

The following table summarizes the year-to-date averages of the components of interest-earning assets as a percentage of total interest earning assets, and the components of interest-bearing liabilities as a percentage of total interest-bearing liabilities:



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	YTD Average 12/31/13	YTD Average 12/31/12	
Loans	70.75	% 74.20	%
Investment securities available for sale	5.45	% 7.30	%
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	0.27	% 0.35	%
Interest-bearing deposits in FRB	23.53	% 18.15	%
Total earning assets	100.00	% 100.00	%
NOW accounts	15.56	% 14.44	%
Money market accounts	41.96	% 37.39	%
Savings accounts	12.40	% 11.99	%
Time deposits	27.00	% 33.44	%
Other borrowings	0.00	% —	%
Subordinated debentures	3.08	% 2.74	%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	100.00	% 100.00	%

In 2013, residential real estate markets in the five-county region from Merced to Kern showed strengthening improvement over the prior years. Home prices for residential real estate markets in the five-county region saw average price increases of 21% above 2012 levels. New home sales in the five-county region, excluding Merced, were up in December at 371 units compared with 360 units in 2012. The number of All Homes sold declined in December 2013 compared with a year earlier with 2,213 new and existing units sold in December 2013, compared with 2,429 units sold in 2012.

The market for OREO properties (foreclosed properties) owned by the Bank continue to strengthen. Even though a few properties were added to totals during 2013, those properties were subsequently sold during 2013, and the outstanding balance of OREO fell from \$23,932,000 at December 31, 2012 to \$13,946,000 at December 31, 2013.

Unemployment in Fresno County was 15.3% at year-end 2012 and 12.5% at the end of 2013. California improved from 10.5% to 7.9%, while the US improved from 8.1% to 6.7% at December 31, 2013. Fresno is the largest agriculture-producing county in the US and Ag production totaled \$7.2 billion in 2013, a 4.3% increase over the prior year. Of the five county region, Merced to Kern, four are in the top five counties in the US for Agricultural production. The Agricultural markets in this region strengthened in 2013 fueled in part by global demand for exports that drove agricultural product prices and demand for local agricultural land higher. The agriculture affect benefits the five-county economies.

Kern County varies slightly from Fresno County. Kern performed slightly better in unemployment at 10.7% for 2013, down from 13.5% for 2012.

Santa Clara County is one of the few areas with consistent job and income growth in 2013 based on the strength of its high-tech manufacturing sector that has benefited from increasing business investment. Unemployment rates were 5.7% at December 31, 2013, down from 7.5% in 2012.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company experienced increases in real estate mortgage loans, but experienced decreases in real estate construction development and commercial and industrial loans, compared to the same period ended December 31, 2012. Loans decreased \$4,740,000 between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. Commercial and industrial loans decreased \$1,431,000 between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. Real estate mortgage loans increased \$7,431,000 between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. Agricultural loans decreased \$5,237,000 between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. Commercial real estate loans (a component of real estate mortgage loans) have remained as a significant percentage of total loans over the past year,

amounting to 36.41% and 33.39%, of the total loan portfolio at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. Residential mortgage loans are not generally a large part of the Company's loan portfolio, but some residential mortgage loans have been made over the past several years to facilitate take-out loans for construction borrowers when they were not able to obtain permanent financing elsewhere. These loans are generally 30-year amortizing loans with maturities of between three and five years. Residential mortgages totaled \$52,036,000 or 13.16% of the portfolio at December 31, 2013, \$55,016,000, or 13.75% of the portfolio at December 31, 2012. Loan participations purchased have decreased from \$33,000 or 0.01% of the portfolio at December 31, 2012, to \$30,000 or less than 0.01% of the portfolio at December 31, 2013. Loan participations sold decreased from \$12,117,000 or 3.0% of the portfolio at December 31, 2012, to \$9,786,000, or 2.5%, at December 31, 2013.

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Although market rates of interest are at historically low levels, the Company's disciplined deposit pricing efforts have helped maintain adequate margins. The Company's net interest margin decreased to 3.86% for the year ended December 31, 2013, when compared to 4.40% for the year ended December 31, 2012. The net interest margin has also been impacted by a decline in yield on loans, the Company's highest yielding asset, which has been partially offset by an increase in overnight investments with the Federal Reserve Bank, a much lower yielding asset. The Company has successfully sought to mitigate the low-interest rate environment with loan floors included in new and renewed loans when practical. Loans yielded 5.60% during the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to 5.95% for the year ended December 31, 2012. The decrease in the Company's cost of funds over the past year has mitigated the impact of declining yields on earning assets. The Company's average cost of funds was 0.47% for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to 0.60% for the year ended December 31, 2012. Although the Company does not intend to increase its current level of brokered deposits, the levels of brokered deposits are expected to remain level at least in the short-term. The Company is currently only utilizing CDAR's reciprocal deposits as a concession to our customers. The \$11,500,000 in brokered deposits at December 31, 2013 continues to provide the Company with a low-cost source of deposits. The Company will continue to utilize these funding sources when required to maintain prudent liquidity levels, while seeking to increase core deposits when possible.

Total noninterest income of \$3,968,000 reported for the year ended December 31, 2013 decreased \$1,508,000 or 27.54% as compared to the year ended December 31, 2012. Noninterest income continues to be driven by customer service fees, which totaled \$3,456,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013. However, the decrease in noninterest income between the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, was primarily the result of a \$1,739,000 decrease in gain on sale of other investments, partially offset by a decrease of \$284,000 on impairment losses on investment securities.

Noninterest expense decreased approximately \$862,000 or 4.32% between the years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. The decreases experienced during the year ended December 31, 2013, were primarily the result of a decrease of \$663,000 in the net operating cost on OREO and decreases in amortization expenses, professional fees, regulatory insurance assessments, and amortization expenses.

Effective March 31, 2009, and beginning with the quarterly interest payment due October 1, 2009, the Company deferred interest payments on the Company's \$15.0 million of junior subordinated debentures relating to its trust preferred securities. This was the result of regulatory restraints which have precluded the Bank from paying dividends to the Holding Company. The Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank entered into during March 2010 specifically prohibits the Company and the Bank from making any payments on the junior subordinated debt without prior approval of the Federal Reserve Bank. The terms of the debentures and trust indentures allow for the Company to defer interest payments for up to 20 consecutive quarters without default or penalty. During the period that the interest deferrals are elected, the Company will continue to record interest expense associated with the debentures. Upon the expiration of the deferral period, all accrued and unpaid interest will be due and payable. Under the terms of the debenture, the Company is precluded from paying cash dividends to shareholders or repurchasing its stock during the deferral period.

The Company has not paid any cash dividends on its common stock since the second quarter of 2008 and does not expect to resume cash dividends on its common stock for the foreseeable future. Because the Company has elected to defer the quarterly payments of interest on its junior subordinated debentures issued in connection with the trust preferred securities as discussed above, the Company is prohibited under the subordinated debenture agreement from paying cash dividends on its common stock during the deferral period. In addition, pursuant to the Agreement entered into with the Federal Reserve Bank during March of 2010, the Company and the Bank are precluded from paying cash dividends without prior consent of the Federal Reserve Bank. On March 26, 2013, June 25, 2013, September 24, 2013, and December 17, 2013, the Company's Board of Directors declared a one-percent (1%) quarterly stock

dividend on the Company's outstanding common stock. The Company believes, given the current uncertainties in the economy and unprecedented declines in real estate valuations in our markets, it is prudent to retain capital in this environment, and better position the Company for future growth opportunities. Based upon the number of outstanding common shares on the record date of April 12, 2013, July 12 2013, October 11, 2013, and January 10, 2014, respectively, an additional 142,157, 143,613, 145,083, and 146,530 shares, respectively, were issued to shareholders. For purposes of earnings per share calculations, the Company's weighted average shares outstanding and potentially dilutive shares used in the computation of earnings per share have been restated after giving retroactive effect to the 1% stock dividends to shareholders for all periods presented.

The Company has sought to maintain a strong, yet conservative balance sheet while continuing to reduce the level of nonperforming assets and improve liquidity during the year ended December 31, 2013. Total assets decreased approximately \$12,948,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013, including a decrease of \$9,986,000 in OREO, a decrease of \$6,415,000 in cash and cash equivalents, and a decrease of \$4,224,000 in net loans. Total deposits decreased \$20,798,000, including an decrease of \$2,697,000 in noninterest-bearing deposits, partially offset by decreases of \$2,202,000 in savings and NOW and



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money market accounts, and \$15,899,000 in time deposits during the year ended December 31, 2013. Average loans comprised approximately 70.75% and 74.20% of overall average earning assets during the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

Nonperforming assets, which are primarily related to the real estate loan and other real estate owned portfolio, remained high during the year ended December 31, 2013, but decreased \$15,025,000 from a balance of \$47,073,000 at December 31, 2012 to a balance of \$32,048,000 at December 31, 2013. Nonaccrual loans totaling \$12,341,000 at December 31, 2013, decreased \$1,084,000 from the balance of \$13,425,000 reported at December 31, 2012. In determining the adequacy of the underlying collateral related to these loans, management monitors trends within specific geographical areas, loan-to-value ratios, appraisals, and other credit issues related to the specific loans. Impaired loans decreased \$3,799,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013 with a balance of \$18,132,000 at December 31, 2013. Other real estate owned through foreclosure decreased \$9,986,000 between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013, as a result of the sale of various properties. As a result of the related events, nonperforming assets as a percentage of total assets decreased from 7.25% at December 31, 2012 to 5.04% at December 31, 2013.

The following table summarizes various nonperforming components of the loan portfolio, the related allowance for loan and lease losses and provision for credit losses for the periods shown.

(In thousands)	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	
Provision for credit losses during period	\$(1,098	) \$1,019	\$13,602	
Allowance as % of nonperforming loans	60.70	% 50.92	% 45.52	%
Nonperforming loans as % total loans	4.58	% 5.78	% 7.34	%
Restructured loans as % total loans	2.29	% 4.19	% 4.74	%

As the economy has declined along with asset valuations, increased emphasis has been placed on impairment analysis of both tangible and intangible assets on the balance sheet. As of March 31, 2013, the Company conducted annual impairment testing on the largest component of its outstanding balance of goodwill, that of the Campbell operating unit (resulting from the Legacy merger during February 2007.) During the second quarters of 2013 and 2012, the Company utilized an independent valuation service to determine the aggregate fair value of the individual assets, liabilities, and identifiable intangible assets of the Campbell operating unit in question to determine if the goodwill related to that operating unit was impaired, and if so, how much the impairment was. Management, with the assistance of the independent third-party, concluded that there was no impairment of the goodwill related to the Campbell operating unit for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Management continues to monitor economic conditions in the real estate market for signs of further deterioration or improvement which may impact the level of the allowance for loan losses required to cover identified losses in the loan portfolio. As the real estate market declined through 2008, and that accelerated throughout much of 2009, the level of problem assets increased, and the estimated real estate values on many of those assets decreased resulting in increased charge-offs or write-downs of those assets. Greater focus has been placed on monitoring and reducing the level of problem assets, while working with borrowers to find more options, including loan restructures, to work through these difficult economic times. As a result of these efforts, restructured loans decreased from 47 loans totaling \$24,634,000 at December 31, 2010 to approximately 41 loans totaling \$19,275,000 at December 31, 2011, decreasing to 58 loans totaling \$16,773,000 at December 31, 2012, and then decreasing to 35 loans totaling \$9,059,000 at December 31, 2013. A negative provision was made to the allowance for credit losses totaling \$1,098,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to a provision of \$1,019,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012. The provisions made to the allowance for credit losses, totaling \$39,000 during the second quarter of 2013, and a negative provision of \$1,150,000 made during the third quarter of 2013, provided a level in the allowance for credit losses that is deemed adequate to cover inherent losses in the loan portfolio. Net loan and lease recoveries during the year ended December 31, 2013 totaled \$302,000, as compared to \$2,883,000 in net charge-offs for the year ended December 31,

2012. The Company charged-off approximately 24 loans during the year ended December 31, 2013, compared to 26 loans during the year ended December 31, 2012. Net loan and lease recoveries totaling \$302,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013, included \$372,000 in net charge-offs during the quarter ended March 31, 2013, \$285,000 in net charge-offs during the quarter ended June 30, 2013, \$545,000 in net recoveries during the quarter ended September 30, 2013, and \$414,000 in net recoveries during the fourth quarter of 2013. The percentage of net recoveries to average loans were 0.08%, net charge-off of 0.74%, and 3.9% for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011, respectively.

Deposits decreased by \$20,798,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013, with decreases in time, NOW, money market, and non interest bearing deposits, partially offset by an increase in savings accounts. Decreases in time deposits experienced

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during the year ended December 31, 2013, were partially the result of decreases in brokered wholesale deposits, as the Company continues to reduce its reliance on brokered deposits and other wholesale funding sources, while enhancing liquidity.

Brokered deposits have provided the Company a relatively inexpensive funding source over the past several years totaling \$11,500,000 or 2.12% of total deposits at December 31, 2013, as compared to \$17,984,000 or 3.19% of total deposits at December 31, 2012. Brokered deposits and other wholesale funding sources were used to some degree to fund loan growth in 2007 and 2008, but the current state of the economy and the financial condition of the Company have made it increasingly important to continue to develop core deposits and reduce the Company's dependence on brokered and other wholesale funding sources, including lines of credit with the Federal Reserve Bank and the FHLB. The Company increased its efforts early in 2009 to develop core deposit growth with employee training throughout the entire organization and a deposit-gathering program that incented employees to bring in new deposits from our local market area and establish more extensive relationships with our customers. The Company continues its deposit gathering program and committed additional resources to its efforts during 2010 including two full time employees dedicated to business development. As part of its liquidity position improvement plan resulting from the formal agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank issued in March 2010, the Company has reduced its reliance on brokered deposits to levels more comparable with peers, which is currently about 5% of total deposits. .

While the Company still has a slightly higher percentage of brokered deposits than peers at December 31, 2013, the Company is well below the 5% maximum target set in 2010, with 2.1% in brokered deposits as a percentage of total deposits at year-end 2013. Total wholesale borrowings and brokered deposits decreased an additional \$6,484,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013 to a balance of \$11,500,000 at December 31, 2013.

Although the Company had no borrowings at December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company will continue to utilize overnight borrowings and other term credit lines as deemed prudent. Use of such lines are monitored closely to ensure sound balance sheet management in light of the current economic and credit environment.

The cost of the Company's subordinated debentures issued by USB Capital Trust II has remained low as market rates have remained low over the last three or four years. With pricing at 3-month-LIBOR plus 129 basis points, the effective cost of the subordinated debt was 1.54% and 1.60% at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Pursuant to fair value accounting guidance, the Company has recorded \$776,000 in pretax fair value losses on its junior subordinated debt during the year ended December 31, 2013, bringing the total cumulative gain recorded on the debt to \$5,511,000 at December 31, 2013.

The Company continues to emphasize relationship banking and core deposit growth, and has focused greater attention on its market area of Fresno, Madera, and Kern Counties, as well as Campbell, in Santa Clara County. The San Joaquin Valley and other California markets continue to exhibit weak demand for construction lending and commercial lending from small and medium size businesses, as commercial and residential real estate markets have remained depressed since 2008. We have seen improvement during the later part of 2012 and through 2013, and are optimistic that these positive trends will continue. There are continued challenges for the banking industry with tight credit markets and relatively weak real estate markets adversely affecting the Banking industry and the Company.

The Company continually evaluates its strategic business plan as economic and market factors change in its market area. Balance sheet management, enhancing revenue sources, and maintaining market share will continue to be of primary importance during 2014 and beyond. The banking industry is still experiencing downward pressure on net margins as interest rates remain at historical lows. During March 2010, the Company and the Bank entered into a regulatory agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank which, among other things, requires improvements in the overall condition of the Company and the Bank. As a result, market rates of interest, asset quality, as well as regulatory oversight will continue be an important factor in the Company's ongoing strategic planning process.

### Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The Company's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and follow general practices within the industry in which it operates. Application of these principles requires management to make estimates, assumptions, and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates, assumptions, and judgments are based on information available as of the date of the financial statements; accordingly, as this information changes, the financial statements could reflect different estimates, assumptions, and judgments. Certain policies inherently have a greater reliance on the use of estimates, assumptions, and judgments and as such have a greater possibility of producing results that could be materially different than originally reported. Estimates, assumptions, and judgments are necessary when assets and liabilities are required to be recorded at fair value, when a decline in the value of an asset not carried on the financial statements at fair value warrants an impairment write-down or valuation reserve to be established, or when an asset or liability needs to be recorded contingent upon a future event. Carrying assets and liabilities at

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fair value inherently results in more financial statement volatility. The fair values and the information used to record valuation adjustments for certain assets and liabilities are based either on quoted market prices or are provided by other third-party sources, when available. When third-party information is not available, valuation adjustments are estimated using the Company's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The most significant accounting policies followed by the Company are presented in Note 1 to the Company's consolidated financial statements included herein. These policies, along with the disclosures presented in the other financial statement notes and in this financial review, provide information on how significant assets and liabilities are valued in the financial statements and how those values are determined. Based on the valuation techniques used and the sensitivity of financial statement amounts to the methods, assumptions, and estimates underlying those amounts, management has identified the determination of the allowance for credit losses, other real estate owned through foreclosure, impairment of collateralized mortgage obligations and other investment securities, and fair value estimates on junior subordinated debt, valuation for deferred income taxes, and goodwill, to be accounting areas that require the most subjective or complex judgments, and as such could be most subject to revision as new information becomes available.

### Allowance for Credit Losses

The allowance for credit losses represents management's estimate of probable credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio. Determining the amount of the allowance for credit losses is considered a critical accounting estimate because it requires significant judgment and the use of estimates related to the amount and timing of expected future cash flows on impaired loans, estimated losses on pools of homogeneous loans based on historical loss experience, and consideration of current economic trends and conditions, all of which may be susceptible to significant change. The loan portfolio also represents the largest asset type on the consolidated balance sheet. Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements describes the methodology used to determine the allowance for credit losses and a discussion of the factors driving changes in the amount of the allowance for credit losses is included in the Asset Quality and Allowance for Credit Losses section of this financial review.

### Other Real Estate Owned

Real estate properties acquired through, or in lieu of, loan foreclosure are to be sold and are initially recorded at fair value of the property, less estimated costs to sell. The excess, if any, of the loan amount over the fair value of the collateral is charged to the allowance for credit losses. The determination of fair value is generally based upon pre-approved, external appraisals. Subsequent declines in the fair value of other real estate owned, along with related revenue and expenses from operations, are charged to noninterest expense. The fair market valuation of such properties is based upon estimates, and as such, is subject to change as circumstances in the Company's market area, or general economic trends, change.

### Impairment of Investment Securities

Investment securities classified as available for sale ("AFS") are carried at fair value and the impact of changes in fair value are recorded on the Company's consolidated balance sheet as an unrealized gain or loss in "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)," a separate component of shareholders' equity. Securities classified as AFS or held to maturity ("HTM") are subject to review to identify when a decline in value is other than temporary. Factors considered in determining whether a decline in value is other than temporary include: whether the decline is substantial; the duration of the decline; the reasons for the decline in value; whether the decline is related to a credit event or to a change in interest rate; our ability and intent to hold the investment for a period of time that will allow for a recovery of value; and the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer.

## Fair Value

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted fair value option accounting standards choosing to apply the standards to its junior subordinated debt. The Company concurrently adopted the accounting standards related to fair value measurements. The accounting standards related to fair value measurements defines how applicable assets and liabilities are to be valued, and requires expanded disclosures about financial instruments carried at fair value. The fair value measurement accounting standard establishes a hierarchical disclosure framework associated with the level of pricing observability utilized in measuring financial instruments at fair value. The degree of judgment utilized in measuring the fair value of financial instruments generally correlates to the level of pricing observability. Financial instruments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of pricing observability and a lesser degree of judgment utilized in measuring fair value. Conversely, financial instruments infrequently traded or not quoted in an active market will generally have little or no pricing observability and a higher degree of judgment utilized in measuring fair value. Pricing observability is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, whether the

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financial instrument is new to the market and not yet established and the characteristics specific to the transaction. Determining fair values under the accounting standards may include judgments related to measurement factors that may vary from actual transactions executed in the marketplace. For the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company recorded fair value adjustments related to its junior subordinated debt totaling losses of \$776,000 and \$774,000, respectively. (See Notes 8 and 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information about financial instruments carried at fair value.)

