

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of	)	
	)	CONSENT ORDER
COMMERCE BANK OF TEMECULA VALLEY	)	
MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA	)	FDIC-10-104b
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(INSURED STATE NONMEMBER BANK)	)	
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The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) is the appropriate Federal banking agency for Commerce Bank of Temecula Valley, Murrieta, California (“Bank”) under Section 3(q) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (“FDI Act”), 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q)(3). The California Department of Financial Institutions (“CDFI”) is the appropriate State banking agency for the Bank under Division 1 of the California Financial Code.

The Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors (“Board”), has executed a “Stipulation to the Issuance of a Consent Order (“Stipulation”) dated January 28, 2010, that is accepted by the FDIC and the CDFI. With the Stipulation, the Bank has consented, without admitting or denying any charges of unsafe or unsound banking practices or violations, to the issuance of this Consent Order (“Order”) by the FDIC and the CDFI pursuant to Section 8(b)(1) of the FDI Act and Section 1913 of the California Financial Code.

Having determined that the requirements for issuance of an order under Sections 8(b) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and Section 1912 of the California Financial Code have been

satisfied, the FDIC and the CDFI hereby order that:

1. The Bank shall have and retain qualified management.

(a) Each member of management shall have qualifications and experience commensurate with his or her duties and responsibilities at the Bank. Management shall include the following: (i) a chief executive officer with proven ability in managing a bank of comparable size and risk profile; (ii) a chief financial officer with proven ability in all aspects of financial management; and (iii) a senior lending officer with significant lending, collection, and loan supervision experience and experience in upgrading a low quality loan portfolio. Each member of management shall be provided appropriate written authority from the Board to implement the provisions of this Order.

(b) The qualifications of management shall be assessed on its ability to:

- (i) comply with the requirements of this Order;
- (ii) operate the Bank in a safe and sound manner;
- (iii) comply with applicable laws and regulations; and
- (iv) restore all aspects of the Bank to a safe and sound condition,

including asset quality, capital adequacy, earnings, management effectiveness, liquidity, and sensitivity to market risk.

(c) During the life of this Order, the Bank shall notify the Regional Director of the FDIC's San Francisco Regional Office ("Regional Director") and the Commissioner of the CDFI ("Commissioner") in writing when it proposes to add or replace any individual on the Board, or employ any individual to serve as a senior executive officer, or change the responsibilities of any existing senior executive officer to include the responsibilities of another senior executive officer position. The term "senior executive officer" shall have the same

meaning ascribed to it in Part 303 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 303.101. The notification shall include a completed Interagency Biographical and Financial Report and Interagency Change in Director or Senior Executive Officer and must be received at least 30 days before the addition, employment or change of responsibilities is intended to become effective. The Regional Director and the Commissioner shall have the power under the authority of this Order to disapprove the addition, employment or change of responsibilities of any proposed officer or director.

(d) The requirement to submit information and the prior disapproval provisions of this paragraph are based upon the authority of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and do not require the Regional Director and the Commissioner to complete their review and act on any such information or authority within 30 days, or any other timeframe. The Bank shall not add, employ or change the responsibilities of any proposed director or senior executive officer until such time as the Regional Director and the Commissioner have completed their review.

2. Within 60 days from the effective date of this Order, the Board shall obtain an independent study of the management and personnel structure of the Bank. Such a study shall include, at a minimum, a review of the duties, responsibilities, qualifications, and remuneration of the Bank's officers. The Board shall adopt a plan to implement the recommendations of the study. The plan policy and its implementation shall be satisfactory to the Regional Director and the Commissioner as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

3. Within 30 days from the effective date of this Order, the Board shall increase its participation in the affairs of the Bank, assuming full responsibility for the approval of sound policies and objectives and for the supervision of all of the Bank's activities, consistent with the role and expertise commonly expected for directors of banks of comparable size. This

participation shall include meetings to be held no less frequently than monthly at which, at a minimum, the following areas shall be reviewed and approved: reports of income and expenses; new, overdue, renewal, insider, charged-off, and recovered loans; investment activity; liquidity and funds management activities; operating policies; and individual committee actions. The Board minutes shall document these reviews and approvals, including the names of any dissenting directors.

4. (a) The Bank shall maintain its Tier 1 capital in such an amount to ensure that the Bank's leverage ratio equals or exceeds 10 percent.

(b) The Bank shall maintain its total risk-based capital ratio in such an amount as to equal or exceed 13 percent.

(c) The level of capital to be maintained during the life of this Order shall be in addition to a fully funded allowance for loan and lease losses ("ALLL") the adequacy of which shall be satisfactory to the Regional Director and the Commissioner as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations. Any increase in Tier 1 capital necessary to meet the requirements of this paragraph may not be accomplished through a deduction from the Bank's ALLL.

(d) If all or part of the increase in capital required by this Order is accomplished by the sale of new securities, the Board shall adopt and implement a plan for the sale of such additional securities, including the voting of any shares owned or proxies held or controlled by them in favor of the plan. Should the implementation of the plan involve a public distribution of the Bank's securities (including a distribution limited only to the Bank's existing shareholders), the Bank shall prepare offering materials fully describing the securities being offered, including an accurate description of the financial condition of the Bank and the

circumstances giving rise to the offering, and any other material disclosures necessary to comply with the Federal and State securities laws. Prior to the implementation of the plan and, in any event, not less than 20 days prior to the dissemination of such materials, the plan and any materials used in the sale of the securities shall be submitted to the FDIC, Registration, Disclosure and Securities Unit, 550 17<sup>th</sup> St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429, and to the Commissioner for review and approval. Any changes requested by the FDIC or by the Commissioner shall be made prior to dissemination. If the increase in capital is provided by the sale of noncumulative perpetual preferred stock, then all terms and conditions of the issue, including but not limited to those terms and conditions relative to interest rate and convertibility factor, shall be presented to the Regional Director and the Commissioner for prior approval.

