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**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
1934**

Commission file number 001-34142

OAK VALLEY BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California **26-2326676**
State or other jurisdiction of I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization Identification No.

125 N. Third Ave., Oakdale, CA 95361

(Address of principal executive offices)

(209) 848-2265

Issuer's telephone number

Not applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the issuer (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
Yes No

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS

State the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 8,075,355 shares of common stock outstanding as of April 30, 2015.

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PART I – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**Item 1. Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)****OAK VALLEY BANCORP****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)**

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 130,638	\$ 132,078
Federal funds sold	19,060	12,210
Cash and cash equivalents	149,698	144,288
Securities available for sale	121,188	121,277
Loans, net of allowance for loan loss of \$7,409 and \$7,534 at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	445,316	446,492
Bank premises and equipment, net	13,894	14,066
Other real estate owned	834	884
Interest receivable and other assets	22,622	22,658
	\$ 753,552	\$ 749,665
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Deposits	\$ 672,991	\$ 669,581
Interest payable and other liabilities	4,745	5,043
Total liabilities	677,736	674,624
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity		
Preferred stock, 10,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014	0	0

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Common stock, no par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized, 8,075,355 and 8,074,855 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	24,682	24,682
Additional paid-in capital	2,972	2,910
Retained earnings	46,300	45,582
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax	1,862	1,867
Total shareholders' equity	75,816	75,041
	\$753,552	\$749,665

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

OAK VALLEY BANCORP**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)**

(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,	
	2015	2014
INTEREST INCOME		
Interest and fees on loans	\$5,403	\$5,305
Interest on securities available for sale	875	916
Interest on federal funds sold	7	13
Interest on deposits with banks	67	43
Total interest income	6,352	6,277
INTEREST EXPENSE		
Deposits	151	173
Total interest expense	151	173
Net interest income	6,201	6,104
(Reversal of) provision for loan losses	(125)	0
Net interest income after (reversal of) provision for loan losses	6,326	6,104
OTHER INCOME		
Service charges on deposits	312	309
Earnings on cash surrender value of life insurance	108	101
Mortgage commissions	45	30
Net gain on sales and calls of securities	109	8
Other	453	362
Total non-interest income	1,027	810
OTHER EXPENSES		
Salaries and employee benefits	2,983	2,714
Occupancy expenses	747	745
Data processing fees	353	326
Regulatory assessments (FDIC & DBO)	114	120
Other operating expenses	902	976
Total non-interest expense	5,099	4,881
Net income before provision for income taxes	2,254	2,033
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	728	625

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NET INCOME	\$1,526	\$1,408
NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE	\$0.19	\$0.18
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands)	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2015 2014	
Net income	\$1,526	\$1,408
Available for sale securities:		
Unrealized holding gains on securities arising during the current period, net of tax effect of \$41 thousand and \$615 thousand for the periods March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively	59	880
Reclassification adjustment due to net gains realized on sales and calls of securities, net of tax effect of \$45 thousand and \$3 thousand for March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively	(64)	(5)
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(5)	875
Comprehensive income	\$1,521	\$2,283

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OAK VALLEY BANCORP**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(UNAUDITED)**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2015								
	Common Stock		Preferred Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Shareholders' Equity
(dollars in thousands)	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Capital	Earnings	Income (Loss)	Equity
Balances, January 1, 2014	7,929,730	\$23,758	0	\$ 0	\$ 2,537	\$38,985	\$ (763)	) \$ 64,517
Stock options exercised	122,625	924						924
Tax benefit on stock based compensation					102			102
Restricted stock issued	24,500							
Restricted stock cancelled	(2,000)	)						
Cash dividends declared						(525)		(525)
Stock based compensation					271			271
Other comprehensive loss							2,630	2,630
Net income						7,122		7,122
Balances, December 31, 2014	8,074,855	\$24,682	0	\$ 0	\$ 2,910	\$45,582	\$ 1,867	\$ 75,041
Restricted stock issued	500							
Cash dividends declared						(808)		(808)
Stock based compensation					62			62
Other comprehensive loss							(5)	(5)
Net income						1,526		1,526
Balances, March 31, 2015	8,075,355	\$24,682	0	\$ 0	\$ 2,972	\$46,300	\$ 1,862	\$ 75,816