### Goodwill

Business combinations involving the Company's acquisition of the equity interests or net assets of another enterprise or the assumption of net liabilities in an acquisition of branches constituting a business may give rise to goodwill. The acquisition of Taft National Bank during April 2004 gave rise to goodwill totaling approximately \$1.6 million, and the acquisition of Legacy Bank during February 2007 resulted in goodwill of approximately \$2.9 million. Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquired entity over the net of the amounts assigned to assets acquired and liabilities assumed in transactions accounted for under the purchase method of accounting. The value of goodwill is ultimately derived from the Company's ability to generate net earnings after the acquisition. A decline in net earnings could be indicative of a decline in the fair value of goodwill and result in impairment. For that reason, goodwill is assessed for impairment at a reporting unit level at least annually using an internal discounted cash flow model. The Company recognized no impairment of goodwill during 2013 and 2012. While the Company believes all assumptions utilized in its assessment of goodwill for impairment are reasonable and appropriate, changes in earnings, the effective tax rate, historical earnings multiples and the cost of capital could all cause different results for the calculation of the present value of future cash flows.

### Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are provided for the temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and the tax basis of the Company's assets and liabilities. Deferred taxes are measured using current tax rates applied to such taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered. If the Company's future income is not sufficient to apply the deferred tax assets within the tax years to which they may be applied, the deferred tax asset may not be realized and the Company's income will be reduced. The Company had recorded a valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets of \$0 and \$2,686,000 at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

On January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the accounting standards related to uncertainty in income taxes. The standard prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Under the accounting standards, an entity should recognize the financial statement benefit of a tax position if it determines that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on examination. The term "more likely than not" means a likelihood of more than 50 percent. In assessing whether the more-likely-than-not criterion is met, the entity should assume that the tax position will be reviewed by the applicable taxing authority.

The Company had no FIN 48 reserve as of December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Pursuant to the accounting standards related to uncertainty in income taxes, the Company will continue to re-evaluate existing tax positions, as well as new positions as they arise. If the Company determines in the future that its tax positions are not "more likely than not" to be sustained (as defined) by taxing authorities, the Company may need to recognize additional tax liabilities.

### Revenue recognition

The Company's primary sources of revenue are interest income from loans and investment securities. Interest income is generally recorded on an accrual basis, unless the collection of such income is not reasonably assured or cannot be reasonably estimated. Pursuant to accounting standards related to revenue recognition, nonrefundable fees and costs associated with originating or acquiring loans are recognized as a yield adjustment to the related loans by amortizing them into income over the term of the loan using a method which approximates the interest method. Other credit-related fees, such as standby letter of credit fees, loan placement fees and annual credit card fees are recognized as noninterest income during the period the related service is performed.

For loans placed on nonaccrual status, the accrued and unpaid interest receivable may be reversed at management's discretion based upon management's assessment of collectibility, and interest is thereafter credited to principal to the extent necessary to eliminate doubt as to the collectibility of the net carrying amount of the loan.



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## Results of Operations

On a year-to-date basis, the Company reported net income of \$7,269,000 or \$0.49 per share (\$0.49 diluted) for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to \$6,069,000 or \$0.41 per share (\$0.41 diluted) for the same period in 2012. The increase of \$1,200,000 between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013 resulted from decreases in non interest expense, a negative provision for loan loss in 2013, in addition to a reversal of the allowance for deferred tax assets.

The Company's return on average assets was 1.13% for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to 0.97% for the year ended December 31, 2012. The Company's return on average equity was 10.09% for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to 9.20% for the year ended December 31, 2012.

As with variances in net income, changes in the return on average assets and average equity experienced by the Company during 2013 and 2012 were primarily the result of fluctuations in loan loss provisions taken during the past two years, as well as the reversal of the allowance for deferred tax assets and OREO-related expenses.

The following table sets forth certain selected financial data for the Bank for each of the years in the five-year periods ended December 31, 2013, and should be read in conjunction with the more detailed information and financial statements contained elsewhere herein (in thousands except per share data and ratios).

(In thousands except per share data and ratios)	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	
Selected Financial Ratios:						
Return on average assets	1.13	%0.97	%(1.64	)%(0.63	)%(0.62	)%
Return on average shareholders' equity	10.09	%9.23	%(15.86	)%(5.67	)%(5.77	)%
Average shareholders' equity to average assets	11.20	%10.55	%10.36	%11.06	%10.71	%
Dividend payout ratio	—	%—	%—	%—	%—	%

## Net Interest Income

Net interest income, the most significant component of earnings, is the difference between the interest and fees received on earning assets and the interest paid on interest-bearing liabilities. Earning assets consist primarily of loans, and to a lesser extent, investments in securities issued by federal, state and local authorities, and corporations, as well as interest-bearing deposits and overnight funds with other financial institutions. These earning assets are funded by a combination of interest-bearing and noninterest-bearing liabilities, primarily customer deposits and short-term and long-term borrowings.

Net interest income before provision for credit losses totaled \$21,391,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013, representing a decrease of \$1,699,000, or 7.36%, when compared to the \$23,090,000 reported for the same period of the previous year. The Company's year-to-date net interest margin, as shown in Table 1, decreased to 3.86% at December 31, 2013 from 4.40% at December 31, 2012, a decrease of 54 basis points (100 basis points = 1%) between the two periods. Significant declines in the Company's cost of funds helped to mitigate declines in net interest income and minimized the decrease in the net margin between the two periods.

Table 1. – Distribution of Average Assets, Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:  
Interest rates and interest differentials  
Years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012



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(Dollars in thousands)	2013			2012		
	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/Rate
Assets:						
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans and leases (1)	\$ 392,340	\$ 21,979	5.60 %	\$ 389,377	\$ 23,184	5.95 %
Investment Securities – taxable	30,208	703	2.33 %	38,322	1,720	4.49 %
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	1,511	8	0.53 %	1,854	23	1.24 %
Interest-bearing deposits in FRB	130,481	312	0.24 %	95,238	224	0.24 %
Total interest-earning assets	554,540	\$ 23,002	4.15 %	524,791	\$ 25,151	4.79 %
Allowance for credit losses	(11,299 )			(12,257 )		
Noninterest-earning assets:						
Cash and due from banks	22,417			23,290		
Premises and equipment, net	12,082			12,617		
Accrued interest receivable	1,278			1,512		
Other real estate owned	18,932			24,454		
Other assets	45,431			48,601		
Total average assets	\$ 643,381			\$ 623,008		
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
NOW accounts	\$ 53,731	\$ 60	0.11 %	\$ 49,358	\$ 68	0.14 %
Money market accounts	144,920	615	0.42 %	127,784	775	0.61 %
Savings accounts	42,837	84	0.20 %	40,986	98	0.24 %
Time deposits	93,236	571	0.61 %	114,286	850	0.74 %
Other borrowings	—	—	0.00 %	—	—	0.00 %
Junior subordinated debentures	10,640	281	2.64 %	9,385	270	2.88 %
Total interest-bearing liabilities	345,364	\$ 1,611	0.47 %	341,799	\$ 2,061	0.60 %
Noninterest-bearing liabilities:						
Noninterest-bearing checking	220,003			210,003		
Accrued interest payable	95			127		
Other liabilities	5,888			5,324		
Total Liabilities	571,350			557,253		
Total shareholders' equity	72,031			65,755		
Total average liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 643,381			\$ 623,008		
Interest income as a percentage of average earning assets			4.15 %			4.79 %
Interest expense as a percentage of average earning assets			0.29 %			0.39 %
Net interest margin			3.86 %			4.40 %

(1) Loan amounts include nonaccrual loans, but the related interest income has been included only if collected for the period prior to the loan being placed on a nonaccrual basis. Loan interest income includes loan fees of approximately \$10,000 and \$527,000 for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The prime rate averaged 3.25% for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.



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Both the Company's net interest income and net interest margin are affected by changes in the amount and mix of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, referred to as "volume change." Both are also affected by changes in yields on interest-earning assets and rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities, referred to as "rate change." The following table sets forth the changes in interest income and interest expense for each major category of interest-earning asset and interest-bearing liability, and the amount of change attributable to volume and rate changes for the years indicated. Changes in interest income and expense, which are not attributable specifically to either rate or volume, are allocated proportionately between the two variances based on the absolute dollar amounts of the change in each.

Table 2. Rate and Volume Analysis

(In thousands)	2013 compared to 2012			2012 compared to 2011		
	Total	Rate	Volume	Total	Rate	Volume
Increase (decrease) in interest income:						
Loans	\$(1,205 )	\$(1,380 )	175	\$(2,389 )	\$(268 )	(2,121 )
Investment securities	(1,017 )	(706 )	(311 )	(421 )	54	(475 )
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	(15 )	(14 )	(1 )	(16 )	(11 )	(5 )
Interest-bearing deposits in FRB	88	2	86	38	2	36
Total interest income	(2,149 )	(2,098 )	(51 )	(2,788 )	(223 )	(2,565 )
Increase (decrease) in interest expense:						
Interest-bearing demand accounts	(168 )	(262 )	94	(257 )	(294 )	37
Savings accounts	(14 )	(18 )	4	(35 )	(41 )	6
Time deposits	(279 )	(137 )	(142 )	(537 )	(160 )	(377 )
Other borrowings	—	—	—	(101 )	(51 )	(50 )
Subordinated debentures	11	(23 )	34	27	41	(14 )
Total interest expense	(450 )	(440 )	(10 )	(903 )	(505 )	(398 )
Increase (decrease) in net interest income	\$(1,699 )	\$(1,658 )	(41 )	\$(1,885 )	\$282	(2,167 )

For the year ended December 31, 2013, total interest income decreased approximately \$2,149,000 or 8.54% as compared to the year ended December 31, 2012. Earning asset volumes decreased in investment securities available for sale and interest-bearing deposits in other banks between the two periods with a large decrease experienced in securities, which on average decreased \$8,114,000 between the two periods. The average rates on loans decreased 35 basis points between the two periods, and the average rate on investment securities decreased approximately 216 basis points during the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to the same period of 2012. The decrease in the average rate on investment securities is a result of the sale of \$7.5 million in impaired residential mortgage obligations during the fourth quarter of 2012.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, total interest expense decreased approximately \$450,000, or 21.83%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2012. Between those two periods, average interest-bearing liabilities increased by \$3,565,000, while the average rates paid on these liabilities decreased by 13 basis points.

## Provision for Credit Losses

Provisions for credit losses are determined on the basis of management's periodic credit review of the loan portfolio, consideration of past loan loss experience, current and future economic conditions, and other pertinent factors. Such factors consider the allowance for credit losses to be adequate when it covers estimated losses inherent in the loan portfolio. Based on the condition of the loan portfolio, management believes the allowance is sufficient to cover risk

elements in the loan portfolio.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, the provision to the allowance for credit losses amounted to a benefit of \$(1,098,000) as compared to a provision of \$1,019,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The amount provided to the allowance for credit losses during the year ended December 31, 2013, brought the allowance to 2.78% of net outstanding loan balances at December 31, 2013, as compared to 2.95% of net outstanding loan balances at December 31, 2012. The negative loan loss provision recorded during 2013 is a result of continuing improvements in the

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overall credit quality of the loan portfolio, overall improvement in the loss history over the last year, improvement in property values that serve as collateral for a large portion of loan portfolio, as well as modest reductions in the overall loan portfolio between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013.

## Noninterest Income

The following table summarizes significant components of noninterest income for the years indicated and the net changes between those years:

(In thousands)	2013	2012	Amount of Change	Percent Change	
Customer service fees	\$3,456	\$3,583	\$(127 )	(3.54 )%	
Increase in cash surrender value of BOLI	556	564	(8 )	(1.42 )%	
Loss on disposition of securities	—	(195 )	195 )	(100.00 )%	
Impairment loss on investment securities	—	(284 )	284 )	(100.00 )%	
Loss on fair value option of financial liabilities	(776 )	(774 )	(2 )	0.26 %	
Gain on other investments	—	1,739	(1,739 )	(100.00 )%	
Other	732	843	(111 )	(13.17 )%	
Total	\$3,968	\$5,476	\$(1,508 )	(27.54 )%	

Noninterest income consists primarily of fees and commissions earned on services that are provided to the Company's banking customers and, to a lesser extent, gains on sales of Company assets and other miscellaneous income.

Noninterest income for the year ended December 31, 2013 decreased \$1,508,000 or 27.54% when compared to the same period of 2012. Customer service fees, the primary component of noninterest income, decreased \$127,000 or 3.54% between the two periods presented. The decrease in noninterest income of \$1,508,000 between the two periods includes a decrease in gain on sale of other investment due to a gain of \$1,739,000 realized in 2012 on the sale of a tax credit partnership and a decrease due to loss on fair value of financial liability, partially offset by an increase in impairment loss on investment securities and loss on disposition of securities.

## Noninterest Expense

The following table sets forth the components of total noninterest expense in dollars and as a percentage of average earning assets for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

(Dollars in thousands)	2013		2012		
	Amount	% of Average Earning Assets	Amount	% of Average Earning Assets	
Salaries and employee benefits	\$9,214	1.66	% \$9,082	1.73	%
Occupancy expense	3,678	0.66	% 3,548	0.68	%
Data processing	185	0.03	% 77	0.01	%
Professional fees	1,275	0.23	% 1,707	0.33	%
FDIC/DFI assessments	1,150	0.21	% 1,409	0.27	%
Directors fees	232	0.04	% 256	0.05	%
Amortization of intangibles	187	0.03	% 304	0.06	%
Correspondent bank service charges	287	0.05	% 313	0.06	%
Loss on CA Tax Credit Partnership	253	0.05	% 39	0.01	%
OREO expense	271	0.05	% 934	0.18	%

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Other	2,351	0.42	% 2,276	0.43	%
Total	\$19,083	3.44	% \$19,945	3.80	%

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Noninterest expense decreased \$862,000 between the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. The net decrease in noninterest expense between the comparative periods is primarily the result of a decrease on net cost of operation on OREO and decreases in regulatory assessments and professional fees.

Included in net costs on operations of OREO for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, are gains on the sale of OREO totaling \$1,346,000 and \$278,000, respectively, which were offset by impairment losses of \$214,000 and \$463,000, as well as OREO operating expenses totaling \$1,403,000 and \$749,000, respectively.

During the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$29,000 (less than \$0.01 per share basic and diluted). This expense is included in noninterest expense under salaries and employee benefits. Under the current pool of stock options, the Company expects stock-based compensation expense to be about \$2,100 per quarter for 2014 through 2015, and about \$1,700 for the first quarter of 2016. If new stock options are issued, or existing options fail to vest due, for example, to forfeiture, actual stock-based compensation expense in future periods will change.

## Income Taxes

The Company's income tax expense is impacted to some degree by permanent taxable differences between income reported for book purposes and income reported for tax purposes, as well as certain tax credits which are not reflected in the Company's pretax income or loss shown in the statements of operations and comprehensive income. As pretax income or loss amounts become smaller, the impact of these differences become more significant and are reflected as variances in the Company's effective tax rate for the periods presented. In general, the permanent differences and tax credits affecting tax expense have a positive impact and tend to reduce the effective tax rates shown in the Company's statements of operations and comprehensive income.

The Company reviews its current tax positions at least quarterly based accounting standards related to uncertainty in income taxes which includes the criteria that an individual tax position would have to meet for some or all of the income tax benefit to be recognized in a taxable entity's financial statements. Under the income tax guidelines, an entity should recognize the financial statement benefit of a tax position if it determines that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on examination. The term "more likely than not" means a likelihood of more than 50 percent." In assessing whether the more-likely-than-not criterion is met, the entity should assume that the tax position will be reviewed by the applicable taxing authority.

The Company has reviewed all of its tax positions as of December 31, 2013, and has determined that, there are no material amounts that should be recorded under the current income tax accounting guidelines.

## Financial Condition

Total assets decreased by \$12,948,000 or 2.00% during the year to \$635,929,000 at December 31, 2013, and decreased 15,403,000 or 1.99% from the balance of 651,332,000 at December 31, 2011. During the year ended December 31, 2013, decreases of \$4,224,000 were experienced in net loans. Overnight interest-bearing deposits in the Federal Reserve Bank and federal funds sold increased a net \$873,000, while investment securities increased by \$11,772,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013. Total deposits of \$542,489,000 at December 31, 2013, decreased \$20,798,000 or 3.69% from the balance reported at December 31, 2012, a \$31,938,000 or 3.62% decrease from the balance of \$574,427,000 reported at December 31, 2011.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, decreases of \$8,658,000 were experienced in net loans as real estate lending plateaued and approximately \$2.4 million in problem loans were transferred to OREO, while another \$4,278,000 was charged off against the allowance for loan losses. Overnight interest-bearing deposits in the Federal

Reserve Bank and federal funds sold, increased a net \$18,014,000, while investment securities decreased by \$6,614,000 during the year ended December 31, 2012. Total deposits of \$563,287,000 at December 31, 2012 decreased \$11,140,000 or 1.94% from the balance reported at December 31, 2011, a \$5,821,000 or 1.03% increase from the balance of \$557,466,000 reported at December 31, 2010.

Earning assets averaged approximately \$554,540,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to \$524,791,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012. Average interest-bearing liabilities increased to \$345,364,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to \$341,799,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

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The Company's primary business is that of acquiring deposits and making loans, with the loan portfolio representing the largest and most important component of its earning assets. Loans totaled \$395,317,000 at December 31, 2013, representing a decrease of \$4,740,000 or 1.18% when compared to the balance of \$400,057,000 at December 31, 2012. During 2013 average loans increased 0.76% when compared to the year ended December 31, 2012. Average loans totaled \$392,340,000, \$389,377,000, and \$424,961,000 for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The following table sets forth the amounts of loans outstanding by category and the category percentages as of the year-end dates indicated:

(In thousands)	2013		2012		2011		2010 (1)		2009 (1)	
	Dollar Amount	% of Loans	Dollar Amount	% of Loans	Dollar Amount	% of Loans	Dollar Amount	% of Loans	Dollar Amount	% of Loans
Commercial and Industrial	\$70,686	17.9 %	\$72,117	18.0 %	\$99,060	24.2 %	\$159,224	36.0 %	\$167,930	33.0 %
Real estate mortgage	197,365	49.9 %	189,934	47.5 %	182,131	44.6 %	157,781	35.7 %	165,629	32.6 %
RE construction & development	87,004	22.0 %	90,941	22.7 %	70,877	17.3 %	65,182	14.8 %	105,220	20.7 %
Agricultural	30,932	7.8 %	36,169	9.0 %	45,483	11.1 %	46,308	10.5 %	50,897	10.0 %
Installment/other	9,330	2.4 %	10,884	2.7 %	11,115	2.8 %	12,891	2.9 %	18,191	3.6 %
Lease financing	—	— %	12	0.1 %	49	— %	305	0.1 %	706	0.1 %
Total Loans	\$395,317	100.0 %	\$400,057	100.0 %	\$408,715	100.0 %	\$441,691	100.0 %	\$508,573	100.0 %

(1) See Notes to Financial Statements 1.r.

Loan volume continues to be greatest in what has historically been the Bank's primary lending emphasis: commercial, real estate mortgage, and construction lending. Although total loans decreased during 2013, with signs of recovery in the real estate markets, the Company experienced increases in real estate mortgage and a decrease in construction lending of \$7,431,000, or 3.9% and \$3,937,000, and 4.3%, respectively. All other loan categories decreased; commercial and industrial loans decreased \$1,431,000 or 1.98%, agriculture loans decreased \$5,237,000, or 14.5%, and installment loans decreased \$1,554,000, or 14.3% when compared to the previous year.

During 2012, the Company experienced an increase of \$20,064,000 or 28.3% in construction loans, an increase of \$7,803,000 or 4.3% in real estate mortgage loans, a decrease of \$9,314,000 or 20.5% in agricultural loans and a decrease of \$232,000 or 2.1% in installment loans. Lease financing also experienced moderate decreases, as the Company is no longer originating commercial leases.

At December 31, 2013, approximately 42.7% of commercial and industrial loans have floating rates and, although some may be secured by real estate, many are secured by accounts receivable, inventory, and other business assets. Residential housing markets regained some momentum in 2013, and as a result, real estate mortgage loans increased \$7,431,000, while real estate construction loans decreased \$3,937,000 or 4.3% during 2013, as compared to an increase of \$20,064,000 or 28.3% during 2012. Construction loans are generally short-term, floating-rate obligations, which consist of both residential and commercial projects. Agricultural loans consisting of mostly short-term, floating rate loans for crop financing, decreased \$5,237,000 or 14.5% between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013; and commercial loans consisting primarily of loans for non real estate business operations, decreased \$1,431,000 or 1.98% and installment loans decreased \$1,554,000 or 14.3% during that same period.

