## FIRSTFED FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K April 25, 2007

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 25, 2007

FIRSTFED FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-9566 95-4087449 ------

(State of Incorporation) (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 319-6000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- [ ] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act  $(17\ \text{CFR}\ 230.425)$
- [ ] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 25, 2007, the registrant, FirstFed Financial Corp., issued a press release setting forth the Company's first quarter 2007 earnings. A copy of this press release is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99.1 - Press Release dated April 25, 2007, regarding results for the first quarter 2007.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

FIRSTFED FINANCIAL CORP.

Dated: April 25, 2007 By: /s/ Douglas J. Goddard

\_\_\_\_\_

Douglas J. Goddard Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 99.1

FIRSTFED REPORTS RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2007

Santa Monica, California, April 25, 2007 — FirstFed Financial Corp. (NYSE-FED), parent company of First Federal Bank of California, today announced net income of \$32.4 million or \$1.92 per diluted share of common stock for the first quarter of 2007 compared to net income of \$33.4 million or \$1.97 per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2006 and \$30.8 million or \$1.82 per diluted share of common stock for the first quarter of 2006. Net income decreased in the first quarter of 2007 compared to the fourth quarter of 2006 primarily due to a decrease in loan prepayment fees.

Although average interest-earning assets for the first quarter of 2007 decreased 7% compared to the fourth quarter of 2006 and 16% compared to the first quarter of 2006, net interest income for the first quarter of 2007 was approximately the same as the fourth quarter of 2006 and the first quarter of 2006. The interest rate spread increased to 3.01% during the first quarter of 2007 from 2.90% during the fourth quarter of 2006 and 2.63% during the first quarter of 2006. Loan prepayment fees, included as part of the yield on loans, decreased to \$6.4 million during the first quarter of 2007 from \$7.9 million during the fourth quarter of 2006.

Gain on sale of loans increased to \$3.0 million during the first quarter of 2007 from \$2.4 million during the fourth quarter of 2006 and \$145 thousand during the first quarter of 2006. Loans sold increased to \$180.5 million during the first quarter of 2007 compared to \$161.8 million during the fourth quarter of 2006 and \$15.1 million during the first quarter of 2006.

Loan originations were \$259.5 million for the first quarter of 2007 compared with originations of \$365.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 and \$725.8 million in the first quarter of 2006. Single family loans comprised 85% of loan originations during the first quarter of 2007 compared to 89% during both the first and fourth quarters of 2006.

Loan payoffs and principal reductions totaled \$772.5 million in the first quarter of 2007 compared to \$831.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 and \$624.8 million in the first quarter of 2006. Due to continued loan payoffs and increased loan sales, the Company's total assets decreased to \$8.5 billion at March 31, 2007 from \$9.3 billion at the end of 2006 and \$10.6 billion at March 31, 2006.

At March 31, 2007, negative amortization, included in the balance of loans receivable, totaled \$248.5 million compared to \$215.8 million at December 31, 2006 and \$98.5 million at March 31, 2006. Negative amortization represents unpaid interest earned by the Bank that is added to the principal balance of the loan. Negative amortization increased by \$32.7 million during the first quarter of 2007 and \$150.0 million from one year ago. Negative amortization has increased over the last two years primarily due to increases in short-term interest rates. Negative amortization as a percentage of all single family loans in the Bank's portfolio totaled 4.36% at the end of the first quarter of 2007 compared to 3.44% at December 31, 2006 and 1.32% at March 31, 2006.

The portfolio of single family loans with a one-year fixed monthly payment totaled \$4.4 billion at March 31, 2007 compared to \$4.6 billion at December 31, 2006 and \$4.7 billion at March 31, 2006. The portfolio of single family loans with three-to-five year fixed monthly payments totaled \$1.5 billion at March 31, 2007 compared to \$1.8 billion at December 31, 2006 and \$2.5 billion at March 31, 2006.

A \$3.8 million loan loss provision was recorded during the first quarter of

2007, compared to a \$3.0 million provision recorded in the fourth quarter of 2006 and a \$3.9 million provision recorded in the first quarter of 2006. Net loan charge-offs totaled \$628 thousand for the first quarter of 2007 compared to \$90 thousand in the fourth quarter of 2006 and \$25 thousand in the first quarter of 2006. The ratio of non-performing assets to total assets was 0.46% at March 31, 2007 compared to 0.21% at the end of 2006 and 0.07% at March 31, 2006.

Non-performing assets have been very low over the past few years due to increases in single family home prices. The recent increase in non-performing assets results primarily from the flattening of single family real estate prices overall in California. Areas such as Sacramento or San Diego that have experienced rapid growth in housing development in the past few years have seen recent declines in single family home prices. To date, the Bank's non-performing assets are due to defaults on single-family loans and are located principally in those geographic areas where rapid development of housing has caused supply to outpace demand. It is expected that non-performing assets will continue to increase until the real estate prices in these areas reach an equilibrium between buyers and sellers.