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OAK VALLEY BANCORP**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,	
	2015	2014
(dollars in thousands)		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$1,526	\$1,408
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash from operating activities:		
(Reversal of) provision for loan losses	(125)	0
Decrease in deferred fees/costs, net	(4)	(154)
Depreciation	296	304
Amortization of investment securities, net	40	46
Stock based compensation	62	84
Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements	0	(49)
Gain on sale of premises and equipment	(5)	0
OREO write downs	50	0
Gain on sales and calls of available for sale securities	(109)	(8)
Earnings on cash surrender value of life insurance	(108)	(101)
Decrease in interest payable and other liabilities	(298)	(138)
Decrease in interest receivable	181	213
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(33)	457
Net cash from operating activities	1,473	2,062
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of available for sale securities	(8,948)	(5,065)
Proceeds from maturities, calls, and principal paydowns of securities available for sale	9,097	4,662
Net decrease (increase) in loans	1,305	(3,116)
Purchase of BOLI policies	0	(1,029)
Proceeds from sales of premises and equipment	5	0
Net purchases of premises and equipment	(124)	(560)
Net cash from (used in) investing activities	1,335	(5,108)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Shareholder cash dividends paid	(808)	(793)
Net increase in demand deposits and savings accounts	3,792	14,812
Net decrease in time deposits	(382)	(1,449)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements	0	49
Proceeds from sale of common stock and exercise of stock options	0	890
Net cash from financing activities	2,602	13,509

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NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	5,410	10,463
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	144,288	105,191
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 149,698	\$ 115,654
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 160	\$ 189
Income taxes	\$ 890	\$ 845
NON-CASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in unrealized (loss) gain on available-for-sale securities	\$(9	) \$ 1,487

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

On July 3, 2008 (the “Effective Date”), a bank holding company reorganization was completed whereby Oak Valley Bancorp (“Bancorp”) became the parent holding company for Oak Valley Community Bank (the “Bank”). On the Effective Date, a tax-free exchange was completed whereby each outstanding share of the Company was converted into one share of Bancorp and the Company became the sole wholly-owned subsidiary of the holding company.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Bancorp and its wholly-owned bank subsidiary. All material intercompany transactions have been eliminated. In the opinion of Management, the consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations, changes in shareholders’ equity and cash flows. All adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature.

Oak Valley Community Bank is a California State chartered bank. The Company was incorporated under the laws of the state of California on May 31, 1990, and began operations in Oakdale on May 28, 1991. The Company operates branches in Oakdale, Sonora, Bridgeport, Bishop, Mammoth Lakes, Modesto, Manteca, Patterson, Turlock, Ripon, Stockton, Tracy and Escalon, California. The Bridgeport, Mammoth Lakes, and Bishop branches operate as a separate division, Eastern Sierra Community Bank. The Company’s primary source of revenue is providing loans to customers who are predominantly middle-market businesses.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant accounting estimates reflected in the Company’s consolidated financial statements include the allowance for loan losses, determination of non-accrual loans, other-than-temporary impairment of investment securities, the fair value measurements, deferred compensation plans, and the determination, recognition and measurement of impaired loans. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

The interim consolidated financial statements included in this report are unaudited but reflect all adjustments which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations for

the interim periods presented. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The results of operations for the three month period ended March 31, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results of a full year's operations. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. There was no effect on net income or shareholders' equity as a result of reclassifications. For further information, refer to the audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