The real estate mortgage loan portfolio totaling \$197,365,000 at December 31, 2013, consists of commercial real estate, residential mortgages, and home equity loans. Commercial real estate is the core of this segment of the portfolio, with balances of \$143,919,000, and \$133,599,000 at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Commercial real estate loans are generally a mix of short to medium-term, fixed and floating rate instruments and, are mainly tied to commercial income and multi-family residential properties. The Company does not currently offer traditional residential mortgage loans, but may purchase mortgage portfolios. During the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company purchased \$13.3 million in residential mortgage loans. The residential real estate mortgage portfolio had balances of \$52,036,000 and \$55,016,000 at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Company also offers short to medium-term, fixed-rate, home equity loans, which totaled \$1,410,000 at December 31, 2013 and \$1,319,000 at December 31, 2012.

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The following table sets forth the maturities of the Bank's loan portfolio at December 31, 2013. Amounts presented are shown by maturity dates rather than repricing periods:

(In thousands)	Due in one year or less	Due after one year through five years	Due after five years	Total
Commercial and agricultural	\$37,160	\$50,812	\$13,646	\$101,618
Real estate construction & development	55,450	31,554	—	87,004
Real estate – mortgage	29,946	97,301	70,118	197,365
All other loans	3,734	4,140	1,456	9,330
Total Loans	\$126,290	\$183,807	\$85,220	\$395,317

For the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the average yield on loans was 5.60% and 5.95%, respectively. This consistent yield was due in part to the Company utilizing rate floors intended to mitigate interest rate risk as interest rates fall, as well as to compensate the Company for additional credit risk under current market conditions. The Bank's loan portfolio is generally comprised of short-term or floating rate loans and is therefore susceptible to fluctuations in market rates of interest.

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, approximately 40.4% and 42.3% of the Bank's loan portfolio consisted of floating rate instruments, with the majority of those tied to the prime rate.

The following table sets forth the contractual maturities of the Bank's fixed and floating rate loans at December 31, 2013. Amounts presented are shown by maturity dates rather than repricing periods, and do not consider renewals or prepayments of loans:

(In thousands)	Due in one year or less	Due after one Year through Five years	Due after Five years	Total
Accruing loans:				
Fixed rate loans	\$41,283	\$142,786	\$38,795	\$222,864
Floating rate loans	76,766	38,539	44,807	160,112
Total accruing loans	118,049	181,325	83,602	382,976
Nonaccrual loans:				
Fixed rate loans	8,241	2,482	1,618	12,341
Floating rate loans	—	—	—	—
Total nonaccrual loans	8,241	2,482	1,618	12,341
Total Loans	\$126,290	\$183,807	\$85,220	\$395,317

## Securities

Following is a comparison of the amortized cost and approximate fair value of available-for-sale for the years indicated:

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(In thousands)	December 31, 2013				December 31, 2012			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value (Carrying Amount)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value (Carrying Amount)
Available-for-sale:								
U.S. Government agencies	\$14,060	\$441	\$—	\$14,501	\$6,113	\$487	\$—	\$6,600
U.S. Government sponsored entities & agencies collateralized by mortgage obligations	25,029	434	(78)	25,385	20,586	697	—	21,283
Mutual Funds	4,000	—	(270)	3,730	4,000	—	(39)	3,961
Total available-for-sale	\$43,089	\$875	\$(348)	\$43,616	\$30,699	\$1,184	\$(39)	\$31,844

The contractual maturities of investment securities as well as yields based on amortized cost of those securities at December 31, 2013 are shown below. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

(Dollars in thousands)	One year or less		After one year to five years		After five years to ten years		After ten years		Total	
	Amount	Yield (1)	Amount	Yield (1)	Amount	Yield (1)	Amount	Yield (1)	Amount	Yield (1)
Available-for-sale:										
U.S. Government agencies	\$—	—	%\$74	5.48	%\$—	—	%\$14,427	3.07	%\$14,501	3.18
U.S. Government sponsored entities & agencies collateralized by mortgage obligations	14	4.38	%16,303	1.30	%7,697	2.52	%1,371	4.95	%25,385	1.90
Mutual Funds	3,730	2.41	%—	—	%—	—	%—	—	%3,730	2.41
Total estimated fair value	\$3,744	2.41	%\$16,377	1.32	%\$7,697	2.52	%\$15,798	3.23	%\$43,616	2.36

(1) Weighted average yields are not computed on a tax equivalent basis

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, available-for-sale securities with an amortized cost of approximately \$23,935,000 and \$26,695,000, respectively (fair value of \$26,695,000 and \$27,878,000, respectively) were pledged as collateral for public funds and FHLB borrowings.

Deposits

The Bank attracts commercial deposits primarily from local businesses and professionals, as well as retail checking accounts, savings accounts and time deposits. Total deposits decreased \$20,798,000 or 3.69% during the year to a balance of \$542,489,000 at December 31, 2013. Core deposits, consisting of all deposits other than time deposits of \$100,000 or more and brokered deposits, continue to provide the foundation for the Bank's principal sources of funding and liquidity. These core deposits amounted to 87.8% and 84.9% of the total deposit portfolio at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The following table sets forth the year-end amounts of deposits by category for the years indicated, and the dollar change in each category during the year:

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(In thousands)	December 31,			Change during Year	
	2013	2012	2011	2013	2012
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$214,317	\$217,014	\$224,907	\$(2,697)	\$(7,893)
Interest-bearing deposits:					
NOW and money market accounts	198,928	203,771	165,937	(4,843)	37,834
Savings accounts	45,758	43,117	40,099	2,641	3,018
Time deposits:					
Under \$100,000	28,825	32,532	53,271	(3,707)	(20,739)
\$100,000 and over	54,661	66,853	90,213	(12,192)	(23,360)
Total interest-bearing deposits	328,172	346,273	349,520	(18,101)	(3,247)
Total deposits	\$542,489	\$563,287	\$574,427	\$(20,798)	\$(11,140)

As a result of the March 2010 agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Company has continued to reduce its reliance on brokered and other wholesale funding sources. The Company has a written plan, approved by the Federal Reserve Bank, to improve its liquidity position which included a timetable to reduce the Bank's reliance on brokered deposits and other wholesale funding, and specific liquidity targets and parameters to meet contractual obligations and unanticipated demands. Under the plan, the Company has systematically reduced the level of brokered deposits to peer levels (as percentage of total deposits) by letting some or all of the maturing brokered deposits run-off as needed. As of December 31, 2013, brokered deposits totaled 2.12% of total deposits which the Company believes to be in line with peers.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, decreases were experienced across all categories except for savings accounts. While total time deposits decreased \$15,899,000 or 4.59% during the year ended December 31, 2013, brokered deposits, a component of total time deposits, decreased \$6,484,000 or 2.12% during the year and non interest bearing deposits decreased \$2,697,000. These decreases were partially offset by increases in savings accounts of \$2,641,000 or 6.13% during the year ended December 31, 2013.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, increases in NOW and money market accounts of \$37,834,000, or 18.6%, and increases of \$3,018,000 in savings accounts were offset by decreases in time deposits under \$100,000 of \$20,739,000, or 38.9%, and decreases in time deposits of \$100,000 or more of \$23,360,000, or 25.9%, during the year ended December 31, 2012. Of the \$23,360,000 decrease in time deposits of \$100,000 or more, \$3,247,000 was attributable to increases in brokered deposits.

Pricing of brokered time deposits and other wholesale deposits have remained low over the past two years and have provided a viable alternate to borrowings from the Federal Reserve or the FHLB. The Company believes this rate structure will eventually turn, and wholesale funding sources, both deposits and borrowings, will again become expensive relative to other core deposits in the marketplace. Although the Company will continue to use pricing strategies to control the overall level of time deposits and other borrowings as part of its balance sheet and liquidity planning process, the March 2010 agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank requires reductions in brokered deposits, which places increased emphasis on core deposits as part of the Company's long-term relationship banking strategy. As a result, core deposits, including NOW and money market accounts, and savings accounts, as well as noninterest-bearing checking accounts, continue to provide the Company's primary funding source.

The Company's deposit base consists of two major components represented by noninterest-bearing (demand) deposits and interest-bearing deposits. Interest-bearing deposits consist of time certificates, NOW and money market accounts and savings deposits. Total noninterest-bearing deposits decreased \$2,697,000 or 1.2% between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013, while interest-bearing deposits decreased \$18,101,000 or 5.2% during the same period. Between December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012, total interest-bearing deposits increased \$3,247,000 or 0.6%, while noninterest-bearing deposits decreased \$7,893,000 or 3.6%.



On a year-to-date average basis, total deposits increased \$12,310,000 or 2.3% between the years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. Of that total, interest-bearing deposits increased by \$2,310,000 or 0.7%, while noninterest-bearing deposits increased \$10,000,000 or 4.76% during 2013. On average, the Company experienced decreases in time deposits, while NOW accounts, money market and savings accounts increased between the years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. On a year-to-date average basis, total deposits decreased \$10,043,000 or 1.8% between the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012. Of that total, interest-bearing deposits decreased by \$40,807,000 or 10.9%, while

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noninterest-bearing deposits decreased \$30,764,000 or 17.2% during 2012. On average, the Company experienced decreases in NOW accounts and time deposits, while money market and savings accounts increased between the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012.

The following table sets forth the average deposits and average rates paid on those deposits for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011:

(Dollars in thousands)	2013		2012		2011		
	Average Balance	Rate %	Average Balance	Rate %	Average Balance	Rate %	
Interest-bearing deposits:							
Checking accounts	\$198,651	0.34	177,142	0.48	171,137	0.64	%
Savings	42,837	0.20	40,986	0.24	39,174	0.34	%
Time deposits (1)	93,236	0.61	114,286	0.74	162,910	0.85	%
Noninterest-bearing deposits	220,003		210,003		179,239		

(1) Included at December 31, 2013, are \$54,661,000 in time certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more, of which \$14,124,000 matures in three months or less, \$26,402,000 matures in 3 to 12 months, and \$10,535,000 matures in more than 12 months.

**Short-term Borrowings**

The Company has the ability to obtain borrowed funds consisting of federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase (“repurchase agreements”) and Federal Home Loan Bank (“FHLB”) advances as alternatives to retail deposit funds. The Company has established collateralized and uncollateralized lines of credit with several correspondent banks, as well as a securities dealer, for the purpose of obtaining borrowed funds as needed. The Company may continue to borrow funds in the future as part of its asset/liability strategy, and may use these funds to acquire certain other assets as deemed appropriate by management for investment purposes and to better utilize the capital resources of the Bank. Federal funds purchased represent temporary overnight borrowings from correspondent banks and are generally unsecured. Repurchase agreements are collateralized by mortgage backed securities and securities of U.S. Government agencies, and generally have maturities of one to six months, but may have longer maturities if deemed appropriate as part of the Company’s asset/liability management strategy. FHLB advances are collateralized by the Company’s investment in FHLB stock, securities, and certain qualifying mortgage loans. In addition, the Company has the ability to obtain borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (“FRB”), which would be collateralized by certain pledged loans in the Company’s loan portfolio. The lines of credit are subject to periodic review of the Company’s financial statements by the grantors of the credit lines. Lines of credit may be modified or revoked at any time if the grantors feel there are adverse trends in the Company’s financial position.

The Company had collateralized lines of credit with the FRB of \$254,761,000 and \$254,761,000, as well as FHLB lines of credit totaling \$7,094,000 and \$10,493,000 at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. In addition, the Company obtained a \$10,000,000 uncollateralized line of credit during 2013 from Pacific Coast Bankers Bank. At December 31, 2013, the Company had no outstanding balances drawn against any of its lines of credit. These lines of credit generally have interest rates tied to the Federal Funds rate or are indexed to short-term U.S. Treasury rates or LIBOR.

**Asset Quality and Allowance for Credit Losses**

Lending money is the Company's principal business activity, and ensuring appropriate evaluation, diversification, and control of credit risks is a primary management responsibility. Losses are implicit in lending activities and the amount of such losses will vary, depending on the risk characteristics of the loan portfolio as affected by local economic conditions and the financial experience of borrowers.

As a result of the March 2010 agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Company has written several plans to address the management of asset quality and the adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses. Specifically, the Company has three written plans which directly address these issues:

Plan to Strengthen Credit Risk Management Practices – Includes the responsibility of the Board to establish appropriate risk tolerance guidelines and limits, timely and accurate identification and quantification of credit risk, strategies to minimize credit losses and reduce the level of problem assets, procedures for the ongoing review of the investment

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portfolio to evaluate other-than-temporary-impairment, stress testing for commercial real estate loans and portfolio segments, and measures to reduce the levels of other real estate owned.

Plan to Improve Adversely Classified Assets – Includes specific plans and strategies to improve the Bank’s asset position through repayment, amortization, liquidation, additional collateral, or other means on each loan, relationship, or other asset in excess of \$1.5 million including OREO, that are past due more than 90 days as of the date of the written agreement.

Plan for Maintenance of Adequate Allowance for Loan Losses – Includes policies and procedures to ensure adherence to the Bank’s revised ALLL methodology, provides for periodic reviews of the methodology as appropriate, and provides for review of ALLL by the Board at least quarterly.

Also as part of the agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank, Board oversight has been enhanced to monitor the operations of the Company including, but not limited to, asset improvement and adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses. With regard to asset improvement, the Company will not, directly or indirectly, extend, renew, or restructure any loan to any borrower, including any related interest of the borrower, whose loans were criticized by the Federal Reserve Bank in their June 2009 examination, or any subsequent examination, without prior approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. Any extensions of credit, renewals, or restructurings on loans to such borrowers approved by the Board of Directors, will be supported with detailed written justification. Any additional loan, relationship, or asset in excess of \$1.5 million that becomes past due more than 90 days, will be subject to a written plan to improve the Company’s position with regard to the asset, and that plan will be submitted to the Federal Reserve Bank. The Company will submit written reports to the Federal Reserve Bank on a quarterly basis to include updates of progress made on asset improvement, as well as review and monitoring of the adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses.

The allowance for credit losses is maintained at a level deemed appropriate by management to provide for known and inherent risks in existing loans and commitments to extend credit. The adequacy of the allowance for credit losses is based upon management's continuing assessment of various factors affecting the collectability of loans and commitments to extend credit; including current economic conditions, past credit experience, collateral, and concentrations of credit. There is no precise method of predicting specific losses or amounts which may ultimately be charged off on particular segments of the loan portfolio. The conclusion that a loan may become uncollectible, either in part or in whole is judgmental and subject to economic, environmental, and other conditions which cannot be predicted with certainty. When determining the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses, the Company follows, in accordance with GAAP, the guidelines set forth in the Revised Interagency Policy Statement on the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses (“Statement”) issued by banking regulators in December 2006. The Statement is a revision of the previous guidance released in July 2001, and outlines characteristics that should be used in segmentation of the loan portfolio for purposes of the analysis including risk classification, past due status, type of loan, industry or collateral. It also outlines factors to consider when adjusting the loss factors for various segments of the loan portfolio, and updates previous guidance that describes the responsibilities of the board of directors, management, and bank examiners regarding the allowance for credit losses. Securities and Exchange Commission Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 102 was released during July 2001, and represents the SEC staff’s view relating to methodologies and supporting documentation for the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses that should be observed by all public companies in complying with the federal securities laws and the Commission’s interpretations. It is also generally consistent with the guidance published by the banking regulators.

The allowance for loan losses includes an asset-specific component, as well as a general or formula-based component. The Company segments the loan and lease portfolio into eleven (11) segments, primarily by loan class and type, that have homogeneity and commonality of purpose and terms for analysis under the formula-based component of the allowance. Those loans which are determined to be impaired under current accounting guidelines are not subject to the formula-based reserve analysis, and evaluated individually for specific impairment under the asset-specific component of the allowance. The eleven segments of the Company’s loan portfolio are as follows (subtotals are provided as

needed to allow the reader to reconcile the amounts to the Company's loan classification reported elsewhere in these financial statements):

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Loan Segments for Loan Loss Reserve Analysis (Dollars in thousands)	Loan Balances at December 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010 (1)	2009 (1)
Commercial and Business Loans	\$68,460	\$69,780	\$96,076	\$154,624	\$161,292
Government Program Loans	2,226	2,337	2,984	4,600	6,638
Total Commercial and Industrial	70,686	72,117	99,060	159,224	167,930
Commercial Real Estate Term Loans	143,919	133,599	140,590	131,632	117,010
Single Family Residential Loans	52,036	55,016	39,682	23,764	45,828
Home Improvement/Home Equity Loans	1,410	1,319	1,859	2,385	2,791
Total Real Estate Mortgage	197,365	189,934	182,131	157,781	165,629
RE Construction and Development Loans	87,004	90,941	70,877	65,182	105,220
Agricultural Loans	30,932	36,169	45,483	46,308	50,897
Consumer Loans	9,330	10,639	10,907	12,462	17,939
Overdraft protection Lines	—	90	85	74	73
Overdrafts	—	155	124	355	179
Total Installment/other	9,330	10,884	11,116	12,891	18,191
Commercial Lease Financing	—	12	49	305	706
Total Loans	\$395,317	\$400,057	\$408,716	\$441,691	\$508,573

(1) During 2012, the Company reviewed and revised the definition of the reporting segments within its loan portfolio to ensure proper uniformity of risk among such segments and has made specific reclassifications to the 2011 segments as reported for consistency. However, balances reported for years prior to 2011 were not subject to this reclassification and so are not comparable. None of the reclassifications had an impact on equity or net (loss) income.

The Company's methodology for assessing the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses consists of several key elements, which include:

- the formula allowance,
- specific allowances for problem graded loans identified as impaired
- and the unallocated allowance

The formula allowance is calculated by applying loss factors to outstanding loans and certain unfunded loan commitments. Loss factors are based on the Company's historical loss experience and on the internal risk grade of those loans and, may be adjusted for significant factors that, in management's judgment, affect the collectability of the portfolio as of the evaluation date. Factors that may affect collectability of the loan portfolio include:

- Levels of, and trends in delinquencies and nonaccrual loans;
- Trends in volumes and term of loans;
  - Effects of any changes in lending policies and procedures including those for underwriting, collection, charge-off, and recovery;
- Experience, ability, and depth of lending management and staff;
- National and local economic trends and conditions and;
- Concentrations of credit that might affect loss experience across one or more components of the portfolio, including high-balance loan concentrations and participations.

Management determines the loss factors for problem graded loans (substandard, doubtful, and loss), special mention loans, and pass graded loans, based on a loss migration model. The migration analysis incorporates loan losses over the previous quarters as determined by management (time horizons adjusted as business cycles or environment changes) and loss factors are adjusted to recognize and quantify the loss exposure from changes in market conditions and trends in the Company's loan portfolio. For purposes of this analysis, loans are grouped by internal risk

classifications, which are “pass”, “special mention”, “substandard”, “doubtful”, and “loss”. Certain loans are homogeneous in nature and are therefore pooled by risk grade. These homogeneous loans include consumer installment and home equity loans. Special mention loans are currently performing but are potentially weak, as the borrower has begun to exhibit deteriorating trends, which if not corrected, could jeopardize repayment of the loan and result in further downgrade. Substandard loans have well-defined weaknesses which, if not corrected, could jeopardize the full satisfaction of the debt. A loan classified as “doubtful” has critical weaknesses that make full collection of the obligation improbable. Classified loans, as defined by the Company, include impaired loans and loans categorized as substandard,

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doubtful, and loss which are not considered impaired. At December 31, 2013, “classified” loans totaled \$38,365,000 or 9.70% of gross loans as compared to \$35,036,000 or 8.8% of gross loans at December 31, 2012.

Loan participations are reviewed for allowance adequacy under the same guidelines as other loans in the Company’s portfolio, with an additional participation factor added, if required, for specific risks associated with participations. In general, participations are subject to certain thresholds set by the Company, and are reviewed for geographic location as well as the well-being of the underlying agent bank.