Real estate operations resulted in a loss of \$272 thousand for the first quarter of 2007 compared to a loss of \$81 thousand for the fourth quarter of 2006 and a loss of \$108 thousand for the first quarter of 2006. Real estate operations during the first quarter of 2007 include an \$85 thousand write down of real estate owned.

Non-interest expense was \$20.7 million in the first quarter of 2007 compared to \$19.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 and \$19.9 million in last year's first quarter. The increase in operating expenses during the first quarter of 2007 was primarily due to normal salary increases, higher deposit insurance costs and increased assessments by the Office of Thrift Supervision. As a result of these expense increases and a decrease in average total assets, the ratio of non-interest expense to average total assets increased to 0.93% during the first quarter of 2007 compared to 0.82% during the fourth quarter of 2006 and 0.76% during the first quarter of 2006.

The Bank's risk-based capital ratio was 19.69% at March 31, 2007 and its core and tangible capital ratios were 9.68%.

The Bank purchased 144,300 shares of its common stock during the first quarter of 2007 at an average price of \$63.10. Shares eligible for repurchase under the Company's stock repurchase program totaled 1,327,779 as of April 24, 2007.

First Federal Bank of California operates 33 retail banking offices in Southern California. In keeping with the Bank's retail branch expansion plan, one new retail branch was opened in March of 2007 and the Bank plans to open three additional branches during the remainder of 2007. The Bank operates 6 lending offices in Southern and Northern California.

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to various factors, many of which are beyond the Company's control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the general business environment, interest rate fluctuations that may affect operating margin, changes in laws and regulations affecting the Company's business, the California real estate market, and competitive conditions in the business and geographic areas in which the Company conducts its business and regulatory actions. In addition, these forward-looking statements are subject to

assumptions as to future business strategies and decisions that are subject to change. The Company makes no guarantees or promises regarding future results and assumes no responsibility to update such forward-looking statements.

Contact: Douglas Goddard, Executive Vice President (310) 319-6014

KEY FINANCIAL RESULTS FOLLOW

# FIRSTFED FINANCIAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION (Dollars in thousands, except share data) (Unaudited)

		March 31, 2007	De
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Investment securities, available-for-sale (at fair value) Mortgage-backed securities, available-for-sale (at fair value) Loans receivable, held-for-sale (fair value of \$143,762 and \$143,141) Loans receivable, net of general allowance for loan losses of \$112,940 and \$109,768 Accrued interest and dividends receivable Real estate owned Office properties and equipment, net Investment in Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) stock, at cost Other assets	\$	135,011 294,620 52,846 141,867 7,669,153 48,971 5,195 16,683 89,560 79,490	\$
	\$ ===	8,533,396 	\$ ===
LIABILITIES			
Deposits FHLB advances Securities sold under agreements to repurchase Senior debentures Accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$	5,124,181 1,540,000 898,448 100,000 139,891	\$
		7,802,520	

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share;

	730,876
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes	(1,899)
Treasury stock, at cost 7,332,596 shares and 7,194,596	(122,885)
Unreleased shares to employee stock ownership plan	(2,154)
Retained earnings	804,921
Additional paid-in capital	52,654
outstanding 16,593,000 and 16,648,338 shares	239
issued 23,925,596 and 23,842,934 shares;	
authorized 100,000,000 shares;	

### FIRSTFED FINANCIAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

Interest income and dividend income:  Interest on loans \$ 163,321 \$ Interest on mortgage-backed securities 709 Interest and dividends on investments 6,387  Total interest income 170,417  Interest expense: Interest on deposits 61,065 Interest on borrowings 34,134  Total interest expense 95,199  Net interest income 75,218
Interest on loans Interest on mortgage-backed securities Interest and dividends on investments  Total interest income  Interest expense: Interest on deposits Interest on borrowings  Total interest expense  Interest expense  Interest on borrowings  Total interest expense  Total interest expense  Total interest expense  75,218
Interest on loans Interest on mortgage-backed securities Interest and dividends on investments  Total interest income  Interest expense: Interest on deposits Interest on borrowings  Total interest expense  Interest expense  Interest on borrowings  Total interest expense  Total interest expense  Total interest expense  75,218
Interest on mortgage-backed securities Interest and dividends on investments  Total interest income  Interest expense: Interest on deposits Interest on borrowings  Total interest expense  For all interest expense  Net interest income  709 6,387 67,417 67,417 67,417 67,918
Interest and dividends on investments  Total interest income  Interest expense:  Interest on deposits  Interest on borrowings  Total interest expense  Possible April 170,417  Interest on deposits  Interest on borrowings  Interest on borrowings
Total interest income 170,417  Interest expense:  Interest on deposits 61,065 Interest on borrowings 34,134  Total interest expense 95,199  Net interest income 75,218
Total interest income 170,417  Interest expense:  Interest on deposits 61,065 Interest on borrowings 34,134  Total interest expense 95,199  Net interest income 75,218
Interest on deposits 61,065 Interest on borrowings 34,134  Total interest expense 95,199  Net interest income 75,218
Interest on borrowings 34,134  Total interest expense 95,199  Net interest income 75,218
Total interest expense 95,199  Net interest income 75,218
Total interest expense 95,199 Net interest income 75,218
., .
., .
Provision for loan losses 3,800
Net interest income after provision for loan losses 71,418
Other income:
Loan servicing and other fees 960
Retail office fees 1,686
Gain on sale of loans 2,956
Real estate operations, net (272)
Other operating income 336

