







To Our Shareholders,

We are pleased to share with you the highlights of our first quarter of 2012. Our first quarter shows consistent growth in all areas of the Bank, particularly in earnings.

Net income of \$573,485 for the first quarter of 2012 represents an increase of 26% over the first quarter of 2011. Basic earnings per share for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 were \$0.30 compared to \$0.24 for the first quarter of 2011. The book value per share of Santa Cruz County Bank common stock at March 31, 2012 was just over \$14.00.

The financial data presented below provides a summary of key financial highlights for the first quarter ended March 31, 2012 as compared to the first quarter ended March 31, 2011:

Total deposits increased \$43.2 million, 17% to \$295.3 million Gross loans increased \$32.8 million, 20% to \$199.8 million Total assets increased \$45.6 million, 16% to \$325.7 million Net income increased \$120 thousand, 26% to \$573 thousand

Shareholders' equity for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 increased by \$683 thousand over the prior quarter to \$27 million and increased \$2.8 million when compared to the period ended March 31, 2011.

Comparing the quarter ended March 31, 2012 to March 31, 2011, the Bank's non-interest bearing deposits grew by \$20.6 million to \$109.7 million. Non-interest bearing deposits represented 37% of total deposits as of March 31, 2012.

Our Board and Management team continue to focus on our business strategies to enhance all areas of the Bank and to ensure the achievement of strong, stable earnings year after year.

During the quarter, the Bank received two prominent ratings for its 2011 performance. For a second consecutive year, we were designated as a Super Premier Performing Bank by The Findley Reports. Additionally, Santa Cruz County Bank received a 4-Star "excellent" rating by Bauer Financial for the quarter ended December 31, 2011.

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

BALANCE SHEET	QUARTER		QUARTER		Change	
		ENDED 03/31/12	ENDED 03/31/11	\$	%	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	325,677,638	\$	280,088,758	\$ 45,588,880	16%
GROSS LOANS		199,839,134		167,010,330	32,828,804	20%
ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES		4,411,570		3,581,729	829,841	23%
NON-INTEREST BEARING DEPOSITS		109,706,475		89,057,968	20,648,507	23%
TOTAL DEPOSITS		295,348,484		252,172,712	43,175,772	17%
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		26,968,401		24,176,792	2,791,609	12%
INCOME STATEMENT						
INTEREST INCOME	\$	3,367,116	\$	3,172,337	194,779	6%
INTEREST EXPENSE		120,896		154,686	(33,790)	-22%
NET INTEREST INCOME		3,246,220		3,017,651	228,569	8%
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES		300,000		582,500	(282,500)	-48%
NON-INTEREST INCOME		526,869		882,225	(355,356)	-40%
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE		2,561,482		2,590,055	(28,573)	-1%
NET INCOME BEFORE TAXES		911,607		727,321	184,286	25%
INCOME TAX EXPENSE		338,122		273,783	64,339	23%
NET INCOME AFTER TAXES	\$	573,485	\$	453,538	119,947	26%
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$	0.30	\$	0.24		
BOOK VALUE PER SHARE	\$	14.02	\$	12.67		
RATIOS						
NET INTEREST MARGIN		4.29%		4.65%		
EQUITY CAPITAL-TO-TOTAL ASSETS		8.3%		8.6%		

Also during the first quarter we announced the appointment of Harvey Nickelson to our Board of Directors to fill the position of outgoing and original Founding Director Steve John. Please see our stories about this news located to the right of this narrative.

We look forward to sharing more with you at our Annual Shareholder's Meeting on May 22, 2012.



George Sallis

George Gallucci Chairman of the Board





David Heald President & CEO

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHANGE IN 2012



We wish Founding Director Steve John a fond farewell with heartfelt gratitude for his years of service and support for our Bank. Steve has accepted a new role as CEO of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, a non-profit organization that stages the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

We welcome Harvey Nickelson to our Board of Directors. Harvey was the founding President and CEO of Coast Commercial Bank. Harvey's extensive banking career, industry insight and community connections will add strength to our Board.



COMPANY INFORMATION



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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STOCK LISTING

Santa Cruz County Bank's common stock is listed on the Over the Counter Bulletin Board under the ticker symbol SCZC.

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Shareholders with questions regarding their stockholder account, stock transfer and registration, lost certificates or change of address should contact their broker, or if held directly, contact the Bank's stock transfer agent listed below:

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