The formula allowance includes reserves for certain off-balance sheet risks including letters of credit, unfunded loan commitments, and lines of credit. Reserves for undisbursed commitments are generally formula allocations based on the Company’s historical loss experience and other loss factors, rather than specific loss contingencies. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, the formula reserve allocated to undisbursed commitments totaled \$183,000 and \$164,000, respectively. The reserve for unfunded commitments is considered a reserve for contingent liabilities and is therefore carried as a liability on the balance sheet for all periods presented.

Specific allowances are established based on management’s periodic evaluation of loss exposure inherent in impaired loans. For impaired loans, specific allowances are determined based on the collateralized value of the underlying properties, the net present value of the anticipated cash flows, or the market value of the underlying assets. Formula allowances for classified loans, excluding impaired loans, are determined on the basis of additional risks involved with individual loans that may be in excess of risk factors associated with the loan portfolio as a whole. The specific allowance is different from the formula allowance in that the specific allowance is determined on a loan-by-loan basis based on risk factors directly related to a particular loan, as opposed to the formula allowance which is determined for a pool of loans with similar risk characteristics, based on past historical trends and other risk factors which may be relevant on an ongoing basis.

The unallocated portion of the allowance is based upon management’s evaluation of various conditions that are not directly measured in the determination of the formula and specific allowances. The conditions may include, but are not limited to, general economic and business conditions affecting the key lending areas of the Company, credit quality trends, collateral values, loan volumes and concentrations, and other business conditions.

The following table summarizes the specific allowance, formula allowance, and unallocated allowance at December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011.

(In thousands)	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Specific allowance – impaired loans	\$762	\$658	\$1,254
Formula allowance – classified loans not impaired	3,205	2,871	4,049
Formula allowance – special mention loans	31	113	450
Total allowance for special mention and classified loans	3,998	3,642	5,753
Formula allowance for pass loans	6,595	2,719	7,654
Unallocated allowance	395	5,423	241
Total allowance	10,988	11,784	13,648
Impaired loans	18,132	21,931	31,882
Classified loans not considered impaired	20,233	13,105	12,120
Total classified loans	38,365	35,036	44,002
Special mention loans not considered impaired	1,825	2,057	11,603

As the total loan portfolio has declined over the past three years from \$408,716,000 at December 31, 2011, to \$400,057,000 at December 31, 2012, and to \$395,317,000 at December 31, 2013, the level of nonperforming loans decreased to \$18,102,000 at December 31, 2013, from \$23,141,000 at December 31, 2012, and \$29,983,000 at



December 31, 2011. During the same period, total classified loans increased from \$35,036,000 at December 31, 2012, to \$38,365,000 at December 31, 2013.

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(Dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	
Allowance for loan losses - period end	\$10,988	\$11,784	\$13,648	
Net loans (recovered) charged off during period	(302)	) 2,883	16,474	
LLR Provision during period	(1,098)	) 1,019	13,602	
Loans outstanding at period-end	395,317	400,057	408,714	
ALLL as % of loans at period-end	2.78	% 2.95	% 3.34	%
Nonaccrual loans	12,341	13,425	18,098	
Restructured Loans	5,761	9,716	11,885	
Total nonperforming loans	18,102	23,141	29,983	
ALLL as % of nonperforming loans	60.70	% 50.92	% 45.52	%
Impaired loans	18,132	21,931	31,882	
Classified loans not considered impaired	20,233	13,105	12,120	
Total classified loans	\$38,365	\$35,036	\$44,002	
ALLL as % of classified loans	28.64	% 33.63	% 31.02	%

Impaired loans decreased \$3,799,000 between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013, and the specific allowance related to those impaired loans increased \$104,000 between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. The formula allowance related to loans that are not impaired (including special mention and substandard) increased by \$252,000 between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. The level of "pass" loans decreased approximately \$1,905,000 between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013, while the related formula allowance increased \$3,876,000 during the period as the result of decreases in the level of "pass loans", the loan loss factors assigned to "pass" loans as determined under migration analysis and decreases in qualitative factors assigned to the formula allowance.

The Company's methodology includes features that are intended to reduce the difference between estimated and actual losses. The specific allowance portion of the analysis is designed to be self-correcting by taking into account the current loan loss experience based on that portion of the portfolio. By analyzing the estimated losses inherent in the loan portfolio on a quarterly basis, management is able to adjust specific and inherent loss estimates using the most recent information available. In performing the periodic migration analysis, management believes that historical loss factors used in the computation of the formula allowance need to be adjusted to reflect current changes in market conditions and trends in the Company's loan portfolio. There are a number of other factors which are reviewed when determining adjustments in the historical loss factors. Those factors include 1) trends in delinquent and nonaccrual loans, 2) trends in loan volume and terms, 3) effects of changes in lending policies, 4) concentrations of credit, 5) competition, 6) national and local economic trends and conditions, 7) experience of lending staff, 8) loan review and Board of Directors oversight, 9) high balance loan concentrations, and 10) other business conditions.

The general reserve requirements (ASC 450-70) decreased with the continued strengthening of local, state, and national economies and their impact on our local lending base, which has resulted in a lower qualitative component for the general reserve calculation. These positive factors were partially offset by the Company including OREO financial results in loss history and extending the look back period used to capture the loss history for the quantitative portion of the ALLL. In the third quarter of 2013, the look back period was changed from 4 years to stake-in-the-ground(December 31, 2005), in an effort to include higher losses experienced during the credit crisis. Changes in the mix of historical losses in the look back period resulted in a reallocation of the general reserve component of the allowance amount withing the various loan segments as compared to December 31, 2012. as loss experience by segment has fluctuated over time. The stake-in-the-ground methodology requires the Company to use December 31, 2005 as the starting point of the look back period to capture loss history. Time horizons are subject to Management's assessment of the current period, taking into consideration changes in business cycles and environment changes.

Management and the Company's lending officers evaluate the loss exposure of classified and impaired loans on a weekly/monthly basis and through discussions and officer meetings as conditions change. The Company's Loan Committee meets weekly and serves as a forum to discuss specific problem assets that pose significant concerns to the Company, and to keep the Board of Directors informed through committee minutes. All special mention and classified loans are reported quarterly on Problem Asset Reports and Impaired Loan Reports and are reviewed by senior management. Migration analysis and impaired loan analysis are performed on a quarterly basis and adjustments are made to the allowance as deemed necessary. The Board of

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Directors is kept abreast of any changes or trends in problem assets on a monthly basis, or more often if required. In addition, pursuant to the regulatory agreement, quarterly updates are provided to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and the California Department of Business Oversight with regard to problem assets levels and trends, liquidity, and capital trends, among other things. (See regulatory section for more details.)

The specific allowance for impaired loans is measured based on the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. The amount of impaired loans is not directly comparable to the amount of nonperforming loans disclosed later in this section. The primary differences between impaired loans and nonperforming loans are: i) all loan categories are considered in determining nonperforming loans while impaired loan recognition is limited to commercial and industrial loans, commercial and residential real estate loans, construction loans, and agricultural loans, and ii) impaired loan recognition considers not only loans 90 days or more past due, restructured loans and nonaccrual loans but may also include problem loans other than delinquent loans.

The Company considers a loan to be impaired when, based upon current information and events, it believes it is probable the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Impaired loans include nonaccrual loans, troubled debt restructures, and performing loans in which full payment of principal or interest is not expected. Management bases the measurement of these impaired loans either on the fair value of the loan's collateral or the expected cash flows on the loans discounted at the loan's stated interest rates. Cash receipts on impaired loans not performing to contractual terms and that are on nonaccrual status are used to reduce principal balances. Impairment losses are included in the allowance for credit losses through a charge to the provision, if applicable.

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company's recorded investment in loans for which impairment has been recognized totaled \$18,132,000 and \$21,931,000, respectively. Included in total impaired loans at December 31, 2013, are \$5,460,000 of impaired loans for which the related specific allowance is \$762,000, as well as \$12,672,000 of impaired loans that as a result of write-downs or the fair value of the collateral, did not have a specific allowance. Total impaired loans at December 31, 2012 included \$8,479,000 of impaired loans for which the related specific allowance is \$658,000, as well as \$13,452,000 of impaired loans that as a result of write-downs or the fair value of the collateral, did not have a specific allowance. The average recorded investment in impaired loans was \$20,111,000 and \$27,039,000 during the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. In most cases, the Company uses the cash basis method of income recognition for impaired loans. In the case of certain troubled debt restructuring for which the loan is performing under the current contractual terms, income is recognized under the accrual method.

The largest category of impaired loans at December 31, 2013 was real estate mortgage loans, comprising of 85.9% of total impaired loans at December 31, 2013. Impaired construction loans increased \$59,000, impaired commercial and industrial loans decreased \$754,000, impaired real estate mortgage loans decreased \$2,884,000, and impaired agricultural loans decreased \$147,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013. Specific collateral related to impaired loans is reviewed for current appraisal information, economic trends within geographic markets, loan-to-value ratios, and other factors that may impact the value of the loan collateral. Adjustments are made to collateral values as needed for these factors. Of total impaired loans, approximately \$17,361,000 or 95.8% are secured by real estate at December 31, 2013, as compared to \$20,488,000 or 93.4% of total impaired loans at December 31, 2012. The following table summarizes the components of impaired loans and their related specific allowance at December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011.

	Balance	Allowance	Balance	Allowance	Balance	Allowance
(In thousands)	December 31,	December 31,	December 31,	December 31,	December 31,	December 31,
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2011	2011
Commercial and industrial	\$677	\$9	\$1,431	\$37	\$6,639	\$112
Real estate – mortgage	15,573	753	18,457	621	11,827	690

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Real estate construction and development	1,789	—	1,730	—	11,432	71
Agricultural	45	—	192	—	1,853	381
Installment/other	48	—	121	—	130	—
Lease financing	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total impaired loans	\$18,132	\$762	\$21,931	\$658	\$31,881	\$1,254

Included in impaired loans are loans modified in troubled debt restructurings (TDRs), where concessions have been granted to borrowers experiencing financial difficulties in an attempt to enhance collection. The Company makes various types of concessions when structuring TDRs including rate reductions, payment extensions, and forbearance.

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In December 31, 2013, \$5,273,000 of the total \$9,059,000 in TDRs was for residential mortgages and another \$1,551,000 was related to developers in commercial real estate.

Total TDRs declined 45.99% at December 31, 2013, compared to December 31, 2012. Nonaccrual TDRs declined by 53.83% and Accruing TDRs declined by 40.18% over the same period. Within TDR categories total residential mortgage and construction TDRs showed a decrease of 46.69%. The majority of these credits are related to real estate construction projects that slowed significantly or stalled in 2011 and 2012, and the Company pursued restructuring the qualified credits while the construction industry recovers and allow developers an opportunity to finish projects at a slower pace. Concessions granted in these circumstances include lengthened maturities, lower lot release prices, or rate reductions that enable the borrower to finish the construction projects and repay loans to the Company. The Company has had general success in its restructuring efforts even though not all restructured efforts will be entirely successful. In large part the successes are related to a recovering real estate market that began in late 2011 and is continuing into 2014.

The following tables summarizes TDRs by type, classified separately as nonaccrual or accrual, which are included in impaired loans at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

	Total TDRs	Nonaccrual TDRs	Accruing TDRs
(In thousands)	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2013
Commercial and industrial	\$675	\$—	\$675
Real estate - mortgage:			
Commercial real estate	1,468	1,468	—
Residential mortgages	5,273	1,583	3,690
Home equity loans	—	—	—
Total real estate mortgage	6,741	3,051	3,690
RE construction & development	1,551	247	1,304
Agricultural	44	—	44
Installment/other	48	—	48
Lease financing	—	—	—
Total Troubled Debt Restructurings	\$9,059	\$3,298	\$5,761
	Total TDRs	Nonaccrual TDRs	Accruing TDRs
(In thousands)	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2012
Commercial and industrial	\$990	\$740	\$250
Real estate - mortgage:			
Commercial real estate	5,395	2,763	2,632
Residential mortgages	7,289	1,745	5,544
Home equity loans	10	10	—
Total real estate mortgage	12,694	4,518	8,176
RE construction & development	2,860	1,730	1,130
Agricultural	191	136	55
Installment/other	38	19	19
Lease financing	—	—	—
Total Troubled Debt Restructurings	\$16,773	\$7,143	\$9,630

Of the \$9,059,000 in total TDRs at December 31, 2013, \$3,298,000 were on nonaccrual status at period-end. Of the \$16,773,000 in total TDRs at December 31, 2012, \$7,143,000 were on nonaccrual status at period-end. As of December 31, 2013, the Company has no commercial real estate (CRE) workouts whereby an existing loan was restructured into multiple new loans (i.e., A Note/B Note structure).

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For a restructured loan to return to accrual status there needs to be at least 6 months successful payment history. In addition, our Credit Administration performs a financial analysis of the credit to determine whether the borrower has the ability to continue to perform successfully over the remaining life of the loan. This includes, but is not limited to, review of financial statements and cash flow analysis of the borrower. Only after determination that the borrower has the ability to perform under the terms of the loans, will the restructured credit be considered for accrual status.

The following table summarizes special mention loans by type for the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

(In thousands)	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Commercial and industrial	\$590	\$1,867
Real estate - mortgage:		
Commercial real estate	—	—
Residential mortgages	1,204	909
Home equity loans	32	—
Total real estate mortgage	1,236	909
RE construction & development	—	141
Agricultural	—	—
Installment/other	—	49
Lease financing	—	—
Total Special Mention Loans	\$1,826	\$2,966

The Company focuses on competition and other economic conditions within its market area and other geographical areas in which it does business, which may ultimately affect the risk assessment of the portfolio. The Company continues to experience increased competition from major banks, local independents and non-bank institutions which creates pressure on loan pricing. Low interest rates and a weak economy continue to dominate, even though real estate prices show signs of stabilization. The Company continues to place increased emphasis on reducing both the level of nonperforming assets and the level of losses on the disposition of these assets. It is in the best interest of both the Company and the borrowers to seek alternative options to foreclosure in an effort to reduce the impacts on the real estate market. As part of this strategy, the Company has increased its level of troubled debt restructurings, when it makes economic sense. While business and consumer spending show improvement in recent quarters, current GDP remains anemic. It is difficult to forecast what impact the Federal Reserve actions to hold rates low will have on the economy. The local market has remained more relatively stable economically during the past several years than some areas of the state and the nation, where more volatile economic impacts were experienced, including more severe deterioration of residential real estate markets. Although the local area residential housing markets have been hard hit, they continue to perform better than some parts of the state which bodes well for sustained, but slower growth in the Company's market areas of Fresno and Madera, Kern, and Santa Clara Counties. Local unemployment rates in the San Joaquin Valley remain high compared with other regions but are historically high as a result of the area's agricultural dynamics. The Company believes that the Central San Joaquin Valley will continue to grow and diversify as property and housing costs remain low relative to other areas of the state. Management recognizes increased risk of loss due to the Company's exposure to local and worldwide economic conditions, as well as potentially volatile real estate markets, and takes these factors into consideration when analyzing the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses.

The following table provides a summary of the Company's allowance for credit losses, provisions made to that allowance, and charge-off and recovery activity affecting the allowance for the years indicated.



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	December 31,					
(Dollars in thousands)	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	
Total loans outstanding at end of period before deducting allowances for credit losses	\$395,013	\$400,033	\$408,715	\$441,691	\$508,573	
Average net loans outstanding during period	392,340	389,377	424,961	490,421	534,830	
Balance of allowance at beginning of period	11,784	13,648	16,520	15,016	11,529	
Loans charged off:						
Real estate	(635 )	(630 )	(7,224 )	(8,119 )	(4,245 )	
Commercial, Industrial & Agricultural	(678 )	(3,397 )	(9,340 )	(2,878 )	(5,648 )	
Commercial lease financing	—	—	(110 )	(81 )	(122 )	
Installment and other	(273 )	(251 )	(620 )	(858 )	(130 )	
Total loans charged off	(1,586 )	(4,278 )	(17,294 )	(11,936 )	(10,145 )	
Recoveries of loans previously charged off:						
Real estate	1,538	698	159	10	1	
Commercial and industrial & agricultural	279	648	650	940	245	
Lease financing	—	—	—	—	1	
Installment and other	71	49	11	15	10	
Total loan recoveries	1,888	1,395	820	965	257	
Net loans (charged off) recovered	302	(2,883 )	(16,474 )	(10,971 )	(9,888 )	
Provision charged to operating expense	(1,098 )	1,019	13,602	12,475	13,375	
Balance of allowance for credit losses at end of period	\$10,988	\$11,784	\$13,648	\$16,520	\$15,016	
Net loan (recoveries) charge-offs to total average loans	(0.08 )	%0.74	%3.88	%2.24	%1.85	%
Net loan (recoveries) charge-offs to loans at end of period	(0.08 )	%0.72	%4.03	%2.48	%1.94	%
Allowance for credit losses to total loans at end of period	2.78	%2.95	%3.34	%3.74	%2.95	%
Net loan (recoveries) charge-offs to allowance for credit losses	(2.75 )	%24.47	%120.71	%66.41	%65.85	%
Net loan charge-offs to provision for credit losses	27.50	%282.92	%121.11	%87.94	%73.93	%

Loan charge-offs decreased \$2,692,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013, when compared to the year ended December 31, 2012. Loan recoveries increased during the same period. Net loan recoveries totaled \$414,000 during the fourth quarter, consisting of multiple relationships.

Loan charge-offs of \$4,278,000 during the year ended December 31, 2012 included a \$1,864,000 agricultural relationship secured by real estate. Net loan recoveries totaled \$615,000 during the fourth quarter, consisting of multiple relationships.

The following is a summary of the quarterly activity in the allowance for loan losses for the year ended December 31, 2013 (in thousands).

Description	Loss	Recoveries	Provision	Balance
Balance Forward				11,784

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1st quarter - 2013	416	44	(9	) 11,403
2nd quarter - 2013	312	27	39	11,157
3rd quarter - 2013	474	1,019	(1,150	) 10,552
4th quarter - 2013	384	798	22	10,988
Total YTD - 2013	\$1,586	\$1,888	\$(1,098	) \$10,988

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, \$183,000 and \$167,000, respectively, of the formula allowance is allocated to unfunded loan commitments and is, therefore, carried separately in other liabilities.

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Management believes that the 2.78% credit loss allowance to total loans at December 31, 2013 is adequate to absorb known and inherent risks in the loan portfolio. No assurance can be given, however, that the economic conditions which may adversely affect the Company's service areas or other circumstances will not be reflected in increased losses in the loan portfolio. Management is not currently aware of any conditions that may adversely affect the levels of losses incurred in the Company's loan portfolio.

Although the Company does not normally allocate the allowance for credit losses to specific loan categories, an allocation to the major categories has been made for the purposes of this report as set forth in the following table. The allocations are estimates based on the same factors as considered by management in determining the amount of additional provisions to the credit loss allowance and the overall adequacy of the allowance for credit losses.

(Dollars in thousands)	2013		2012		2011		2010		2009	
	Allowance for Credit Losses	% of Loans	Allowance for Credit Losses	% of Loans	Allowance for Credit Losses	% of Loans	Allowance for Credit Losses	% of Loans	Allowance for Credit Losses	% of Loans
Commercial and industrial	\$2,340	17.88 %	\$1,614	18.0 %	\$4,782	40.7 %	\$8,209	36.0 %	\$7,125	33.0 %
Real estate – mortgage	1,862	49.93 %	1,292	47.6 %	2,070	35.4 %	1,620	35.7 %	1,426	32.6 %
RE construction and development	5,533	22.01 %	2,814	22.7 %	5,634	12.3 %	5,763	14.8 %	5,561	20.7 %
Agricultural	583	7.82 %	352	9.0 %	803	8.8 %	850	10.5 %	334	10.0 %
Installment/other	275	2.36 %	288	2.7 %	117	2.8 %	49	2.9 %	535	3.6 %
Lease financing	—	— %	1	— %	1	— %	3	0.1 %	35	0.1 %
Not allocated	395	— %	5,423	— %	241	— %	26	— %	—	— %
	\$10,988	100.0 %	\$11,784	100.0 %	\$13,648	100.0 %	\$16,520	100.0 %	\$15,016	100.0 %

During 2013, reserve allocations increased in all categories during the year, except for small decreases in the reserve on installment loans. Increases in reserve allocations for most categories was the result of increased loss factors, which decreased the unallocated portion of the reserve.

During 2012, reserve allocations increased in installment and unallocated by \$171,000 and \$5,182,000, respectively, while reserve allocation for all other categories decreased. The increase in unallocated was the result of reduced loss factors.