NOTE 2 – RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In January 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014 – 01, *Investments – Equity Method and Joint Ventures (Topic 323), Accounting for Investments in Qualified Affordable Housing Projects*. This Update provides guidance on accounting for investments by a reporting entity in flow-through limited liability entities that manage or invest in affordable housing projects that qualify for the low-income housing tax credit. The amendments in this Update permit reporting entities to make an accounting policy election to account for their investments in qualified affordable housing projects using the proportional amortization method if certain conditions are met. Under the proportional amortization method, an entity amortizes the initial cost of the investment in proportion to the tax credits and other tax benefits received and recognizes the net investment performance in the income statement as a component of income tax expense (benefit). The amendments in this Update are effective for public business entities for annual periods and interim reporting periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2014. The adoption of ASU No. 2014-01 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014 – 04, *Receivables – Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors*. This ASU provides clarification that an in substance repossession or foreclosure occurs, and a creditor is considered to have received physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan, upon either (1) the creditor obtaining legal title to the residential real estate property upon completion of a foreclosure or (2) the borrower conveying all interest in the residential real estate property to the creditor to satisfy that loan through completion of a deed in lieu of foreclosure or through a similar legal agreement. Additionally, the amendments require interim and annual disclosure of both (1) the amount of foreclosed residential real estate property held by the creditor and (2) the recorded investment in consumer mortgage loans collateralized by residential real estate property that are in the process of foreclosure according to local requirements of the applicable jurisdiction. The amendments in this ASU are effective for public business entities for annual periods, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2014. The adoption of ASU No. 2014-04 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In August 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2014-14 *Receivables – Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40), Classification of Certain Government-Guaranteed Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure*. This update addresses classification of government-guaranteed mortgage loans, including those where guarantees are offered by the Federal Housing Administration (“FHA”), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (“VA”). Although current accounting guidance stipulates proper measurement and classification in situations where a creditor obtains from a debtor, assets in satisfaction of a receivable (such as through foreclosure), current guidance does not specify how to measure and classify foreclosed mortgage loans that are government-guaranteed. Under the provisions of this update, a creditor would derecognize a mortgage loan that has been foreclosed upon, and recognize a separate receivable if the following conditions are met: (1) the loan has a government guarantee that is not separable from the loan before foreclosure, (2) At the time of foreclosure, the creditor has the intent to convey the real estate property to the guarantor and make a claim on the guarantee, and the creditor has the ability to recover under that claim, (3) At the time of foreclosure, any amount of the claim that is determined on the basis of the fair value of the real estate is fixed. The amendments within this update are effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2014. The adoption of ASU No. 2014-14 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 3 – SECURITIES

The amortized cost and estimated fair values of investment securities as of March 31, 2015 are as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Available-for-sale securities:				
U.S. agencies	\$ 37,173	\$ 1,562	\$ (68	) \$38,667
Collateralized mortgage obligations	5,611	96	(23	) 5,684
Municipalities	54,251	1,899	(249	) 55,901
SBA pools	883	0	(3	) 880
Corporate debt	8,733	72	(1	) 8,804
Asset backed securities	8,272	27	(52	) 8,247
Mutual fund	3,100	0	(95	) 3,005
	\$ 118,023	\$ 3,656	\$ (491	) \$121,188

The following tables detail the gross unrealized losses and fair values aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at March 31, 2015.

(dollars in thousands)

<u>Description of Securities</u>	Less than 12 months		12 months or more		Total	
	Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealized
	Value	Loss	Value	Loss	Value	Loss
U.S. agencies	\$1,415	\$ (13)	\$4,839	\$ (55)	\$6,254	\$ (68)
Collateralized mortgage obligations	0	0	1,413	(23)	1,413	(23)
Municipalities	12,863	(169)	3,287	(80)	16,150	(249)
SBA pools	0	0	880	(3)	880	(3)
Corporate debt	750	(1)	0	0	750	(1)
Asset backed securities	1,979	(21)	2,847	(31)	4,826	(52)
Mutual fund	0	0	3,005	(95)	3,005	(95)
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$17,007	\$ (204)	\$16,271	\$ (287)	\$33,278	\$ (491)

At March 31, 2015, there were three U.S. agencies, five municipalities, two SBA pools, one collateralized mortgage obligation, two asset backed securities and one mutual fund that comprised the total securities in an unrealized loss position for greater than 12 months and one U.S. agency, eleven municipalities, one corporate debt, and one asset backed security that make up the total securities in a loss position for less than 12 months. Management periodically evaluates each available-for-sale investment security in an unrealized loss position to determine if the impairment is temporary or other than temporary. This evaluation encompasses various factors including, the nature of the investment, the cause of the impairment, the severity and duration of the impairment, credit ratings and other credit related factors such as third party guarantees and volatility of the security's fair value. Management has determined that no investment security is other than temporarily impaired. The unrealized losses are due primarily to interest rate changes and the Company does not intend to sell the securities and it is not likely that we will be required to sell the securities before the earlier of the forecasted recovery or the maturity of the underlying investment security.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of investment securities at March 31, 2015, by contractual maturity or call date, are shown below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

(dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Available-for-sale securities:		
Due in one year or less	\$ 11,222	\$11,611
Due after one year through five years	28,557	30,098
Due after five years through ten years	41,072	41,417
Due after ten years	37,172	38,062
	\$ 118,023	\$ 121,188

The amortized cost and estimated fair values of investment securities as of December 31, 2014, are as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Available-for-sale securities:				
U.S. agencies	\$ 40,316	\$ 1,760	\$ (146)	) \$41,930
Collateralized mortgage obligations	6,927	184	(39)	) 7,072
Municipalities	49,396	1,713	(212)	) 50,897
SBA pools	895	0	(3)	) 892
Corporate debt	6,726	95	(17)	) 6,804
Asset backed securities	10,766	50	(106)	) 10,710
Mutual fund	3,077	0	(105)	) 2,972
	\$ 118,103	\$ 3,802	\$ (628)	) \$ 121,277

The following tables detail the gross unrealized losses and fair values aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2014.

(dollars in thousands)	Less than 12 months		12 months or more		Total	
Description of Securities	Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealized
	Value	Loss	Value	Loss	Value	Loss

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U.S. agencies	\$0	\$ 0	\$8,446	\$ (146)	\$8,446	\$ (146)
Collateralized mortgage obligations	0	0	1,445	(39)	1,445	(39)
Municipalities	3,530	(22)	12,791	(190)	16,321	(212)
SBA pools	0	0	892	(3)	892	(3)
Corporate debt	1,983	(17)	0	0	1,983	(17)
Asset backed securities	3,798	(79)	971	(27)	4,769	(106)
Mutual fund	0	0	2,972	(105)	2,972	(105)
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$9,311	\$ (118)	\$27,517	\$ (510)	\$36,828	\$ (628)

We recognized a gain of \$128,000 for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, on certain available-for-sale securities that were called, which compares to \$8,000 in the same period of 2014. There were two available-for-sale securities sold during the first three months of 2015 which resulted in a net loss of \$19,000, compared to no sales of securities resulting in losses during the first three months of 2014.

Securities carried at \$57,182,000 and \$60,474,000 at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, were pledged to secure deposits of public funds.

NOTE 4 – LOANS

Our customers are primarily located in Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Tuolumne, Inyo, and Mono Counties. As of March 31, 2015, approximately 81% of the Company's loans are commercial real estate loans which include construction loans. Approximately 11% of the Company's loans are for general commercial uses including professional, retail, and small business. Additionally, 6% of the Company's loans are for residential real estate and other consumer loans. The remaining 2% are agriculture loans. Loan totals were as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Commercial real estate:		
Commercial real estate- construction	\$ 16,328	\$ 9,181
Commercial real estate- mortgages	316,807	315,506
Land	9,053	10,620
Farmland	25,368	23,091
Commercial and industrial	50,828	54,051
Consumer	857	805
Consumer residential	24,493	25,464
Agriculture	9,431	15,753
Total loans	453,165	454,471
Less:		
Deferred loan fees and costs, net	(440)	(445)
Allowance for loan losses	(7,409)	(7,534)
Net loans	\$445,316	\$446,492

Loan Origination/Risk Management. The Company has certain lending policies and procedures in place that are designed to maximize loan income within an acceptable level of risk. Management reviews and approves these policies and procedures on a regular basis. A reporting system supplements the review process by providing management with frequent reports related to loan production, loan quality, concentration of credit, loan delinquencies and non-performing and potential problem loans. Diversification in the loan portfolio is a means of managing risk associated with fluctuations in economic conditions.