(e) In complying with the provisions of this paragraph, the Bank shall provide to any subscriber and/or purchaser of the Bank's securities, a written notice of any planned or existing development or other changes which are materially different from the information reflected in any offering materials used in connection with the sale of Bank securities. The written notice required by this paragraph shall be furnished within 10 days from the date such material development or change was planned or occurred, whichever is earlier, and shall be furnished to every subscriber and/or purchaser of the Bank's securities who received or was tendered the information contained in the Bank's original offering materials.

(f) For the purposes of this Order, the terms "leverage ratio," "Tier 1 capital" and "total risk-based capital ratio" shall have, the meanings ascribed to them in Part 325 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. §§ 325.2(m), 325.2(v), 325.2(y), and Appendix A.

5. The Bank shall not pay cash dividends or make any other payments to its shareholders without the prior written consent of the Regional Director and the Commissioner.

6. (a) Within 60 days from the effective date of this Order, the Bank shall formulate a written plan to reduce the Bank's risk exposure in each asset adversely classified "Substandard" or "Doubtful" as of June 30, 2009, including all outstanding loan commitments to a level of acceptable asset quality. For purposes of this provision, "reduce" means to collect, charge off, or improve the quality of an asset so as to warrant its removal from adverse classification by the Regional Director and the Commissioner. In developing the plan mandated by this paragraph, the Bank shall, at a minimum, and with respect to each such adversely classified loan or lease, review, analyze, and document the financial position of the borrower, including source of repayment, repayment ability, and alternative repayment sources, as well as the value and accessibility of any pledged or assigned collateral, and any possible actions to improve the Bank's collateral position.

(b) The plan mandated by this provision shall also include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) A schedule for reducing the outstanding dollar amount of each such adversely classified asset, including timeframes for achieving the reduced dollar amounts (at a minimum, the schedule for each such adversely classified asset must show its expected dollar balance on a quarterly basis);

(ii) Specific action plans intended to reduce the Bank's risk exposure in each such classified asset;

(iii) A schedule showing, on a quarterly basis, the expected consolidated balance of all such adversely classified assets, and the ratio of the consolidated balance to the Bank's projected Tier 1 capital plus the ALLL;

(iv) A provision for the Bank's submission of monthly written progress reports to its Board; and

(v) A provision mandating Board review of the progress reports, with a notation of the review recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board.

(c) The requirements of this paragraph do not represent standards for future operations of the Bank. Following compliance with the above reduction schedule, the Bank shall continue to reduce the total volume of adversely classified assets. The plan may include a provision for increasing Tier 1 capital when necessary to achieve the prescribed ratio.

7. Within 60 days from the effective date of this Order, the Bank shall develop and implement an internal loan review policy and system that ensure timely and accurate credit risk ratings. The policy shall be submitted to the Regional Director and Commissioner for approval prior to implementation. In addition, the loan review system and its implementation shall be satisfactory to the Regional Director and Commissioner as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

8. Within 60 days from the effective date of this Order, the Bank shall revise its lending policy to reflect current practices and to establish reasonable exposure limits and sub-limits for out-of-area lending, construction lending, and participation purchased. Such policy should be submitted to the Regional Director and Commissioner prior to implementation. Such policy and its implementation shall be satisfactory to the Regional Director and Commissioner as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

9. The Bank and its subsidiaries shall not engage in any expansionary activities, including opening any branches, without the prior written consent of the Regional Director and Commissioner.

10. Within 30 days from the effective date of this Order, the Bank shall eliminate and/or correct the contravention of interagency policy set forth in the ROE. In addition, the Bank shall take all necessary steps to ensure future compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

11. Within 30 days of the end of the first quarter following the effective date of this Order, and within 30 days of the end of each quarter thereafter, the Bank shall furnish written progress reports to the Regional Director and the Commissioner detailing the form and manner of any actions taken to secure compliance with this Order and the results thereof. Such reports shall include a copy of the Bank's Reports of Condition and Income. Such reports may be discontinued when the corrections required by this Order have been accomplished and the Regional Director and the Commissioner have released the Bank in writing from making further reports.

12. Following the effective date of this Order, the Bank shall provide a copy of the Order or otherwise furnish a description of the Order to its shareholder(s) in conjunction with:

- (a) the Bank's next shareholder communication; and
- (b) the notice or proxy statement preceding the Bank's next shareholder

meeting.

The description shall fully describe the Order in all material respects. The description and any accompanying communication, statement, or notice shall be sent to the FDIC, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, Accounting and Securities Disclosure

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Section, 550 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429, at least 20 days prior to dissemination to shareholders. Any changes requested to be made by the FDIC shall be made prior to dissemination of the description, communication, notice, or statement.

The provisions of this Order shall not bar, estop, or otherwise prevent the FDIC, the CDFI, or any other federal or state agency or department from taking any other action against the Bank or any of the Bank's current or former institution-affiliated parties.

This Order will become effective on the date of issuance.

The provisions of this Order shall be binding upon the Bank, its institution-affiliated parties, and any successors and assigns thereof.

The provisions of this Order shall remain effective and enforceable except to the extent that and until such time as any provisions has been modified, terminated, suspended, or set aside by the FDIC and the CDFI.

Issued pursuant to delegated authority

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

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/s/  
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Deputy Regional Director  
Risk Management  
Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection  
San Francisco Region  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

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/s/  
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