During 2011, reserve allocations decreased in commercial and industrial and real estate construction and development by \$3,427,000 and \$129,000, respectively, while reserve allocations increased in real estate mortgage, installment, and unallocated by \$450,000, \$68,000, and \$215,000, respectively.

The following summarizes the Company's allowance for credit losses related to the specific, formula, and unallocated reserves for the year-ends shown:

(In thousands)	December 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Formula allowance	\$9,831	\$5,703	\$12,153	\$5,168	\$7,043
Specific allowance	762	658	1,254	11,326	7,973
Unallocated allowance	395	5,423	241	26	—
Total allowance	\$10,988	\$11,784	\$13,648	\$16,520	\$15,016

At December 31, 2013, the allowance for credit losses totaled \$10,988,000, and consisted of \$9,831,000 in formula allowance, \$762,000 in specific allowance, and \$395,000 in unallocated allowance. At December 31, 2013, \$753,000 of the specific allowance was allocated real estate loans, and the remaining \$9,000 was allocated to commercial and industrial loans.

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At December 31, 2012, the allowance for credit losses totaled \$11,784,000, and consisted of \$5,703,000 in formula allowance, \$658,000 in specific allowance, and \$5,423,000 in unallocated allowance. At December 31, 2012, \$621,000 of the specific allowance was allocated real estate loans, and the remaining \$38,000 was allocated to commercial and industrial loans.

At December 31, 2011, the allowance for credit losses totaled \$13,648,000, and consisted of \$12,153,000 in formula allowance, \$1,254,000 in specific allowance, and \$241,000 in unallocated allowance. At December 31, 2011, \$523,000 of the specific allowance was allocated commercial real estate loans, and the remaining \$381,000, \$166,000, \$112,000, and \$71,000 were allocated to agricultural, commercial & industrial, residential mortgage loans, and real estate construction loans, respectively.

The total formula allowance increased \$4,128,000 between 2012 and 2013, due to an increase in the reserve factors as the Company reviewed and updated their allowance for loan loss methodology during the year.

The total formula allowance decreased approximately \$6,450,000 between 2011 and 2012, primarily due decrease in the percentage loss factors as well as the Company's internal review of loan classification definitions as they pertain to risk .

There were no loans classified as doubtful at December 31, 2012 or December 31, 2011.

The total formula allowance increased approximately \$6,985,000 between 2010 and 2011, primarily as the result of increased reserve factors resulting from losses incurred during the year. Between December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012, substandard loans decreased \$4,914,000, while special mention decreased \$8,638,000.

The total formula allowance decreased approximately \$1,875,000 between 2009 and 2010, primarily as the result of increased loss factors applied to "pass loans" which more than outweighed the decline in volume of "pass" loans.

Although in some instances, the downgrading of a loan resulting from the factors used by the Company in its allowance analysis has been reflected in the formula allowance, management believes that in some instances, the impact of material events and trends has not yet been reflected in the level of nonperforming loans or the internal risk grading process regarding these loans. Accordingly, the Company's evaluation of probable losses related to these factors may be reflected in the unallocated allowance. The evaluation of the inherent losses concerning these factors involves a higher degree of uncertainty because they are not identified with specific problem credits, and therefore the Company does not spread the unallocated allowance among segments of the portfolio. At December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company had unallocated allowances of \$395,000 and \$5,423,000. Management's estimates of the unallocated allowance are based upon a number of underlying factors including 1) the effect of deteriorating national and local economic trends, 2) the effects of export market conditions on certain agricultural and manufacturing borrowers, 3) the effects of abnormal weather patterns on agricultural borrowers, as well as other borrowers that may be impacted by such conditions, 4) the effect of increased competition in the Company's market area and the resultant potential impact of more relaxed underwriting standards to borrowers with multi-bank relationships, 5) the effect of soft real estate markets, and 6) the effects of having a larger number of borrowing relationships which are close to the Company's lending limit, any one if which were not to perform to contractual terms, would have a material impact on the allowance.

The Company's loan portfolio has concentrations in commercial real estate, commercial, and construction loans, however the portfolio percentages fall within the Company's loan policy guidelines.

It is the Company's policy to discontinue the accrual of interest income on loans for which reasonable doubt exists with respect to the timely collectibility of interest or principal due to the inability of the borrower to comply with the

terms of the loan agreement. Such loans are placed on nonaccrual status whenever the payment of principal or interest is 90 days past due or earlier when the conditions warrant, and interest collected is thereafter credited to principal to the extent necessary to eliminate doubt as to the collectibility of the net carrying amount of the loan. Management may grant exceptions to this policy if the loans are well secured and in the process of collection.

The following table sets forth the Company's nonperforming assets as of the dates indicated:

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(Dollars in thousands, except footnote)	December 31,					
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	
Nonaccrual loans (1)	\$12,341	\$13,425	\$18,098	\$34,394	\$34,757	
Restructured loans	5,761	9,716	11,885	12,554	16,026	
Total non-performing loans	18,102	23,141	29,983	46,948	50,783	
Other real estate owned	13,946	23,932	27,091	35,580	36,217	
Total non-performing assets	\$32,048	\$47,073	\$57,074	\$82,528	\$87,000	
Loans, past due 90 days or more, still accruing	—	—	74	547	486	
Non-performing loans to total gross loans	4.58	%5.78	%7.34	%10.63	%9.99	%
Non-performing assets to total gross loans	8.11	%11.77	%14.96	%20.63	%21.75	%
Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans	60.70	%50.92	%45.52	%35.19	%29.57	%

(1) Included in nonaccrual loans at December 31, 2013 and 2012 are restructured loans totaling \$3,298,000 and \$7,144,000, respectively.

Non-performing assets remain high at December 31, 2013, but have decreased \$15,025,000 between December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013, due to decreases in restructured loans of \$7,714,000, and decreases in nonaccrual loans and other real estate owned of \$1,084,000 and \$9,986,000, respectively. The net decrease in other real estate owned consists of \$11,454,250 in gross sales, \$437,000 in properties transferred from loans, and write-downs of \$214,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013.

Non-performing assets decreased \$2,944,000 between December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012. Nonaccrual loans decreased \$4,673,000 between December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012, while restructured loans not included in the nonaccrual totals increased \$4,888,000. The net decrease of \$3,159,000 in other real estate owned includes additions of approximately \$2,436,000 in properties transferred from loans, write-downs of \$463,000, and gross sales of more than \$7,472,000 during the year ended December 31, 2012.

Non-performing assets decreased \$25,454,000 between December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011. While nonaccrual loans decreased \$16,296,000 between December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011, restructured loans not included in the nonaccrual totals decreased \$669,000. The net decrease of \$8,489,000 in other real estate owned includes additions of approximately \$2,806,000 in properties transferred from loans, write-downs of \$3,434,000 and gross sales of more than \$8,209,000 during the year ended December 31, 2011.

The following table summarizes the nonaccrual totals by loan category for the periods shown:

(In thousands)	Balance			Change from	
	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Commercial and industrial	\$—	\$1,181	\$5,080	\$(1,181)	\$(5,080)
Real estate - mortgage	11,873	10,259	3,961	1,614	7,912
Real estate - construction	468	1,730	9,014	(1,262)	(8,546)
Agricultural	—	136	—	(136)	—
Installment/other	—	119	43	(119)	(43)
Lease financing	—	—	—	—	—
Total Nonaccrual Loans	\$12,341	\$13,425	\$18,098	\$(1,084)	\$(5,757)

Loans past due more than 30 days are receiving increased management attention and are monitored for increased risk. The Company continues to move past due loans to nonaccrual status in its ongoing effort to recognize loan problems at an earlier point in time when they may be dealt with more effectively. As impaired loans, nonaccrual and

restructured loans are reviewed for specific reserve allocations and the allowance for credit losses is adjusted accordingly.

Except for the loans included in the above table, there were no loans at December 31, 2013, where the known credit problems of a borrower caused the Company to have serious doubts as to the ability of such borrower to comply with the present loan repayment terms and which would result in such loan being included as a nonaccrual, past due or restructured loan at some future date.



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## Liquidity and Asset/Liability Management

The primary function of asset/liability management is to provide adequate liquidity and maintain an appropriate balance between interest-sensitive assets and interest-sensitive liabilities.

## Liquidity

Liquidity management may be described as the ability to maintain sufficient cash flows to fulfill both on- and off-balance sheet financial obligations, including loan funding commitments and customer deposit withdrawals, without straining the Company's equity structure. To maintain an adequate liquidity position, the Company relies on, in addition to cash and cash equivalents, cash inflows from deposits and short-term borrowings, repayments of principal on loans and investments, and interest income received. The Company's principal cash outflows are for loan origination, purchases of investment securities, depositor withdrawals and payment of operating expenses. Other sources of liquidity not on the balance sheet at December 31, 2013, include unused collateralized and uncollateralized lines of credit from other banks, the Federal Home Loan Bank, Pacific Coast Banker's Bank, and from the Federal Reserve Bank totaling \$271,855,000.

Cash and cash equivalents have fluctuated during the three years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011, with period-end balances as follows (from Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows – in 000's):

	Balance
December 31, 2013	\$135,212
December 31, 2012	\$141,627
December 31, 2011	\$124,184

Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$6,415,000 during the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to an increase of \$17,443,000 during the year ended December 31, 2012.

The Company had a net cash inflow from operations of \$11,903,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013, and a positive cash inflow from operations totaling \$9,711,000 for the period ended December 31, 2012. The Company experienced net cash inflows from investing activities totaling \$2,468,000 and \$18,577,000 during the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, as settlement of OREO properties and loan paydowns outweighed capital and investment expenditures.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company experienced net cash outflows from financing activities totaling \$20,786,000, primarily as the result of decreases in certificates of deposit accounts. For the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company experienced net cash outflows of \$10,845,000 from financing activities due to decreases in brokered time deposits.

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility the Company may not be able to satisfy current or future financial commitments, or the Company may become unduly reliant on alternative funding sources. The Company maintains a liquidity risk management policy to address and manage this risk. The policy identifies the primary sources of liquidity, sets wholesale funding limits, establishes procedures for monitoring and measuring liquidity, and establishes minimum liquidity requirements, which comply with regulatory guidance. The liquidity position is continually monitored and reported on a monthly basis to the Board of Directors.

The policy also includes a contingency funding plan to address liquidity needs in the event of an institution-specific or a systemic financial market crisis. In addition to unused lines of credit from other banks totaling \$271,855,000, the contingency plan includes identified funding sources, and steps that may be taken in the event the total liquidity ratio falls or is projected to fall below policy limits for any extended period of time. One of the primary directives of the

contingency funding plan is to limit the Company's overall level of wholesale funding to no more than 40% of deposits. The current funding program uses both asset-based and liability-based principles, and identifies core deposits as the favored funding source when attainable at a reasonable cost. The policy identifies a number of funding sources or methods the Bank ALCO committee may utilize to fulfill the Company's liquidity funding requirements:

Local core deposits are the Company's primary funding source. The Company must expand its efforts to attract these 1) deposits through service-related and competitive pricing tactics. Other liquidity funding sources should only be consider if local core deposits are not attractive because of maturity or pricing.

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Unsecured Federal Funds lines with correspondent banks may be used to fund short-term peaks in loan demand or 2) deposit run-off. Currently, unsecured borrowing lines with correspondents are limited and may not be reliable for long periods of time or in times of economic stress.

Other funding sources such as secured credit lines with the Federal Home Loan Bank or the Federal Reserve may be used for longer periods. The Company collateralized these available lines with a combination of investment 3) securities and pledged loans. The Company has utilized specific loan pledging with both the FHLB and the Federal Reserve to better ensure the continued availability of those lines of credit.

The Company presently has a Discount Window facility available from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco collateralized with loans as discussed above. At December 31, 2013, the Company had available credit of \$254,761,000 from the Federal Reserve based upon the loans pledged at that date. The Federal Reserve will monitor 4) use of the Discount Window closely given the current status of the Company and the economy as a whole and. In addition, this credit facility may not be competitively priced under normal economic conditions. As such, the Company does not expect to use this facility except in times of crises, but does consider this to be a key contingency funding source.

As long as the Bank remains “Well Capitalized” the Company may rely on brokered deposits when core deposit rates are higher in the marketplace or maturity structures are not desirable. The Company’s current policy limit for 5) brokered deposits is 25% of total deposits. The Company may also utilize other wholesale deposit sources such as memberships that advertise the Bank’s time deposit rates to other subscribers, typically banks and credit unions. The Company’s current policy limit on other wholesale deposits is 10% of total deposits.

The Bank may sell whole loans or participations in loans to provide additional liquidity. During economic 6) downturns or other crises events, these funding sources may be difficult to achieve in a short period of time or at a reasonable price. As such, this strategy is better used as a long-term asset/liability management tool to effectively balance assets and liabilities to reduce liquidity risk.

The Company currently has Bank Owned Life Insurance (BOLI) policies issued by highly rated insurance 7) companies which may be sold to increase liquidity.

The Company owns certain real estate including its administration building and several of its branches. These may 8) be sold and vacated or leased back from the purchaser after sale to provide additional liquidity if needed. The sales process may require substantial time to complete, and may have an adverse impact on earnings depending on market rates and other factors at the time of sale.

Investments near maturity may be sold to meet temporary funding needs but may need to be replaced to maintain liquidity ratios within acceptable limits. At the current time much of the investment portfolio is pledged to secure 9) public deposits and borrowing lines. As wholesale funding dependence is reduced, the available liquidity in the investment portfolio will increase. The Company seeks to maintain an investment-grade securities portfolio to ensure quality collateral for pledging against borrowing lines of credit as well as to provide liquidity in times of needs.

The Company continues to utilize liability management, when needed, as part of its overall asset/liability management strategy. Through the discretionary acquisition of short term borrowings, the Company has been able to provide liquidity to fund asset growth while, at the same time, better utilizing its capital resources, and better controlling interest rate risk. The borrowings are generally short-term and more closely match the repricing characteristics of floating rate loans, which comprise approximately 40.4% of the Company’s loan portfolio at December 31, 2013. This does not preclude the Company from selling assets such as investment securities to fund liquidity needs but, with favorable borrowing rates, the Company has maintained a positive yield spread between borrowed liabilities and the assets which those liabilities fund. If, at some time, rate spreads become unfavorable, the Company has the ability to utilize an asset management approach and, either control asset growth or, fund further growth with maturities or sales of investment securities.

The Company's liquid asset base which generally consists of cash and due from banks, federal funds sold, securities purchased under agreements to resell (“reverse repos”) and investment securities, is maintained at a level deemed

sufficient to provide the cash outlay necessary to fund loan growth as well as any customer deposit runoff that may occur. Within this framework is the objective of maximizing the yield on earning assets. This is generally achieved by maintaining a high percentage of earning assets in loans, which historically have represented the Company's highest yielding asset. At December 31, 2013, the Bank had 62.12% of total assets in the loan portfolio and a loan to deposit ratio of 72.81%, as compared to 61.65% of total assets in the loan portfolio and a loan to deposit ratio of 71.02% at December 31, 2012. Liquid assets at December 31, 2013 include cash and cash equivalents totaling \$135,212,000, as compared to \$141,627,000 at December 31, 2012.

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Liabilities used to fund liquidity sources include core and non-core deposits as well as short-term borrowings. Core deposits, which comprise approximately 86.73% of total deposits at December 31, 2013, provide a significant and stable funding source for the Company. At December 31, 2013, unused lines of credit with the Federal Home Loan Bank, Pacific Coast Banker's Bank, and the Federal Reserve Bank totaling \$271,855,000 are collateralized in part by certain qualifying loans in the Company's loan portfolio. The carrying value of loans pledged on these used and unused borrowing lines totaled \$334,299,000 at December 31, 2013. For further discussion of the Company's borrowing lines, see "Short Term Borrowings" included previously in the financial condition section of this financial review. The Federal Reserve Board has notified the Bank that it will permit the Bank to draw on its line of credit with the Federal Reserve Bank only in limited circumstances and for a short duration.

The liquidity of the parent company, United Security Bancshares, is primarily dependent on the payment of cash dividends by its subsidiary, United Security Bank, subject to limitations imposed by the Financial Code of the State of California. The Bank currently has limited ability to pay dividends or make capital distributions (see Dividends section included in Regulatory Matters of this Management's Discussion). The limited ability of the Bank to pay dividends may impact the ability of the Company to fund its ongoing liquidity requirements including ongoing operating expenses, as well as quarterly interest payments on the Company's junior subordinated debt (Trust Preferred Securities.) Since the quarter ended March 31, 2009, the Bank has been precluded from paying a cash dividend to the Company. To conserve cash and capital resources, the Company elected at March 31, 2009 to defer the payment of interest on its junior subordinated debt beginning with the quarterly payment due October 1, 2009. The Company has not determined how long it will defer interest payments, but under the terms of the debenture, interest payments may be deferred up to five years (20 quarters). During such deferral periods, the Company is prohibited from paying dividends on its common stock (subject to certain exceptions) and will continue to accrue interest payable on the junior subordinated debt. The Bank paid no dividends to the parent company during the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011.

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Regulatory Matters

Regulatory Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Effective March 23, 2010, United Security Bancshares (the "Company") and its wholly owned subsidiary, United Security Bank (the "Bank"), entered into a written agreement (the "Agreement") with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Company and the Bank agreed to strengthen board oversight of management and the Bank's operations; submit an enhanced written plan to strengthen credit risk management practices and improve the Bank's position on the past due loans, classified loans, and other real estate owned; maintain a sound process for determining, documenting, and recording an adequate allowance for loan and lease losses; improve the management of the Bank's liquidity position and funds management policies; maintain sufficient capital at the Company and Bank level; and improve the Bank's earnings and overall condition. The Company and Bank have also agreed not to increase or guarantee any debt, purchase or redeem any shares of stock, declare or pay any cash dividends, or pay interest on the Company's junior subordinated debt or trust preferred securities, without prior written approval from the Federal Reserve Bank. The Company generates no revenue of its own and as such, relies on dividends from the Bank to pay its operating expenses and interest payments on the Company's junior subordinated debt. The inability of the Bank to pay cash dividends to the Company may hinder the Company's ability to meet its ongoing operating obligations.

This Agreement entered into with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco was a result of a regulatory examination that was conducted by the Federal Reserve and the California Department of Financial Institutions in June 2009 ("Report of Examination"). The Agreement was the result of significant increases in nonperforming assets, both classified loans and OREO, during 2008 and 2009 increasing the overall risk profile of the Bank. The increased risk profile of the Bank included heightened concerns about the Bank's use of brokered and other whole funding sources which had been used to fund loan growth and reduce the Company's overall cost of interest bearing liabilities. With loan growth funded to some degree by wholesale funding sources, liquidity risk increased, and higher levels of nonperforming assets increased risk to equity capital and potential volatility in earnings.

