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CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST APPOINTS BETTY RENGIFO URIBE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF ITS BUSINESS AND PERSONAL BANKING DIVISION

SAN DIEGO - (September 26, 2011) – California Bank & Trust (CB&T) (www.calbanktrust.com) is pleased to announce the appointment of Betty Rengifo Uribe to the position of executive vice president and head of its business and personal banking division, reporting to CB&T's CEO David Blackford. With 25 years of experience in the financial services industry, Uribe has held senior level positions in retail banking, business banking and strategic planning. At CB&T Uribe will lead a division comprised of 66 branches and multiple business lending teams in the San Francisco, East Bay, Sacramento, Central Valley, Greater Los Angeles, Orange County, Antelope Valley, and Inland Empire areas.

Before joining California Bank & Trust, Uribe served as Comerica Bank's EVP, western market manager, where she successfully transformed the California and Arizona markets into the company's strongest region. Before joining Comerica in May 2007, Uribe held several senior level positions at Wells Fargo Bank, where she led the bank's number one merchant payment solutions team in its footprint; she also served as national director of sales integration & market development and was strategy director for 300 branches in Southern California, the largest market in the company. She brings significant understanding of entrepreneurship to California Bank & Trust as well, having owned businesses including Lewis Engineering, Legacy Custom Furniture, Inc. and Big-O-Tires franchises in the past.

"We are looking forward to Betty joining our executive management team and leading one of our largest divisions," said David Blackford, President and chief executive officer of CB&T. "She not only brings a with her a proven track record of success, but she also embraces CB&T's commitment to making connections and building relationships with the customers and communities we serve."

Uribe earned her bachelor's degree in psychology, with an emphasis in business from San Diego State University. She received her Executive MBA from Pepperdine University in finance and strategy. She is also a graduate of the Consumer Bankers Association Graduate School of Retail Bank Management at the University of Virginia and a graduate of the Bankcard Management School. Furthermore, Uribe is set to graduate from Pepperdine University in May of 2012 with her doctorate in organizational leadership.

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“I am very honored to join the executive management team of CB&T and to lead the Business and Personal Banking Division,” said Uribe. “The expertise that exists at the Bank among the management team and the associates in business lending, cash management services, international banking, and other financial areas of interests to business leaders is impressive. The level of care that is exhibited for the customers and employees throughout the organization is exceptional. I have been a great admirer of CB&T. It is a company with a great vision and I am excited to be part of what it brings to the financial services industry.

Uribe moved to the United States from Colombia, South America at the age of 12 and speaks fluent Spanish. She brings a unique bilingual and bicultural understanding to her profession. She is involved in a host of community organizations, including: the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce (president), Junior Achievement, the Anna Maria Arias Foundation Board and its National Latina Business Series Program, the California Hispanic Chamber and The Professional Network Group (founder) and the Parents Step Ahead Foundation. In 2010, Uribe received special recognition from a host of community organizations and media outlets. Among them, she was named one of the Most Prominent Latinas in L.A. by *Univision* and one of the Top 25 Corporate Elite by *Hispanic Business Magazine*. A mother of three, she resides in Chino Hills, California with her husband and her family.

About California Bank & Trust

California Bank & Trust is the largest community headquartered bank in San Diego with over \$10 billion in assets and more than 100 branches statewide. CB&T provides a full array of financial solutions for businesses and individuals, including commercial lending, small business lending, SBA financing, cash management, international banking and wealth management. The professional bankers at CB&T are backed by major resources, yet maintain local decision-making authority and regional market and industry expertise. They are committed to providing clients with valuable business and economic insights and to connecting them with the beneficial business relationships they need to succeed. CB&T, as part of Zions Bancorporation, is a proud recipient of 14 Greenwich Associates 2010 Excellence Awards in banking and is the winner of the *San Diego Union Tribune's* award for the Best Bank in 2010.

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