Commercial and industrial loans are underwritten after evaluating and understanding the borrower's ability to operate profitably and prudently expand its business. Underwriting standards are designed to promote relationship banking rather than transactional banking. Once it is determined that the borrower's management possesses sound ethics and solid business acumen, our management examines current and projected cash flows to determine the ability of the borrower to repay their obligations as agreed. Commercial and industrial loans are primarily made based on the identified cash flows of the borrower and secondarily on the underlying collateral provided by the borrower. The cash flows of borrowers, however, may not be as expected and the collateral securing these loans may fluctuate in value. Most commercial and industrial loans are secured by the assets being financed or other business assets such as accounts receivable or inventory and may incorporate a personal guarantee; however, some short-term loans may be made on an unsecured basis. In the case of loans secured by accounts receivable, the availability of funds for the repayment of these loans may be substantially dependent on the ability of the borrower to collect amounts due from its customers.

Commercial real estate loans are subject to underwriting standards and processes similar to commercial and industrial loans, in addition to those of real estate loans. These loans are viewed primarily as cash flow loans and secondarily as loans secured by real estate. Commercial real estate lending typically involves higher loan principal amounts and the repayment of these loans is generally largely dependent on the successful operation of the property securing the loan or the business conducted on the property securing the loan. Commercial real estate loans may be more adversely affected by conditions in the real estate markets or in the general economy. The properties securing the Company's commercial real estate portfolio are diverse in terms of type and geographic location. This diversity helps reduce the Company's exposure to adverse economic events that affect any single market or industry. Management monitors and evaluates commercial real estate loans based on collateral, geography and risk grade criteria. As a general rule, the Company avoids financing single-purpose projects unless other underwriting factors are present to help mitigate risk. The Company also utilizes third-party experts to provide insight and guidance about economic conditions and trends affecting market areas it serves. In addition, management tracks the level of owner-occupied commercial real estate loans versus non-owner occupied loans. At March 31, 2015, commercial real estate loans equal to approximately 37.8% of the outstanding principal balance of our commercial real estate loans were secured by owner-occupied properties.

With respect to loans to developers and builders that are secured by non-owner occupied properties that the Company may originate from time to time, the Company generally requires the borrower to have had an existing relationship with the Company and have a proven record of success. Construction loans are underwritten utilizing feasibility studies, independent appraisal reviews, sensitivity analysis of absorption and lease rates and financial analysis of the developers and property owners. Construction loans are generally based upon estimates of costs and value associated with the complete project. These estimates may be inaccurate. Construction loans often involve the disbursement of substantial funds with repayment substantially dependent on the success of the ultimate project. Sources of repayment for these types of loans may be pre-committed permanent loans from approved long-term lenders, sales of developed property or an interim loan commitment from the Company until permanent financing is obtained. These loans are closely monitored by on-site inspections and are considered to have higher risks than other real estate loans due to their ultimate repayment being sensitive to interest rate changes, governmental regulation of real property, general economic conditions and the availability of long-term financing.

Agricultural production, real estate and development lending is susceptible to credit risks including adverse weather conditions, pest and disease, as well as market price fluctuations and foreign competition. Agricultural loan underwriting standards are maintained by following Company policies and procedures in place to minimize risk in this lending segment. These standards consist of limiting credit to experienced farmers who have demonstrated farm management capabilities, requiring cash flow projections displaying margins sufficient for repayment from normal farm operations along with equity injected as required by policy, as well as providing adequate secondary repayment and sponsorship including satisfactory collateral support. Credit enhancement obtained through government guarantee programs may also be used to provide further support as available.

The Company originates consumer loans utilizing common underwriting criteria specified in policy. To monitor and manage consumer loan risk, policies and procedures are developed and modified, as needed, jointly by line and staff personnel. This activity, coupled with relatively small loan amounts that are spread across many individual borrowers, minimizes risk. Additionally, trend and outlook reports are reviewed by management on a regular basis. Underwriting standards for 1-4 family, home equity lines and loans follow bank policy, which include, but are not limited to, a maximum loan-to-value percentage of 80%, a maximum housing and total debt ratio of 36% and 42%, respectively and other specified credit and documentation requirements.

The Company maintains an independent loan review department that reviews and validates the credit risk program on a periodic basis. Results of these reviews are presented to management. The loan review process complements and reinforces the risk identification and assessment decisions made by lenders and credit personnel, as well as the Bank's policies and procedures.