The Agreement's major components and requirements for the Bank are as follows:

Strengthen board oversight of the Bank's management and operations by the Bank submitting a written plan to the Federal Reserve Bank to address and include (i) the actions that the board will take to improve the Bank's conditions and maintain effective control over, and supervision of, the Bank's major operations and activities, (ii) the responsibility of the board to monitor management's adherence to approved policies and procedures, and applicable laws and regulations; and (iii) a description of the information and reports that are regularly reviewed by the board in its oversight of the operations and management of the Bank;

Strengthen credit risk management practices of the Bank by the Bank submitting a written plan to the Federal Reserve Bank to address and include (i) the responsibility of the Board of Directors to establish appropriate risk tolerance guidelines and risk limits; (ii) timely and accurate identification and quantification of credit risk within the loan portfolio; (iii) strategies to minimize credit losses and reduce the level of problem assets; (iv) procedures for the on-going review of the investment portfolio to evaluate other-than temporary-impairment ("OTTI") and accurate accounting for OTTI; (v) stress testing of commercial real estate loan and portfolio segments; and (vi) measures to reduce the amount of other real estate owned;

Strengthen asset quality at the Bank by (i) not extending, renewing, or restructuring any credit to or for the benefit of any borrower, including any related interest of the borrower, whose loans or other extensions of credit were criticized in the Report of Examination or in any subsequent report of examination, without appropriate underwriting analysis, documentation, board or committee approval and certification that the board or committee reasonably believes that the

extension of credit will not impair the Bank's interest in obtaining repayment of the already outstanding credit and that the extension of credit or renewal will be repaid according to its terms, (ii) submitting to the Federal Reserve Bank an acceptable written plan designed to improve the Bank's position through repayment, amortization, liquidation, additional collateral, or other means on each loan or other asset in excess of \$1.5 million including other real estate owned that is past due as to principal or interest more than 90 days, on the Bank's problem loan list, or was adversely classified in the Report of Examination or subsequent report of examination;

Improve management of the Bank's allowance for loan losses by (i) eliminating from its books, by charge-off or collection, all assets or portions of assets classified "loss" in the Report of Examination that have not been previously collected in full or charged off within 10 days of the Agreement, and, within 30 days from the receipt of any federal or state report of examination, charge off all assets classified "loss" unless otherwise approved in writing by the Federal

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Reserve Bank, (ii) maintain a sound process for determining, documenting, and recording an adequate allowance for loan and lease losses (“ALLL”) in accordance with regulatory reporting instructions and relevant supervisory guidance, and (iii) within 60 days of the date of the Agreement, submitting to the Federal Reserve Bank an acceptable written program for the maintenance of an adequate ALLL, including provision for a review of the ALLL by the board on at least a quarterly calendar basis and remedying any deficiency found in the ALLL in the quarter it is discovered, and the board maintaining written documentation of its review of the ALLL;

Maintain sufficient capital at the Company and Bank by submitting to the Federal Reserve Bank an acceptable written plan to maintain sufficient capital at the Company, on a consolidated basis, and the Company and the Bank shall jointly submit to the Reserve Bank an acceptable written plan to maintain sufficient capital at the Bank, as a separate legal entity on a stand-alone basis that (i) complies with the applicable bank and bank holding company capital maintenance regulations and regulatory guidelines and that also considers the adequacy of the Bank’s capital, (ii) takes into account the volume of classified credits, concentrations of credit, ALLL, current and projected asset growth, and projected retained earnings, the source and timing of additional funds to fulfill the Company’s and the Bank’s future capital requirements, and a provision to notify the Federal Reserve Bank when either entity falls below the capital ratios in the accepted plan;

- Submit a revised business plan and budget to the Federal Reserve Bank for 2010 and subsequent calendar years that the Bank is subject to the Agreement to improve the Bank’s earnings and overall condition, which plan at a minimum provides a realistic and comprehensive budget for the remainder of calendar year 2010, and description of the operating assumptions that form the basis for, and adequately support, major projected income, expense, and balance sheet components;

Not make certain distributions, dividends, and payments, specifically that (i) the Company and Bank agreeing not to declare or pay any dividends without the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve Bank and the Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation of the Board of Governors (“Director”), (ii) the Company not taking any other form of payment representing a reduction in capital from the Bank without the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve Bank, and (iii) the Company and its nonbank subsidiaries not making any distributions of interest, principal, or other sums on subordinated debentures or trust preferred securities without the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve Bank and the Director;

- Not incur debt or redeem stock, without the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve Bank. The Company agrees not to incur, increase, or guarantee any debt or purchase or redeem any shares of its stock;

Correct violations of the laws by (i) the Bank immediately taking all necessary steps to correct all violations of law and regulation cited in the Report of Examination, (ii) the board of the Bank taking the necessary steps to ensure the Bank’s future compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, (iii) complying with the notice provisions of Section 32 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1831i) and Subpart H of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 C.F.R. §§ 225.71 et seq) prior to appointing any new director or senior executive officer, or changing the responsibilities of any senior executive officer so that the officer would assume a different senior executive officer position, and (iv) complying with the restrictions on indemnification and severance payments of Section 18(k) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1828(k)) and Part 359 of the FDIC’s regulations (12 C.F.R. Part 359);

Comply with the Agreement by (i) appointing a compliance committee of the Bank (“Compliance Committee”) within 10 days of the date of the Agreement to monitor and coordinate the Bank’s compliance with the provisions of the Agreement, which Compliance Committee is composed of a majority of outside directors who are not executive officers or principal shareholders of the Bank and which is to meet at least monthly and report its findings to the board of directors of the Bank, and (ii) the Company and Bank within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter following the date of the Agreement submitting to the Federal Reserve Bank written progress reports detailing the



form and manner of all actions taken to secure compliance with the Agreement and the results of such actions.

For a copy of the Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, see the Company's Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 25, 2010.

Since the effective date of the Agreement, the Bank submitted quarterly progress reports to the Federal Reserve. As of the January 30, 2014 progress report submitted for the fourth quarter of 2013, the Company and the Bank believe they are in compliance with the Agreement, including deadlines and remediation of violations of laws and regulations regarding stale loan appraisals.

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### Regulatory Order from the California Department of Business Oversight

During May of 2010, the California Department of Business Oversight (formerly known as the California Department of Financial Institutions) issued a written order (the "Order") pursuant to section 1913 of the California Financial Code to the Bank as a result of a regulatory examination that was conducted by the Federal Reserve and the California Department of Business Oversight in June 2009. The Order issued by the California Department of Business Oversight was similar to the agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, except for certain additional requirements.

On September 24, 2013, the Bank entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") with the California Department of Business Oversight (formerly known as the California Department of Financial Institutions). Effective October 15, 2013, the California Department of Business Oversight terminated the Order issued in May 2010. The additional requirements in the MOU for the Bank are as follows:

Develop and adopt a capital plan to maintain a ratio of tangible shareholders' equity to total tangible assets equal to or greater than 9% and include in such capital plan a capital contingency plan for raising additional capital in the event of various contingencies;

• Maintain a ratio of tangible shareholders' equity to total tangible assets equal to or greater than 9%

• Maintain an adequate allowance for loan losses and remedy any deficiency in the allowance for loan losses in the calendar quarter in which it is discovered; and

• Not establish any new branches or other offices without the prior written consent of the Commissioner of the California Department of Business Oversight

• Provide progress reports within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter following the effective date of the MOU to the California Department of Business Oversight detailing the form and manner of all actions taken to secure compliance with the MOU and Agreement and the results of such actions.

• Within 180 days from the effective date of the MOU, reduce the assets classified "Substandard" to not more than 45% of total capital.

• Within 270 days from the effective date of the MOU, reduce the assets classified "Substandard" to not more than 40% of total capital.

The Bank is currently in full compliance with the requirements of the MOU including its deadlines.

### Capital Adequacy

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("Board of Governors") has adopted regulations requiring insured institutions to maintain a minimum leverage ratio of Tier 1 capital (the sum of common stockholders' equity, noncumulative perpetual preferred stock and minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries, minus intangible assets, identified losses and investments in certain subsidiaries, plus unrealized losses or minus unrealized gains on available for sale securities) to total assets. Institutions which have received the highest composite regulatory rating and which are not experiencing or anticipating significant growth are required to maintain a minimum leverage capital ratio of 3% Tier 1 capital to total assets. All other institutions are required to maintain a minimum leverage capital ratio of at least 100 to 200 basis points above the 3% minimum requirement.

The Board of Governors has also adopted a statement of policy, supplementing its leverage capital ratio requirements, which provides definitions of qualifying total capital (consisting of Tier 1 capital and Tier 2 supplementary capital, including the allowance for loan losses up to a maximum of 1.25% of risk-weighted assets) and sets forth minimum risk-based capital ratios of capital to risk-weighted assets. Insured institutions are required to maintain a ratio of qualifying total capital to risk weighted assets of 8%, at least one-half (4%) of which must be in the form of Tier 1 capital.

Pursuant to the March 2010 Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Company and the Bank are required to maintain sufficient capital to support current and future capital needs, including compliance with Capital Adequacy Guidelines taking into account the volume of classified assets, concentrations of credit, the level of the allowance for loan losses, current and projected growth, and projected retained earnings. Pursuant to the MOU issued by the California Department of Business Oversight in October 2013, the Bank is required to maintain a ratio of tangible shareholders' equity to total tangible assets

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equal to or greater than 9.0%. For purposes of the MOU, “tangible shareholders’ equity” is defined as shareholders’ equity minus intangible assets. The Bank’s ratio of tangible shareholders’ equity to total tangible assets was 13.19% at December 31, 2013.

As part of the March 2010 Agreement, the Company has written, and submitted to the Federal Reserve Bank, a capital plan that includes guidelines and trigger points to ensure sufficient capital is maintained at the Bank and the Company, and that capital ratios are maintained at a level deemed appropriate under regulatory guidelines given the level of classified assets, concentrations of credit, ALLL, current and projected growth, and projected retained earnings. The capital plan also contains contingency strategies to obtain additional capital as required to fulfill future capital requirements for both the Bank as a separate legal entity, and the Company on a consolidated basis. The capital plan also addresses the requirement of both the Bank and the Company to comply with the Federal Banks’ Capital Adequacy Guidelines, and contingency plans to ensure the maintenance of adequate capital levels under those guidelines.

The following table sets forth the Company’s and the Bank’s actual capital positions at December 31, 2013, as well as the minimum capital requirements and requirements to be well capitalized under prompt corrective action provisions (Bank required only) under the regulatory guidelines discussed above:

	Company		Bank		To Be Well Capitalized under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Actual Capital Ratios	%	Actual Capital Ratios	%	Minimum Capital Ratios	%
Total risk-based capital ratio	17.20	%	17.41	%	10.00	%
Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets	15.93	%	16.15	%	9.00	%
Leverage ratio	11.19	%	11.43	%	9.00	%

As is indicated by the above table, and the above discussion of the required ratio of tangible shareholders’ equity to total tangible assets under the MOU, the Company and the Bank exceeded all applicable regulatory capital guidelines at December 31, 2013. Management believes that, under the current regulations, both will continue to meet their minimum capital requirements in the foreseeable future.

## Dividends

Dividends paid to shareholders by the Company are subject to restrictions set forth in the California General Corporation Law. The California General Corporation Law provides that a corporation may make a distribution to its shareholders if retained earnings immediately prior to the dividend payout are at least equal to the amount of the proposed distribution. The primary source of funds with which dividends will be paid to shareholders will come from cash dividends received by the Company from the Bank.

As noted earlier, the Company and the Bank have entered into an agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank that, among other things, requires prior approval before paying a cash dividend or otherwise making a distribution of stock, increasing debt, repurchasing the Company’s common stock, or any other action which would reduce capital of either the Bank or the Company. In addition, effective October 2009, the Company elected to defer regularly scheduled quarterly interest payments on its junior subordinated debentures issued in connection with its trust preferred securities. Under the subordinated debenture agreement, the Company is prohibited from paying any dividends or making any other distribution on its common stock for so long as interest payments are being deferred. In addition, under the agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Company is now prohibited from making interest payments

on the junior subordinated debentures without prior approval of the Federal Reserve Bank. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company received no cash dividends from the Bank.

The Bank, as a state-chartered bank, is subject to dividend restrictions set forth in California state banking law and administered by the Commissioner of the California Department of Business Oversight (“Commissioner”). Under such restrictions, the Bank may not pay cash dividends in an amount which exceeds the lesser of the retained earnings of the Bank or the Bank’s net income for the last three fiscal years (less the amount of distributions to shareholders during that period of time). If the above test is not met, cash dividends may only be paid with the prior approval of the Commissioner, in an amount not exceeding the Bank’s net income for its last fiscal year or the amount of its net income for the current fiscal year. Such restrictions do not apply to stock dividends, which generally require neither the satisfaction of any tests nor the approval of the

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Commissioner. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Commissioner finds that the shareholders' equity is not adequate or that the declarations of a dividend would be unsafe or unsound, the Commissioner may order the state bank not to pay any dividend. The FRB may also limit dividends paid by the Bank. As noted above, the terms of the regulatory agreement with the Federal Reserve prohibit both the Company and the Bank from paying dividends without prior approval of the Federal Reserve.

Reserve Balances

The Bank is required to maintain average reserve balances with the Federal Reserve Bank. During 2005, the Company implemented a deposit reclassification program, which allows the Company to reclassify a portion of transaction accounts to non-transaction accounts for reserve purposes. The deposit reclassification program was provided by a third-party vendor, and has been approved by the Federal Reserve Bank. At December 31, 2013, the bank was not subject to a reserve requirement.

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MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of United Security Bancshares and Subsidiaries (the "Company") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for performing an assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The Company's system of internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect transactions and dispositions of assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Management recognizes that there are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of internal control, and accordingly, even effective internal control can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and fair presentation. Further, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of internal control may vary over time.

Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company performed an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013 based upon criteria in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (1992) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). As a result of this assessment, management has concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2013.

As a result of the enactment in our third quarter of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, "Exemption for Non-accelerated Filers," and in accordance with section 989G of the act, we are not required to provide an attestation report of our independent registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting for this fiscal year or thereafter, until such time as we are no longer eligible for the exemption set forth therein.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders  
United Security Bancshares and Subsidiary

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of United Security Bancshares and Subsidiary (Company) as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2013. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall consolidated financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of United Security Bancshares and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2013, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Moss Adams LLP

Stockton, California  
March 21, 2014



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## United Security Bancshares and Subsidiaries

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

December 31, 2013 and 2012

(In thousands except shares)

	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$20,193	\$27,481
Cash and due from FRB	115,019	114,146
Cash and cash equivalents	135,212	141,627
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	1,515	1,507
Investment securities available for sale (at fair value)	43,616	31,844
Loans and leases	395,317	400,057
Unearned fees	(304	) (24
Allowance for credit losses	(10,988	) (11,784
Net loans and leases	384,025	388,249
Accrued interest receivable	1,644	1,694
Premises and equipment - net	12,122	12,262
Other real estate owned	13,946	23,932
Intangible assets	62	249
Goodwill	4,488	4,488
Cash surrender value of life insurance	17,203	16,681
Investment in limited partnerships	4,534	4,312
Deferred income taxes	11,630	9,724
Other assets	5,932	12,308
Total assets	\$635,929	\$648,877
Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity		
Liabilities		
Deposits		
Noninterest bearing	\$214,317	\$217,014
Interest bearing	328,172	346,273
Total deposits	542,489	563,287
Accrued interest payable	44	71
Accounts payable and other liabilities	5,728	6,010
Junior subordinated debt (at fair value)	11,125	10,068
Total liabilities	559,386	579,436
Commitments and Contingencies		
Shareholders' Equity		
Common stock, no par value 20,000,000 shares authorized, 14,799,888 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2013, and 14,217,303 at December 31, 2012	45,778	43,173
Retained earnings	30,884	26,179
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(119	) 89
Total shareholders' equity	76,543	69,441
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$635,929	\$648,877
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United Security Bancshares and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Statements of Income  
Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

(In thousands except shares and EPS)	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Interest Income		
Loans, including fees	\$21,979	\$23,184
Investment securities - AFS – taxable	703	1,720
Interest on deposits in Federal Reserve Bank	312	224
Interest on deposits in other banks	8	23
Total interest income	23,002	25,151
Interest Expense		
Interest on deposits	1,330	1,791
Interest on other borrowed funds	281	270
Total interest expense	1,611	2,061
Net Interest Income Before Provision for Credit Losses	21,391	23,090
(Benefit) Provision for Credit Losses	(1,098	) 1,019
Net Interest Income	22,489	22,071
Noninterest Income		
Customer service fees	3,456	3,583
Increase in cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance	556	564
Impairment loss on investment securities, other than-temporary loss	—	(284
Loss on fair value of financial liability	(776	) (774
Loss on sale of securities	—	(195
Gain on sale of other investment	—	1,739
Other	732	843
Total noninterest income	3,968	5,476
Noninterest Expense		
Salaries and employee benefits	9,214	9,082
Occupancy expense	3,678	3,548
Data processing	185	77
Professional fees	1,275	1,707
Regulatory assessments	1,150	1,409
Director fees	232	256
Amortization of intangibles	187	304
Correspondent bank service charges	287	313
Loss in equity of limited partnership	253	39
Net cost on operation of OREO	271	934
Other	2,351	2,276
Total noninterest expense	19,083	19,945
Income Before Provision for Taxes on Income	7,374	7,602
Provision for Taxes on Income	105	1,533
Net Income	\$7,269	\$6,069
Net Income per common share		
Basic	\$0.49	\$0.41
Diluted	\$0.49	\$0.41
Shares on which net income per common share were based		

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Basic	14,798,135	14,789,001
Diluted	14,799,037	14,789,001
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United Security Bancshares and Subsidiaries  
 Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income  
 Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

(In thousands)	Year Ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
Net Income	\$7,269	\$6,069
Unrealized holdings gains (losses) on securities	(617	) 1,420
Reclassification adjustment for net losses included in net income	—	195
Unrealized gains (losses) on unrecognized post retirement costs	275	(338
Other comprehensive (loss) income, before tax	(342	) 1,277
Tax benefit (expense) related to securities	247	(615
Tax (expense) benefit related to unrecognized post retirement costs	(113	) 136
Total other comprehensive (loss) income	(208	) 798
Comprehensive income	\$7,061	\$6,867
See notes to consolidated financial statements		

United Security Bancshares and Subsidiaries  
 Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity  
 Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

(In thousands except shares)	Common stock		Retained Earnings	Accumulated	Total
	Number of Shares	Amount		Other Comprehensive Income	
Balance January 1, 2012	13,531,832	\$41,435	\$21,447	\$(709	) \$62,173
Other comprehensive income				798	798
Common stock dividends	550,710	1,337	(1,337	)	0
Common stock issuance	134,761	383			383
Stock-based compensation expense		18			18
Net Income			6,069		6,069
Balance December 31, 2012	14,217,303	\$43,173	\$26,179	\$89	\$69,441
Other comprehensive loss				(208	) (208
Common stock dividends	577,383	2,564	(2,564	)	0
Stock options exercised	5,202	12			12
Stock-based compensation expense		29			29
Net Income			7,269		7,269
Balance December 31, 2013	14,799,888	\$45,778	\$30,884	\$(119	) \$76,543
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United Security Bancshares and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

(In thousands)	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Net Income	\$7,269	\$6,069
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
(Benefit) provision for credit losses	(1,098	) 1,019
Depreciation and amortization	1,287	1,544
Amortization of investment securities	52	33
Accretion of investment securities	(60	) (169
Loss on disposition of securities	—	195
Decrease in accrued interest receivable	50	252
Decrease in accrued interest payable	(27	) (40
Increase (decrease) in unearned fees	280	(545
Increase (decrease) in income taxes payable	5,557	386
Stock-based compensation expense	29	18
Provision (benefits) for deferred income taxes	(1,773	) 1,230
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	265	476
(Gain) loss on other investments	—	(1,807
Gain on sale of other real estate owned	(1,346	) (278
Impairment loss on other real estate owned	214	463
Impairment loss on investment securities	—	284
Loss on fair value option of financial liability	776	774
Increase in surrender value of life insurance	(589	) (564
Loss in limited partnership interest	253	39
Amortization of intangibles	187	304
Net (decrease) increase in other assets	577	28
Net cash provided by operating activities	11,903	9,711
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Net (increase) decrease in interest-bearing deposits with banks	(8	) 680
Redemption of correspondent bank stock	433	693
Maturities and calls on available-for-sale securities	3,600	10,070
Principal payments on available-for-sale securities	4,452	—
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(20,433	) (11,022
Proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities	—	8,837
Net decrease in loans	6,933	3,847
Cash proceeds from sales of other real estate owned	9,202	4,902
Cash proceeds from sale of other investment	—	2,174
Cash proceeds from sales of premises and equipment	—	36
Capital expenditures for premises and equipment	(1,147	) (853
Investment in limited partnership	(564	) (787
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	2,468	18,577
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Net increase (decrease) in demand deposit and savings accounts	(4,899	) 32,960
Net decrease in certificates of deposit	(15,899	) (44,100
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	12	—
Cash proceeds from the issuance of common stock	—	295

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Net cash (used in) financing activities	(20,786	) (10,845	)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(6,415	) 17,443	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	141,627	124,184	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$135,212	\$141,627	
See notes to consolidated statements			

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements  
Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting and Reporting Policies

**Basis of Presentation** – The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and with prevailing practices within the banking industry. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of United Security Bancshares, and its wholly owned subsidiary, United Security Bank and subsidiary (the “Bank”). United Security Bancshares Capital Trust II (the “Trust”) is deconsolidated pursuant to ASC 810. As a result, the Trust Preferred Securities are not presented on the Company’s consolidated financial statements as equity, but instead the Company’s Subordinated Debentures are presented as a separate liability category. (see Note 8 to the Company’s consolidated financial statements). Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. In the following notes, references to the Bank are references to United Security Bank. References to the Company are references to United Security Bancshares, (including the Bank). United Security Bancshares operates as one business segment providing banking services to commercial establishments and individuals primarily in the San Joaquin Valley of California.