\_\_\_\_\_

Total other income		5 <b>,</b> 666	
No. 1 de la contraction de la			
Non-interest expense:		10 700	
Salaries and employee benefits		12,709 2,803	
Occupancy Advertising		2,603	
Amortization of core deposit intangible		499	
Federal deposit insurance		628	
Legal		471	
Other expense		3,317	
Other expense			
Total non-interest expense		20,661	
Income before income taxes		56,423	
Provision for income taxes		24,039	
Net income	\$	32,384	 \$
	======	======	===
Net income	\$	32,384	\$
Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes		(55)	
Comprehensive income	·	32,329	\$
	======		===
Earnings per share:			
Basic	\$ =======	1.95	\$ ===
Diluted	\$	1.92	\$
	======	=====	===
Weighted average shares outstanding:		604 40-	
Basic	16,604,435		===
Diluted	16,8	862,226	
	======	======	===

FIRSTFED FINANCIAL CORP.

AND SUBSIDIARY

KEY FINANCIAL RESULTS

(Dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)

		Quarter 2007	ended March	
End of period:				
Total assets	\$	8,533,396	\$	
Cash and securities	\$	135,011	\$	
Mortgage-backed securities	\$	52,846	\$	
Loans	\$	7,811,020	\$	
Core deposit intangible asset	\$	844	\$	
Deposits	\$	5,124,181	\$	
Borrowings	\$	2,538,448	\$	

Stockholders' equity	\$ 730 <b>,</b> 876	\$
Book value per share	\$ 44.05	\$
Tangible book value per share	\$ 44.00	\$
Stock price (period-end)	\$ 56.83	\$
Total loan servicing portfolio	\$ 8,082,199	\$
Loans serviced for others	\$ 123,275	\$
% of adjustable mortgages	97.08 %	
Other data:		
Employees (full-time equivalent)	568	
Branches	33	
Asset quality:		
Non-accrual loans	\$ 33,945	\$
Non-performing assets	\$ 39,140	\$
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.46 %	
General valuation allowance (GVA)	\$ 112,940	\$
Allowances for impaired loans	· 	
Allowances for loan losses	 \$ 112,940	
Allowances for loan losses as a percentage of gross	,	
loans receivable	1.43 %	
Loans sold with recourse	\$ 50,849	\$
Modified loans (not impaired)	\$ 617	\$
Impaired loans, net	\$ 7,764	\$
Capital ratios:		
Tangible capital ratio	9.68 %	
Core capital ratio	9.68 %	ļ
Risk-based capital ratio	19.69 %	ļ
Net worth to assets ratio	8.56 %	ļ

FIRSTFED FINANCIAL CORP.

AND SUBSIDIARY

KEY FINANCIAL RESULTS (continued)

(Dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Three months ende March 31,
	2007
Selected ratios:	
Expense ratios:	
Efficiency ratio	25.54 %
Expense-to-average-assets ratio	0.93
Return on average assets	1.45
Return on average equity	18.05

Yields earned and rates paid:		
Average yield on loans	7.96 %	
Average yield on securities portfolio	5.51	
Average yield on all interest-earning assets	7.81	
Average rate paid on deposits	4.53	
Average rate paid on borrowings	5.40	
Average rate paid on all interest-bearing liabilities	4.80	
Interest rate spread	3.01	
Effective net spread	3.45	
Average balances:		
Average loans	\$ 8,209,924	\$
Average securities	514,875	
Average interest-earning assets	8,724,799	
Average deposits	 5,471,811	
Average borrowings	2,564,615	
Average interest-bearing liabilities	 8,036,426	
Excess of interest-earning assets over interest-bearing	 	
liabilities	688 <b>,</b> 373	\$ ===
Loan originations and purchases	\$ 259,509	\$