Non-Accrual and Past Due Loans. Loans are considered past due if the required principal and interest payments have not been received as of the date such payments were due. Loans are placed on non-accrual status when, in management's opinion, the borrower may be unable to meet payment obligations as they become due, as well as when

required by regulatory provisions. Loans may be placed on non-accrual status regardless of whether or not such loans are considered past due. When interest accrual is discontinued, all unpaid accrued interest is reversed. Interest income is subsequently recognized only to the extent cash payments are received in excess of principal due. Loans are returned to accrual status when all the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

Non-accrual loans, segregated by class of loans, were as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Commercial real estate:		
Commercial real estate- construction	\$0	\$ 0
Commercial real estate- mortgages	0	1,296
Land	2,983	2,995
Farmland	67	72
Commercial and industrial	1,362	337
Consumer	0	0
Consumer residential	0	0
Agriculture	0	0
Total non-accrual loans	\$4,412	\$ 4,700

Had non-accrual loans performed in accordance with their original contract terms, we would have recognized additional interest income of approximately \$82,000 in the three month period ended March 31, 2015, as compared to \$130,000 in the same period of 2014.

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The following table analyzes past due loans including the non-accrual loans in the above table, segregated by class of loans, as of March 31, 2015 (in thousands):

March 31, 2015	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater Than 90 Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current	Total	Greater Than 90 Days Past Due and Still Accruing
Commercial real estate:							
Commercial R.E. - construction	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 16,328	\$ 16,328	\$ 0
Commercial R.E. - mortgages	34	0	0	34	316,773	316,807	0
Land	0	500	2,483	2,983	6,070	9,053	0
Farmland	0	0	67	67	25,301	25,368	0
Commercial and industrial	0	0	1,362	1,362	49,466	50,828	0
Consumer	38	0	0	38	819	857	0
Consumer residential	0	0	0	0	24,493	24,493	0
Agriculture	0	0	0	0	9,431	9,431	0
Total	\$ 72	\$ 500	\$ 3,912	\$ 4,484	\$ 448,681	\$ 453,165	\$ 0

The following table analyzes past due loans including the non-accrual loans in the above table, segregated by class of loans, as of December 31, 2014 (in thousands):

December 31, 2014	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater Than 90 Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current	Total	Greater Than 90 Days Past Due and Still Accruing
Commercial real estate:							
Commercial R.E. - construction	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 9,181	\$ 9,181	\$ 0
Commercial R.E. - mortgages	35	1,296	0	1,331	314,175	315,506	0
Land	0	0	2,493	2,493	8,127	10,620	0
Farmland	0	0	72	72	23,019	23,091	0
Commercial and industrial	14	0	323	337	53,714	54,051	0
Consumer	0	0	0	0	805	805	0
Consumer residential	0	0	0	0	25,464	25,464	0
Agriculture	0	0	0	0	15,753	15,753	0
Total	\$ 49	\$ 1,296	\$ 2,888	\$ 4,233	\$ 450,238	\$ 454,471	\$ 0

Impaired Loans. Loans are considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due in accordance with the original contractual terms of the loan agreement, including scheduled principal and interest payments. Impairment is evaluated in total for smaller-balance loans of a similar nature and on an individual loan basis for other loans. If a loan is impaired, a specific valuation allowance is allocated, if necessary, so that the loan is reported net, at the present value of estimated future cash flows using the loan's existing rate or at the fair value of collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral. Interest payments on impaired loans are typically applied to principal unless collectability of the principal amount is reasonably assured, in which case interest is recognized on a cash basis. There was no interest income realized on impaired loans for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. Average recorded investment in impaired loans was \$4.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, as compared to \$3.0 million for the same period of 2014. Impaired loans, or portions thereof, are charged off when deemed uncollectible.

Impaired loans as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are set forth in the following table.