**Nature of Operations** – United Security Bancshares is a bank holding company, incorporated in the state of California for the purpose of acquiring all the capital stock of the Bank through a holding company reorganization (the “Reorganization”) of the Bank. The Reorganization, which was accounted for in a manner similar to a pooling of interests, was completed on June 12, 2001. Management believes the Reorganization has provided the Company greater operating and financial flexibility and has permitted expansion into a broader range of financial services and other business activities.

During July 2007 the Company formed United Security Bancshares Capital Trust II and issued \$15.0 million in Trust Preferred Securities with terms similar to those originally issued under USB Capital Trust I. (See Note 8. “Junior Subordinated Debt/Trust Preferred Securities”).

USB Investment Trust Inc was incorporated effective December 31, 2001, as a special purpose real estate investment trust (“REIT”) under Maryland law. The REIT is a subsidiary of the Bank and was funded with \$133.0 million in real estate-secured loans contributed by the Bank. USB Investment Trust was originally formed to give the Bank flexibility in raising capital, and reduce the expenses associated with holding the assets contributed to USB Investment Trust.

The Bank was founded in 1987 and currently operates eleven branches and one construction lending office in an area from eastern Madera County to western Fresno County, as well as Taft and Bakersfield in Kern County, and Campbell in Santa Clara County. The Bank also operates one financial services department located in Fresno, California. The Bank’s primary source of revenue is interest income through providing loans to customers, who are predominantly small and middle-market businesses and individuals. The Bank engages in a full compliment of lending activities, including real estate mortgage, commercial and industrial, real estate construction, agricultural and consumer loans, with particular emphasis on short and medium term obligations.

The Bank offers a wide range of deposit instruments. These include personal and business checking accounts and savings accounts, interest-bearing negotiable order of withdrawal (“NOW”) accounts, money market accounts and time certificates of deposit. Most of the Bank’s deposits are attracted from individuals and from small and medium-sized business-related sources.

The Bank also offers a wide range of specialized services designed to attract and service the needs of commercial customers and account holders. These services include cashiers checks, travelers checks, money orders, and foreign drafts. In addition, the Bank offers Internet banking services to its commercial and retail customers, and offers certain

financial and wealth management services through its financial services department. The Bank does not operate a trust department, however it makes arrangements with its correspondent bank to offer trust services to its customers upon request.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change, relate to the determination of the allowance for loan losses, determination of goodwill, fair value of junior subordinated debt and certain collateralized mortgage obligations, and the valuation of real estate acquired in connection with foreclosures or in satisfaction of loans.



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Subsequent events—The Company has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the day the financial statements were issued.

Significant Accounting Policies - The Company follows accounting standards set by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, commonly referred to as the “FASB”. The FASB sets generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) that the Company follows to ensure the consistent reporting of its consolidated financial condition, consolidated results of operations, and consolidated cash flows. References to GAAP issued by the FASB in these footnotes are to the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, sometimes referred to as the Codification or ASC. The following is a summary of significant policies:

- Cash and cash equivalents – Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, amounts due from banks, federal funds sold and repurchase agreements. At times throughout the year, balances can exceed FDIC insurance limits.
- a. Generally, federal funds sold and repurchase agreements are sold for one-day periods. The Bank did not have any repurchase agreements during 2013 or 2012, or at December 31, 2013 and 2012. All cash and cash equivalents have maturities when purchased of three months or less.
- Securities - Debt and equity securities classified as available for sale are reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from net income and reported, net of tax, as a separate component of comprehensive income and shareholders’ equity. Debt securities classified as held to maturity are carried at amortized cost. Gains and losses on disposition are reported using the specific identification method for the adjusted basis of the securities sold. Premiums and discounts are recognized in interest income using the interest method over the period to maturity.
- b.

The Company classifies its securities as available for sale or held to maturity, and periodically reviews its investment portfolio on an individual security basis. Securities that are to be held for indefinite periods of time (including, but not limited to, those that management intends to use as part of its asset/liability management strategy, those which may be sold in response to changes in interest rates, changes in prepayments or any such other factors) are classified as securities available for sale. Securities which the Company has the ability and intent to hold to maturity are classified as held to maturity.

Investments with fair values that are less than amortized cost are considered impaired. Impairment may result from either a decline in the financial condition of the issuing entity or, in the case of fixed interest rate investments, from rising interest rates. At each financial statement date, management assesses each investment to determine if impaired investments are temporarily impaired or if the impairment is other-than-temporary based upon the positive and negative evidence available. Evidence evaluated includes, but is not limited to, industry analyst reports, credit market conditions, and interest rate trends. If negative evidence outweighs positive evidence that the carrying amount is recoverable within a reasonable period of time, the impairment is deemed to be other-than-temporary and the debt security is written down by the amount related to credit losses in the period in which such determination is made, or written down to fair value if the debt security is more than likely to be sold.

Loans - Interest income on loans is credited to income as earned and is calculated by using the simple interest method on the daily balance of the principal amounts outstanding. Loans are placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest is past due for 90 days and/or when management believes the collection of amounts due is doubtful. For loans placed on nonaccrual status, the accrued and unpaid interest receivable may be reversed at management's discretion based upon management's assessment of collectibility, and interest is thereafter credited to principal to the extent necessary to eliminate doubt as to the collectibility of the net carrying amount of the loan.

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Nonrefundable fees and related direct costs associated with the origination or purchase of loans are deferred and netted against outstanding loan balances. The net deferred fees and costs are generally amortized into interest income over the loan term using the interest method. Other credit-related fees, such as standby letter of credit fees, loan

placement fees and annual credit card fees are recognized as noninterest income during the period the related service is performed.

Allowance for Credit Losses and Reserve for Unfunded Loan Commitments - The allowance for credit losses is maintained to provide for losses that can reasonably be anticipated. The allowance is based on ongoing quarterly assessments of the probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio, and to a lesser extent, unfunded loan commitments. The reserve for unfunded loan commitments is a liability on the Company's consolidated financial statements and is included in other liabilities. The liability is computed using a methodology similar to that used to determine the allowance for credit losses, modified to take into account the probability of a drawdown on the commitment.

The allowance for credit losses is increased by provisions charged to operations during the current period and reduced by negative provisions and loan charge-offs, net of recoveries. Loans are charged against the allowance when management

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believes that the collection of the principal is unlikely. The allowance is an amount that management believes will be adequate to absorb losses inherent in existing loans, based on evaluations of the probability of collection. In evaluating the probability of collection, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of loans, allowance for credit losses and the provision for credit losses charged to operations. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates. These evaluations take into consideration such factors as the composition of the portfolio, overall portfolio quality, loan concentrations, specific problem loans, and current economic conditions that may affect the borrowers' ability to pay. The Company's methodology for assessing the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses consists of several key elements, which include the formula allowance, specific allowances, and the unallocated allowance.

The formula allowance is calculated by applying loss factors to outstanding loans and certain unfunded loan commitments. Loss factors are based on the Company's historical loss experience and may be adjusted for significant factors that, in management's judgment, affect the collectibility of the portfolio as of the evaluation date. The Company determines the loss factors for problem-graded loans (substandard, doubtful, and loss), special mention loans, and pass graded loans, based on a loss migration model. In performing the periodic migration analysis, management believes that historical loss factors used in the computation of the formula allowance need to be adjusted to reflect current changes in market conditions and trends in the Company's loan portfolio. There are a number of other factors which are reviewed when determining adjustments in the historical loss factors. Those factors include 1) trends in delinquent and nonaccrual loans, 2) trends in loan volume and terms, 3) effects of changes in lending policies, 4) concentrations of credit, 5) competition, 6) national and local economic trends and conditions, 7) experience of lending staff, 8) loan review and Board of Directors oversight, 9) high balance loan concentrations, and 10) other business conditions. For purposes of this analysis, loans are grouped by internal risk classifications, which are "pass", "special mention", "substandard", "doubtful", and "loss". Certain loans are homogeneous in nature and are therefore pooled by risk grade. These homogeneous loans include consumer installment and home equity loans.

Specific allowances are established based on management's periodic evaluation of loss exposure inherent in impaired loans. For impaired loans, specific allowances are determined based on the collateralized value of the underlying properties, the net present value of the anticipated cash flows, or the market value of the underlying assets.

A loan is considered impaired when management determines that it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the original contractual terms of the loan agreement. Impairment is measured by the difference between the original recorded investment in the loan and the estimated present value of the total expected future cash flows, discounted at the loan's effective rate, or the fair value of the collateral, less estimated selling costs, if the loan is collateral dependent.

The unallocated portion of the allowance is based upon management's evaluation of various conditions that are not directly measured in the determination of the formula and specific allowances. The conditions may include, but are not limited to, general economic and business conditions affecting the key lending areas of the Company, credit quality trends, collateral values, loan volumes and concentrations, and other business conditions.

Premises and Equipment - Premises and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation expense is computed principally on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	31 years	Furniture and equipment	3-7 Years
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Other Real Estate Owned - Real estate properties acquired through, or in lieu of, loan foreclosure are to be sold and are initially recorded at fair value of the property, less estimated costs to sell. The excess, if any, of the loan amount over the fair value is charged to the allowance for credit losses. Subsequent declines in the fair value of other real estate owned, along with related revenue and expenses from operations, are charged to noninterest expense.

Intangible Assets and Goodwill - Intangible assets are comprised of core deposit intangibles, other specific identifiable intangibles, and goodwill acquired in branch acquisitions where the consideration given exceeded the fair value of the net assets acquired. Intangible assets and goodwill are reviewed at least annually for impairment. Core deposit intangibles of \$62,000 and \$249,000 (net of accumulated amortization and impairment losses of \$6,934,000 and \$6,747,000) at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, are amortized over the estimated useful lives of the existing deposit bases (average of 7 years) using a method which approximates the interest method. During 2013 and 2012, the Company recognized \$0 impairment losses on the core deposit intangible related to the deposits purchased in the Legacy merger consummated during February 2007.

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The estimated aggregate amortization expense related to intangible assets for each of the five succeeding years is as follows (in 000's):

Year	Amortization expense
2014	62
Total	\$62

Goodwill amounts resulting from the acquisitions of Taft National Bank during April 2004, and Legacy Bank during February 2007 are considered to have an indefinite life and are not amortized. At December 31, 2013, goodwill related to Taft National Bank totaled \$1.6 million, and goodwill related to Legacy Bank totaled \$2.9 million. Impairment testing of goodwill is performed at the reporting level during April of each year for Taft, and during March of each year for Legacy. During 2013 and 2012, the Company did not recognize impairment adjustments on the goodwill related to the Legacy or Taft Bank mergers (see Note 19 to the Company's consolidated financial statements contained herein for details of the goodwill impairment.)

h. Income Taxes - Deferred income taxes are provided for the temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and the tax basis of the Company's assets and liabilities using the liability method, and are reflected at currently enacted income tax rates applicable to the period in which the deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be realized or settled.

i. Net Income per Share - Basic income (loss) per common share is computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted income (loss) per share includes the effect of stock options and other potentially dilutive securities using the treasury stock method to the extent they have a dilutive impact. Net income (loss) per share has been retroactively adjusted for all stock dividends declared.

j. Cash Flow Reporting - For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, noninterest-bearing amounts due from banks, federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell. Federal funds and securities purchased under agreements to resell are generally sold for one-day periods.

k. Transfers of Financial Assets - Transfers of financial assets are accounted for as sales when control over the assets has been surrendered. Control over transferred assets is deemed to be surrendered when (1) the assets have been isolated from the Company, (2) the transferee obtains the right (free of conditions that constrain it from taking advantage of that right) to pledge or exchange the transferred assets, and (3) the Company does not maintain effective control over the transferred assets through an agreement to repurchase them before their maturity.

l. Advertising Costs - The Company expenses marketing costs as they are incurred. Advertising expense was \$92,000 and \$86,000 for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

m. Stock Based Compensation - The Company has a stock-based employee compensation plan, which is described more fully in Note 10. The Company accounts for all share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, to be recognized in the financial statements based on the grant-date fair value of the award. The fair value is amortized over the requisite service period (generally the vesting period). Included in salaries and employee benefits for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 is \$29,000, and \$18,000, respectively, of share-based compensation. The related tax benefit, recorded in the provision for income taxes, was not significant. All share data contained within the financial statements has been retroactively restated for stock based transactions (i.e. stock splits and stock dividends.)

n. Federal Home Loan Bank stock and Federal Reserve Stock - As a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), the Company is required to maintain an investment in capital stock of the FHLB. In addition, as a member of the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB), the Company is required to maintain an investment in capital stock of the FRB. The investments in both the FHLB and the FRB are carried at cost, which approximates their fair value, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets under other assets and are subject to certain redemption requirements by

the FHLB and FRB. Stock redemptions are at the discretion of the FHLB and FRB.

While technically these are considered equity securities, there is no market for the FHLB or FRB stock. Therefore, the shares are considered as restricted investment securities. Management periodically evaluates the stock for other-than-temporary impairment. Management's determination of whether these investments are impaired is based on its assessment of the ultimate recoverability of cost rather than by recognizing temporary declines in value. The determination of whether a decline affects the ultimate recoverability of cost is influenced by criteria such as (1) the significance of any decline in net assets of the FHLB or FRB as compared to the capital stock amount of the FHLB or FRB and the length of time this

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situation has persisted, (2) commitments by the FHLB or FRB to make payments required by law or regulation and the level of such payments in relation to the operating performance of the FHLB or FRB, (3) the impact of legislative and regulatory changes on institutions and, accordingly, the customer base of the FHLB or FRB, and (4) the liquidity position of the FHLB or FRB.

Comprehensive Income - Comprehensive income is comprised of net income and other comprehensive income. Other comprehensive income includes items recorded directly to equity, such as unrealized gains and losses on securities available-for-sale, unrecognized costs of salary continuation defined benefit plans. Comprehensive income is presented in the consolidated statement of Comprehensive Income.

Segment Reporting - The Company's operations are solely in the financial services industry and include providing to its customers traditional banking and other financial services. The Company operates primarily in the San Joaquin Valley region of California. Management makes operating decisions and assesses performance based on an ongoing review of the Company's consolidated financial results. Therefore, the Company has a single operating segment for financial reporting purposes.

q. New Accounting Standards:

In February 2013, The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) today issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2013-2, Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income, to improve the transparency of reporting reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income. ASU 2013-2 requires an organization to present (either on the face of the statement where net income is presented or in the notes) the effects on the line items of net income of significant amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income—but only if the item reclassified is required under U.S. GAAP to be reclassified to net income in its entirety in the same reporting period. The amendments are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2012. The Company does not expect that this ASU will have a material impact on its financial statements.

In January 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-01 Balance Sheet (Topic 210) Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities, which clarifies that ordinary trade receivables and receivables are not in the scope of ASU 2011-11. It further clarifies that the scope of ASU No. 2011-11 applies to derivatives, repurchase agreements and reverse purchase agreements, and securities borrowing and securities lending transactions that are either offset in accordance with specific criteria contained in FASB Accounting Standards Codification® or subject to a master netting arrangement or similar agreement. Both ASU 2011-11 and ASU 2013-1 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and interim periods within those annual periods. The Company adopted these ASUs during the first quarter of 2013 and they did not have a material impact on its financial statements.

In December 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2011-11 Balance Sheet (Topic 210) Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities. The ASU enhances disclosures in order to improve the comparability of offsetting (netting) assets and liabilities reported in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) by requiring entities to disclose both gross information and net information about both instruments and transactions eligible for offset in the statements of condition and instruments and transactions subject to an agreement similar to a master netting arrangement. This ASU did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

Reclassifications - Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2012 financial statements to conform to the classifications used in 2013. During 2012, the Company reviewed and revised the definition of the reporting segments within its loan portfolio to ensure proper uniformity of risk among such segments and has made specific reclassifications to the 2012 segments as reported for consistency. However, any amounts reported for years prior to 2012 were not subject to this reclassification. None of the reclassifications had an impact on equity or net income.

2. Investment Securities

Following is a comparison of the amortized cost and approximate fair value of investment securities at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

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(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value (Carrying Amount)
December 31, 2013				
Securities available for sale:				
U.S. Government agencies	\$14,060	\$441	—	\$14,501
U.S. Government sponsored entities & agencies collateralized by mortgage obligations	25,029	434	(78)	) 25,385
Mutual Funds	4,000	—	(270)	) 3,730
Total securities available for sale	\$43,089	\$875	\$(348)	) \$43,616
December 31, 2012				
Securities available for sale:				
U.S. Government agencies	\$6,113	\$487	\$—	\$6,600
U.S. Government sponsored entities & agencies collateralized by mortgage obligations	20,586	697	—	) 21,283
Mutual Funds	4,000	—	(39)	) 3,961
Total securities available for sale	\$30,699	\$1,184	\$(39)	) \$31,844

There were no gross realized losses on available-for-sale securities and no gross gains during the year ended December 31, 2013. There were gross realized losses on sales of available-for-sale securities totaling \$195,000, but no gross realized gains during the year ended December 31, 2012.

The amortized cost and fair value of securities available for sale at December 31, 2013, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Contractual maturities on collateralized mortgage obligations cannot be anticipated due to allowed paydowns.

(In thousands)	December 31, 2013	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value (Carrying Amount)
Due in one year or less	\$4,000	\$3,730
Due after one year through five years	69	74
Due after five years through ten years	—	—
Due after ten years	13,991	14,426
U.S. Government sponsored entities & agencies collateralized by mortgage obligations	25,029	25,386
	\$43,089	\$43,616

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, available-for-sale securities with an amortized cost of approximately \$23,935,000 and \$26,695,000 (fair value of \$24,739,000 and \$27,878,000) were pledged as collateral for FHLB borrowings and public funds balances, respectively.

The Company had no held-to-maturity or trading securities at December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Management periodically evaluates each available-for-sale investment security in an unrealized loss position to determine if the impairment is temporary or other-than-temporary.

The following summarizes temporarily impaired investment securities at December 31, 2013 and 2012:

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(In thousands) December 31, 2013	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Fair Value (Carrying Amount)	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value (Carrying Amount)	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value (Carrying Amount)	Unrealized Losses
Securities available for sale:						
U.S. Government agencies	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
U.S. Government sponsored entities & agencies collateralized by mortgage obligations	11,069	(78 )	—	—	11,069	(78 )
Mutual Funds	—	—	3,730	(270 )	3,730	(270 )
Total impaired securities	\$11,069	\$(78 )	\$3,730	\$(270 )	\$14,799	\$(348 )
December 31, 2012						
Securities available for sale:						
U.S. Government agencies	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
U.S. Government sponsored entities & agencies collateralized by mortgage obligations	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mutual Funds	3,961	(39 )	—	—	3,961	(39 )
Total impaired securities	\$3,961	\$(39 )	\$—	\$—	\$3,961	\$(39 )

Temporarily impaired securities at December 31, 2013, were comprised of five U.S. Government sponsored entities & agencies collateralized by mortgage obligations and one mutual fund. Temporarily impaired securities at December 31, 2012, were comprised of one mutual fund, with an undefined maturity date.

The Company evaluates investment securities for other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”) at least quarterly, and more frequently when economic or market conditions warrant such an evaluation. The investment securities portfolio is evaluated for OTTI by segregating the portfolio into two general segments and applying the appropriate OTTI model. Investment securities of high credit quality are generally evaluated for OTTI under ASC Topic 320-10, “Investments – Debt and Equity Instruments.” Certain purchased beneficial interests, including non-agency mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and collateralized debt obligations, are evaluated under ASC Topic 325-40, Beneficial Interest in Securitized Financial Assets.

In the first segment, the Company considers many factors in determining OTTI, including: (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, (3) whether the market decline was affected by macroeconomic conditions, and (4) whether the Company has the intent to sell the debt security or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before its anticipated recovery. The assessment of whether an other-than-temporary decline exists involves a high degree of subjectivity and judgment and is based on the information available to the Company at the time of the evaluation.

The second segment of the portfolio uses the OTTI guidance that is specific to purchased beneficial interests including private label mortgage-backed securities. Under this model, the Company compares the present value of the remaining cash flows as estimated at the preceding evaluation date to the current expected remaining cash flows. An OTTI is deemed to have occurred if there has been an adverse change in the remaining expected future cash flows.

