

Commerce Street Capital Assists Organizers of Golden Pacific Bancorp in \$12.4 Million Capital Raise to Acquire Bank
New strategy in the current regulatory environment: forgo de novo, buy a bank

DALLAS, TX (May 6, 2010) Commerce Street Capital LLC (CSC), an investment banking firm that focuses on financial institutions, has assisted the organizers at Golden Pacific Bancorp Inc. with raising more than \$12.4 million in a private offering. On April 15, 2010, Golden Pacific Bancorp received approval from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to become a bank holding company by acquiring Gold Country Financial Services Inc., and indirectly Gold Country Bank N.A., both of Marysville, Calif., pursuant to section 3(a) (1) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956. (View issued [press release](#) from Golden Pacific Bancorp.) The all-stock merger was successfully closed on April 30, 2010, and the merger became effective on May 3. This announcement was made by Dory Wiley, President and CEO of Commerce Street Capital.

Per the agreement, Golden Pacific Bancorp will inject \$10 million of new capital into the five-branch Gold Country Bank (within Butte, Sutter and Yuba counties) and open a new branch in June in downtown Sacramento, Calif. Gold Country Bank plans to operate its Sacramento branch as Golden Pacific Bank.

“The organizers of Golden Pacific Bancorp were first looking to raise capital to start their own bank from the ground up,” stated Wiley. “But then the financial landscape changed dramatically and so did the playbook of getting into the banking arena. Rather than organizing as a true de novo, under the Office of Thrift Supervision, and raising capital, it became clear that the best way to get in the game was to use the capital to acquire an existing bank.” CSC advised the bank on both the capital raise and the merger and acquisition.

CSC applied their reputable strategy of raising capital from the citizens within the bank’s surrounding community. The firm also had Bob Dalton, its senior vice president of bank development, on-site at the bank exclusively to focus on the capital raise and to manage the process. In both strong and weak economies, CSC’s team of experts has raised more than \$1.4 billion for more than 140 community banks since 1988.

Golden Pacific Bancorp is a California corporation, incorporated in 2007 and formed for the purpose of building a regional network of community banks in northern California. The bank’s core management team has a track record of running successful regional banks and has been together for more than 10 years. Senior management has completed 10 bank acquisitions prior to this latest one and has extensive banking experience in the Sacramento area.

CSC’s Bob Dalton worked closely on-site with Golden Pacific Bank’s CEO Kirk Dowdell, President Roy Malone, Chairman Frank Washington, Vice Chairman Rick Fowler and the remaining nine-member board of directors.

“Bob did an absolutely terrific job on behalf of our efforts,” said Dowdell. “After being embedded with our team for seven months, I consider him ‘one of us,’ and I believe that if it wasn’t for Bob’s personal dedication and professionalism, along with support from Commerce Street Capital, the completion of our capital-raising efforts may not have occurred.”

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