(in thousands)	Unpaid Contractual Principal Balance	Recorded Investment With No Allowance	Recorded Investment With Allowance	Total Recorded Investment	Related Allowance	Average Recorded Investment
<u>March 31, 2015</u>						
Commercial real estate:						
Commercial R.E. - construction	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Commercial R.E. - mortgages	0	0	0	0	0	648
Land	3,215	0	2,983	2,983	862	2,989
Farmland	76	67	0	67	0	69
Commercial and Industrial	1,387	334	1,028	1,362	95	849
Consumer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer residential	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$ 4,678	\$ 401	\$ 4,011	\$ 4,412	\$ 957	\$ 4,555

December 31, 2014

Commercial real estate:						
Commercial R.E. - construction	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Commercial R.E. - mortgages	1,301	0	1,296	1,296	125	555
Land	3,215	0	2,995	2,995	868	3,155
Farmland	80	72	0	72	0	82
Commercial and Industrial	359	337	0	337	0	304
Consumer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer residential	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$ 4,956	\$ 408	\$ 4,291	\$ 4,700	\$ 993	\$ 4,096

Troubled Debt Restructurings – In order to determine whether a borrower is experiencing financial difficulty, an evaluation is performed of the probability that the borrower will be in payment default on any of its debt in the foreseeable future without the modification. This evaluation is performed under the Company's internal underwriting policy.

At March 31, 2015, there were 5 loans that were considered to be troubled debt restructurings, all of which are considered non-accrual totaling \$3,317,000. At December 31, 2014, there were 5 loans that were considered to be troubled debt restructurings, all of which are considered non-accrual totaling \$3,332,000. At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 there were no unfunded commitments on loans classified as a troubled debt restructures. We have allocated \$862,000 and \$868,000 of specific reserves to loans whose terms have been modified in troubled debt restructurings as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2015, no loans were modified as troubled debt restructurings. During the three month period ended March 31, 2014, the terms of one loan were modified as troubled debt restructurings by extending the maturity date. The modification of the terms of such loans typically includes one or a combination of the following: a reduction of the stated interest rate of the loan; an extension of the maturity date; or a temporary payment modification in which the payment amount allocated towards principal was reduced. In some cases, a permanent reduction of the accrued interest on the loan is conceded.

The following tables presents loans by class modified as troubled debt restructurings that occurred during the three month period ended March 31, 2014:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014		
	Pre- Modification of Outstanding Loans Investment	Post- Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	
Commercial real estate:			
Commercial R.E. - construction	0 \$ 0	\$ 0	
Commercial R.E. - mortgages	0 0	0	
Land	1 520	520	
Farmland	0 0	0	
Commercial and Industrial	0 0	0	
Consumer	0 0	0	
Consumer residential	0 0	0	
Agriculture	0 0	0	
Total	1 \$ 520	\$ 520	

The troubled debt restructuring during the three month period ended March 31, 2014 did not increase the allowance for loan losses as a result of loan modifications. There were no charge-offs as a result of loan modifications, as the contractual balances outstanding were determined to be collectible.

There were no loans modified as troubled debt restructurings within the previous twelve months and for which there was a payment default during the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. A loan is considered to be in payment default once it is ninety days contractually past due under the modified terms.

Quality ratings (Risk Grades) are assigned to all commitments and stand-alone notes. Risk grades define the basic characteristics of commitments or stand-alone note in relation to their risk. All loans are graded using a system that maximizes the loan quality information contained in loan review grades, while ensuring that the system is compatible with the grades used by bank examiners.

We grade loans using the following letter system:

- 1 Exceptional Loan
- 2 Quality Loan
- 3A Better Than Acceptable Loan
- 3B Acceptable Loan
- 3C Marginally Acceptable Loan
- 4 (W) Watch Acceptable Loan
- 5 Other Loans Especially Mentioned
- 6 Substandard Loan
- 7 Doubtful Loan
- 8 Loss

1. Exceptional Loan - Loans with A+ credits that contain very little, if any, risk. Grade 1 loans are considered Pass. To qualify for this rating, the following characteristics must be present:

- A high level of liquidity and whose debt-servicing capacity exceeds expected obligations by a substantial margin.
- Where leverage is below average for the industry and earnings are consistent or growing without severe vulnerability to economic cycles.
- Also included in this rating (but not mandatory unless one or more of the preceding characteristics are missing) are loans that are fully secured and properly margined by our own time instruments or U.S. blue chip securities. To be properly margined cash collateral must be equal to, or greater than, 110% of the loan amount.