Other-than-temporary-impairment occurs when the Company intends to sell the security or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss. If an entity intends to sell or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss, the other-than-temporary-impairment shall be recognized in earnings equal to

the entire difference between the investment's amortized cost basis and its fair value at the balance sheet date. If an entity does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that the entity will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period loss, the other-than-temporary-impairment shall be separated into the amount representing the credit loss and the amount related to all other factors. The amount of the total other-than-temporary-impairment related to the credit loss is recognized in earnings, and is determined based on the difference between the present value of cash flows expected to be collected and the current amortized cost of the security. The amount of the total other-than-temporary-impairment related to other factors shall be recognized in other comprehensive (loss) income, net of applicable taxes. The previous amortized cost

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basis less the other-than-temporary-impairment recognized in earnings shall become the new amortized cost basis of the investment.

## 3. Loans

Loans are comprised of the following:

(in thousands)	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Commercial and Business loans	\$68,460	\$69,780
Government program loans	2,226	2,337
Total Commercial and Industrial	70,686	72,117
Real estate – mortgage:		
Commercial real estate	143,919	133,599
Residential mortgages	52,036	55,016
Home Improvement and Home Equity loans	1,410	1,319
Total Real Estate Mortgage	197,365	189,934
RE Construction and Development	87,004	90,941
Agricultural Loans	30,932	36,169
Installment	9,330	10,884
Commercial lease financing	—	12
Total Loans	\$395,317	\$400,057

The Company's loans are predominantly in the San Joaquin Valley, and the greater Oakhurst/East Madera County area, as well as the Campbell area of Santa Clara County, although the Company does participate in loans with other financial institutions, primarily in the state of California.

Commercial and industrial loans represent 17.9% of total loans at December 31, 2013, and are generally made to support the ongoing operations of small-to-medium sized commercial businesses. Commercial and industrial loans have a high degree of industry diversification and provide, working capital, financing for the purchase of manufacturing plants and equipment, or funding for growth and general expansion of businesses. A substantial portion of commercial and industrial loans are secured by accounts receivable, inventory, leases or other collateral including real estate. The remainder are unsecured; however, extensions of credit are predicated upon the financial capacity of the borrower. Repayment of commercial loans is generally from the cash flow of the borrower.

Real estate mortgage loans, representing 49.9% of total loans at December 31, 2013, are secured by trust deeds on primarily commercial property, but are also secured by trust deeds on single family residences. Repayment of real estate mortgage loans is generally from the cash flow of the borrower.

Commercial real estate mortgage loans comprise the largest segment of this loan category and are available on all types of income producing and commercial properties, including: office buildings, shopping centers; apartments and motels; owner occupied buildings; manufacturing facilities and more. Commercial real estate mortgage loans can also be used to refinance existing debt. Although real estate associated with the business is the primary collateral for commercial real estate mortgage loans, the underlying real estate is not the source of repayment. Commercial real estate loans are made under the premise that the loan will be repaid from the borrower's business operations, rental income associated with the real property, or personal assets.

Residential mortgage loans are provided to individuals to finance or refinance single-family residences. Residential mortgages are not a primary business line offered by the Company, and are generally of a shorter term than

conventional mortgages, with maturities ranging from three to fifteen years on average.

Home Equity loans comprise a relatively small portion of total real estate mortgage loans, and are offered to borrowers for the purpose of home improvements, although the proceeds may be used for other purposes. Home equity loans are generally secured by junior trust deeds, but may be secured by 1<sup>st</sup> trust deeds.

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Real estate construction and development loans, representing 22.0% of total loans at December 31, 2013, consist of loans for residential and commercial construction projects, as well as land acquisition and development, or land held for future development. Loans in this category are secured by real estate including improved and unimproved land, as well as single-family residential, multi-family residential, and commercial properties in various stages of completion. All real estate loans have established equity requirements. Repayment on construction loans is generally from long-term mortgages with other lending institutions obtained at completion of the project.

Agricultural loans represent 7.8% of total loans at December 31, 2013, and are generally secured by land, equipment, inventory and receivables. Repayment is from the cash flow of the borrower.

In the normal course of business, the Company is party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk to meet the financing needs of its customers. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, these financial instruments include commitments to extend credit of \$63,271,000 and \$60,050,000, respectively, and standby letters of credit of \$2,001,000 and \$2,504,000, respectively. These instruments involve elements of credit risk in excess of the amount recognized on the balance sheet. The contract amounts of these instruments reflect the extent of the involvement the Company has in off-balance sheet financial instruments.

The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparty to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is represented by the contractual amounts of those instruments. The Company uses the same credit policies as it does for on-balance sheet instruments.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer, as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Substantially all of these commitments are at floating interest rates based on the Prime rate. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates. The Company evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary, is based on management's credit evaluation. Collateral held varies but includes accounts receivable, inventory, leases, property, plant and equipment, residential real estate and income-producing properties.

Standby letters of credit are generally unsecured and are issued by the Company to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loans to customers.

Loans to directors, officers, principal shareholders and their affiliates are summarized below:

(In thousands)	December 31,	
	2013	2012
Aggregate amount outstanding, beginning of year	3,330	3,244
New loans or advances during year	1,098	2,043
Repayments during year	(1,512	)(1,957
Aggregate amount outstanding, end of year	\$2,916	\$3,330
Loan commitments	\$3,930	\$2,916

#### Past Due Loans

The Company monitors delinquency and potential problem loans on an ongoing basis through weekly reports to the Loan Committee and monthly reports to the Board of Directors. The following is a summary of delinquent loans at December 31, 2013 (in thousands):



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December 31, 2013	Loans 30-60 Days Past Due	Loans 61-89 Days Past Due	Loans 90 or More Days Past Due	Total Past Due Loans	Current Loans	Total Loans	Accruing Loans 90 or More Days Past Due
Commercial and Business Loans	\$—	\$94	\$—	\$94	\$68,366	\$68,460	\$—
Government Program Loans	—	—	—	—	2,226	2,226	—
Total Commercial and Industrial	—	94	—	94	70,592	70,686	—
Commercial Real Estate Loans	1,991	—	6,866	8,857	135,062	143,919	—
Residential Mortgages	—	614	359	973	51,063	52,036	—
Home Improvement and Home Equity Loans	96	—	—	96	1,314	1,410	—
Total Real Estate Mortgage	2,087	614	7,225	9,926	187,439	197,365	—
RE Construction and Development Loans	—	—	220	220	86,784	87,004	—
Agricultural Loans	—	—	—	—	30,932	30,932	—
Consumer Loans	—	—	—	—	9,086	9,086	—
Overdraft protection Lines	—	—	—	—	87	87	—
Overdrafts	—	—	—	—	157	157	—
Total Installment Commercial Lease Financing	—	—	—	—	9,330	9,330	—
Total Loans	\$2,087	\$708	\$7,445	\$10,240	\$385,077	\$395,317	\$—

The following is a summary of delinquent loans at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

December 31, 2012	Loans 30-60 Days Past Due	Loans 61-89 Days Past Due	Loans 90 or More Days Past Due	Total Past Due Loans	Current Loans	Total Loans	Accruing Loans 90 or More Days Past Due
Commercial and Business Loans	\$65	\$—	\$256	\$321	\$69,459	\$69,780	\$—
Government Program Loans	88	—	—	88	2,249	2,337	—
Total Commercial and Industrial	153	—	256	409	71,708	72,117	—
Commercial Real Estate Loans	3,152	2,130	5,328	10,610	122,989	133,599	—
Residential Mortgages	333	322	437	1,092	53,924	55,016	—
Home Improvement and Home Equity Loans	119	140	—	259	1,060	1,319	—
Total Real Estate Mortgage	3,604	2,592	5,765	11,961	177,973	189,934	—
RE Construction and Development Loans	—	—	—	—	90,941	90,941	—
Agricultural Loans	—	136	—	136	36,033	36,169	—



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Consumer Loans	305	34	—	339	10,300	10,639	—
Overdraft protection Lines	—	—	—	—	90	90	—
Overdrafts	—	—	—	—	155	155	—
Total Installment	305	34	—	339	10,545	10,884	—
Commercial Lease	—	—	—	—	12	12	—
Financing	—	—	—	—	12	12	—
Total Loans	\$4,062	\$2,762	\$6,021	\$12,845	\$387,212	\$400,057	\$—

Nonaccrual Loans

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Commercial, construction and commercial real estate loans are placed on non-accrual status under the following circumstances:

- When there is doubt regarding the full repayment of interest and principal.
  - When principal and/or interest on the loan has been in default for a period of 90-days or more, unless the asset is both well secured and in the process of collection that will result in repayment in the near future.
- When the loan is identified as having loss elements and/or is risk rated "8" Doubtful.

Other circumstances which jeopardize the ultimate collectability of the loan including certain troubled debt restructurings, identified loan impairment, and certain loans to facilitate the sale of OREO.

Loans meeting any of the preceding criteria are placed on non-accrual status and the accrual of interest for financial statement purposes is discontinued. Previously accrued but unpaid interest is reversed and charged against interest income.

All other loans where principal or interest is due and unpaid for 90 days or more are placed on non-accrual and the accrual of interest for financial statement purposes is discontinued. Previously accrued but unpaid interest is reversed and charged against interest income.

When a loan is placed on non-accrual status and subsequent payments of interest (and principal) are received, the interest received may be accounted for in two separate ways.

Cost recovery method: If the loan is in doubt as to full collection, the interest received in subsequent payments is diverted from interest income to a valuation reserve and treated as a reduction of principal for financial reporting purposes.

Cash basis: This method is only used if the recorded investment or total contractual amount is expected to be fully collectible, under which circumstances the subsequent payments of interest is credited to interest income as received.

Loans on non-accrual status are usually not returned to accruing status unless and until all delinquent principal and/or interest has been brought current, there is no identified element of loss, and current and continued satisfactory performance is expected (loss of the contractual amount not the carrying amount of the loan). Repayment ability is generally demonstrated through the timely receipt of at least six monthly payments on a loan with monthly amortization.

Nonaccrual loans totaled \$12,341,000 and \$13,425,000 at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. There were no remaining undisbursed commitments to extend credit on nonaccrual loans at December 31, 2013 and 2012.

The following is a summary of nonaccrual loan balances at December 31, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands).

	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Commercial and Business Loans	\$—	\$ 1,093
Government Program Loans	—	88
Total Commercial and Industrial	—	1,181
Commercial Real Estate Loans	10,188	8,415
Residential Mortgages	1,685	1,834
Home Improvement and Home Equity Loans	—	10
Total Real Estate Mortgage	11,873	10,259

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RE Construction and Development Loans	468	1,730
Agricultural Loans	—	136
Consumer Loans	—	119
Total Installment	—	119
Commercial Lease Financing	—	—
Total Loans	\$12,341	\$13,425

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### Impaired Loans

A loan is considered impaired when based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due, including principal and interest, according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement.

The Company applies its normal loan review procedures in making judgments regarding probable losses and loan impairment. The Company evaluates for impairment those loans on non-accrual status, graded doubtful, graded substandard or those that are troubled debt restructures. The primary basis for inclusion in impaired status under generally accepted accounting pronouncements is that it is probable that the Bank will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement.

A loan is not considered impaired if there is merely an insignificant delay or shortfall in the amounts of payments and the Company expects to collect all amounts due, including interest accrued, at the contractual interest rate for the period of the delay.

Review for impairment does not include large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans that are collectively evaluated to estimate the allowance for loan losses. The Company's present allowance for loan losses methodology, including migration analysis, captures required reserves for these loans in the formula allowance.

For loans determined to be impaired, the Company evaluates impairment based upon either the fair value of underlying collateral, discounted cash flows of expected payments, or observable market price.

For loans secured by collateral including real estate and equipment, the fair value of the collateral less selling costs will determine the carrying value of the loan. The difference between the recorded investment in the loan and the fair value, less selling costs, determines the amount of impairment. The Company uses the measurement method based on fair value of collateral when the loan is collateral dependent and foreclosure is probable.

The discounted cash flow method of measuring the impairment of a loan is used for unsecured loans or for loans secured by collateral where the fair value cannot be easily determined. Under this method, the Company assesses both the amount and timing of cash flows expected from impaired loans. The estimated cash flows are discounted using the loan's effective interest rate. The difference between the amount of the loan on the Bank's books and the discounted cash flow amounts determines the amount of impairment to be provided. This method is used for most of the Company's troubled debt restructurings or other impaired loans where some payment stream is being collected.

The observable market price method of measuring the impairment of a loan is only used by the Company when the sale of loans or a loan is in process.

The method for recognizing interest income on impaired loans is dependent on whether the loan is on nonaccrual status or is a troubled debt restructuring. For income recognition, the existing nonaccrual and troubled debt restructuring policies are applied to impaired loans. Generally, except for certain troubled debt restructurings which are performing under the restructure agreement, the Company does not recognize interest income received on impaired loans, but reduces the carrying amount of the loan for financial reporting purposes.

Loans other than certain homogeneous loan portfolios are reviewed on a quarterly basis for impairment. Impaired loans are written down to estimated realizable values by the establishment of specific reserves or charge-offs when required.

The following is a summary of impaired loans at December 31, 2013 (in thousands).



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December 31, 2013	Unpaid Contractual Principal Balance	Recorded Investment With No Allowance	Recorded Investment With Allowance	Total Recorded Investment	Related Allowance	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Recognized
Commercial and Business Loans	\$675	\$275	\$402	\$677	\$9	\$831	\$52
Government Program Loans	—	—	—	—	—	35	—
Total Commercial and Industrial	675	275	402	677	9	866	52
Commercial Real Estate Loans	10,188	8,721	1,468	10,189	415	10,671	232
Residential Mortgages	5,375	1,794	3,590	5,384	338	6,139	211
Home Improvement and Home Equity Loans	—	—	—	—	—	13	—
Total Real Estate Mortgage	15,563	10,515	5,058	15,573	753	16,823	443
RE Construction and Development Loans	1,772	1,789	—	1,789	—	2,266	60
Agricultural Loans	44	45	—	45	—	84	10
Consumer Loans	48	48	—	48	—	72	4
Total Installment	48	48	—	48	—	72	4
Total Impaired Loans	\$18,102	\$12,672	\$5,460	\$18,132	\$762	\$20,111	\$569

The following is a summary of impaired loans at December 31, 2012 (in thousands).

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December 31, 2012	Unpaid Contractual Principal Balance	Recorded Investment With No Allowance	Recorded Investment With Allowance	Total Recorded Investment	Related Allowance	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Recognized
Commercial and Business Loans	\$1,488	\$767	\$576	\$1,343	\$37	\$5,468	\$26
Government Program Loans	109	88	—	88	—	147	—
Total Commercial and Industrial	1,597	855	576	1,431	37	5,615	26
Commercial Real Estate Loans	11,393	6,818	4,237	11,055	436	8,498	135
Residential Mortgages	7,461	3,726	3,666	7,392	185	4,416	251
Home Improvement and Home Equity Loans	10	10	—	10	—	21	—
Total Real Estate Mortgage	18,864	10,554	7,903	18,457	621	12,935	386
RE Construction and Development Loans	1,730	1,730	—	1,730	—	7,298	—
Agricultural Loans	504	192	—	192	—	991	50
Consumer Loans	139	121	—	121	—	200	6
Total Installment Loans	139	121	—	121	—	200	6
Total Impaired Loans	\$22,834	\$13,452	\$8,479	\$21,931	\$658	\$27,039	\$468

In most cases, the Company uses the cash basis method of income recognition for impaired loans. In the case of certain troubled debt restructuring for which the loan is performing under the current contractual terms for a reasonable period of time, income is recognized under the accrual method.

Troubled Debt Restructurings

Under the circumstances, when the Company grants a concession to a borrower as part of a loan restructuring, the restructuring is accounted for as a troubled debt restructuring (TDR). TDRs are reported as a component of impaired loans.

A TDR is a type of restructuring in which the Company, for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties, grants a concession (either imposed by court order, law, or agreement between the borrower and the Bank) to the borrower that it would not otherwise consider. Although the restructuring may take different forms, the Company's objective is to maximize recovery of its investment by granting relief to the borrower.

A TDR may include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following:

- A transfer from the borrower to the Company of receivables from third parties, real estate, other assets, or an equity interest in the borrower is granted to fully or partially satisfy the loan.

- A modification of terms of a debt such as one or a combination of:

The reduction (absolute or contingent) of the stated interest rate.

The extension of the maturity date or dates at a stated interest rate lower than the current market rate for new debt with similar risk.

The reduction (absolute or contingent) of the face amount or maturity amount of debt as stated in the instrument or agreement.

The reduction (absolute or contingent) of accrued interest.



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For a restructured loan to return to accrual status there needs to be, among other factors, at least 6 months successful payment history. In addition, the Company performs a financial analysis of the credit to determine whether the borrower has the ability to continue to meet payments over the remaining life of the loan. This includes, but is not limited to, a review of financial statements and cash flow analysis of the borrower. Only after determination that the borrower has the ability to perform under the terms of the loans, will the restructured credit be considered for accrual status. Although the Company does not have a policy which specifically addresses when a loan may be removed from TDR classification, as a matter of practice, loans classified as TDRs generally remain classified as such until the loan either reaches maturity or its outstanding balance is paid off.

The following tables illustrate TDR activity for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31, 2013				
	Number of Contracts	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Number of Contracts in Default	Recorded Investment on Defaulted TDRs
Troubled Debt Restructurings					
Commercial and Business Loans	—	\$—	\$—	—	\$—
Government Program Loans	—	—	—	—	—
Commercial Real Estate Term Loans	—	—	—	1	106
Single Family Residential Loans	—	—	—	—	—
Home Improvement and Home Equity Loans	—	—	—	—	—
RE Construction and Development Loans	41	1,034	1,304	—	—
Agricultural Loans	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer Loans	1	48	48	—	—
Overdraft protection Lines	—	—	—	—	—
Commercial Lease Financing	—	—	—	—	—
Total Loans	42	\$ 1,082	\$ 1,352	1	\$ 106
	Year Ended December 31, 2012				
	Number of Contracts	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Number of Contracts in Default	Recorded Investment on Defaulted TDRs
Troubled Debt Restructurings					
Commercial and Business Loans	3	\$ 320	\$ 303	—	\$—
Government Program Loans	1	103	88	—	—
Commercial Real Estate Term Loans	4	2,535	2,506	—	—
Single Family Residential Loans	2	324	323	—	—
Home Improvement and Home Equity Loans	1	—	—	—	—
RE Construction and Development Loans	14	1,130	1,130	—	—
Agricultural Loans	2	192	191	—	—
Consumer Loans	1	20	19	—	—
Overdraft protection Lines	—	—	—	—	—
Commercial Lease Financing	—	—	—	—	—
Total Loans	28	\$ 4,624	\$ 4,560	—	\$—



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The following tables summarize TDR activity by loan category for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands).

Year Ended December 31, 2013	Commercial and Industrial	Commercial Real Estate	Residential Mortgages	Home Equity	RE Construction Development	Agricultural	Installment & Other	Lease Financing	Total
Beginning balance	\$ 990	\$ 5,395	\$ 7,289	\$ 10	\$ 2,860	\$ 191	\$ 38	\$ —	\$ 16,773
Defaults	—	(106 )	—	—	—	—	—	—	(106 )
Additions	—	—	—	44	4,399	—	48	—	4,491
Principal reductions	(315 )	(3,821 )	(2,016 )	(54 )	(5,708 )	(147 )	(38 )	—	(12,099 )
Ending balance	\$ 675	\$ 1,468	\$ 5,273	\$ —	\$ 1,551	\$ 44	\$ 48	\$ —	\$ 9,059
Allowance for loan loss	\$ 9	\$ 415	\$ 338	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 762
Year Ended December 31, 2012	Commercial and Industrial	Commercial Real Estate	Residential Mortgages	Home Equity	RE Construction Development	Agricultural	Installment & Other	Lease Financing	Total
Beginning balance	\$ 1,507	\$ 5,174	\$ 7,689	\$ 36	\$ 4,550	\$ 60	\$ 34	\$ —	\$ 19,050
Defaults	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Additions	391	2,506	323	—	1,130	191	19	—	4,560
Principal reductions	(908 )	(2,285 )	(723 )	(26 )	(2,820 )	(60 )	(15 )	—	(6,837 )
Ending balance	\$ 990	\$ 5,395	\$ 7,289	\$ 10	\$ 2,860	\$ 191	\$ 38	\$ —	\$ 16,773