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Bank of the West's Second Quarter 2006 Results

\$148.7 Million, Up More than 10%

(San Francisco, July 24, 2006) – Bank of the West announced that net income for the second quarter of 2006 was \$148.7 million, compared with \$133.6 million in the second quarter of 2005.

“As for most banks, the flat yield curve and net interest margin compression continued to impact our performance,” said Don J. McGrath, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of the West. “During the second quarter, we introduced a business plan to enhance the delivery of a standardized product set with a consistent platform of distribution channels, to be implemented throughout our 19-state network. I am optimistic that these measures, along with process adjustments and a more decentralized infrastructure will serve us well going forward.”

With assets of \$55 billion, Bank of the West is the third largest commercial bank headquartered in the West. The bank has 680 branch banking locations in California, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Bank of the West's holding company, BancWest Corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of BNP Paribas, a leading global financial services institution.

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