2. Quality Loan - Loans with excellent sources of repayment that conform in all respects to bank policy and regulatory requirements. These are also loans for which little repayment risk has been identified. No credit or collateral exceptions. Grade 2 loans are considered Pass. Other factors include:

- Unquestionable debt-servicing capacity to cover all obligations in the ordinary course of business from well-defined primary and secondary sources.
- Consistent strong earnings.
- A solid equity base.

3A. Better than Acceptable Loan - In the interest of better delineating the loan portfolio's true credit risk for reserve allocation, further granularity has been sought by splitting the grade 3 category into three classifications. The distinction between the three are bank-defined guidelines and represent a further refinement of the regulatory definition of a pass, or grade 3 loan. Grade 3A is the stronger third of the pass category, but is not strong enough to be a grade 2 and is characterized by:

- Strong earnings with no loss in last three years and ample cash flow to service all debt well above policy guidelines.
- Long term experienced management with depth and defined management succession.
- The loan has no exceptions to policy.
- Loan-to-value on real estate secured transactions is 10% to 20% less than policy guidelines.
- Very liquid balance sheet that may have cash available to pay off our loan completely.
- Little to no debt on balance sheet.

3B. Acceptable Loan - 3B loans are simply defined as all loans that are less qualified than 3A loans and are stronger than 3C loans. These loans are characterized by acceptable sources of repayment that conform to bank policy and regulatory requirements. Repayment risks are acceptable for these loans. Credit or collateral exceptions are minimal, are in the process of correction, and do not represent repayment risk. These loans:

- Are those where the borrower has average financial strengths, a history of profitable operations and experienced management.
- Are those where the borrower can be expected to handle normal credit needs in a satisfactory manner.

3C. Marginally Acceptable - 3C loans have similar characteristics as that of 3Bs with the following additional characteristics:

Requires collateral. A credit facility where the borrower has average financial strengths, but usually lacks reliable secondary sources of repayment other than the subject collateral. Other common characteristics can include some or all of the following: minimal background experience of management, lacking continuity of management, a start-up operation, erratic historical profitability (acceptable reasons-well identified), lack of or marginal sponsorship of guarantor, and government guaranteed loans.

4W Watch Acceptable - Watch grade will be assigned to any credit that is adequately secured and performing but monitored for a number of indicators. These characteristics may include any unexpected short-term adverse financial performance from budgeted projections or prior period's results (i.e., declining profits, sales, margins, cash flow, or increased reliance on leverage, including adverse balance sheet ratios, trade debt issues, etc.). Additionally, any managerial or personal problems of company management, decline in the entire industry or local economic conditions

failure to provide financial information or other documentation as requested; issues regarding delinquency, overdrafts, or renewals; and any other issues that cause concern for the company. Loans to individuals or loans supported by guarantors with marginal net worth and/or marginal collateral. Weakness identified in a Watch credit is short-term in nature. Loans in this category are usually accounts the Bank would want to retain providing a positive turnaround can be expected within a reasonable time frame. Grade 4 loans are considered Pass.

5 Other Loans Especially Mentioned (Special Mention) - A special mention extension of credit is defined as having potential weaknesses that deserve management's close attention. If left uncorrected, these potential weaknesses may, at some future date result in the deterioration of the repayment prospects for the credit or the institution's credit position. Extensions of credit that might be detailed in this category include the following:

- The lending officer may be unable to properly supervise the credit because of an inadequate loan or credit agreement.
- Questions exist regarding the condition of and/or control over collateral.
- Economic or market conditions may unfavorably affect the obligor in the future.
- A declining trend in the obligor's operations or an imbalanced position in the balance sheet exists, but not to the point that repayment is jeopardized.

6 Substandard Loan - A "substandard" extension of credit is inadequately protected by the current sound worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Extensions of credit so classified must have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Loss potential, while existing in the aggregate amount of substandard credits, does not have to exist in individual extensions of credit classified substandard.

7 Doubtful Loan - An extension of credit classified "doubtful" has all the weaknesses inherent in one classified substandard, with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions, and values, highly questionable and improbable. The possibility of loss is extremely high but because of certain important and reasonably specific pending factors that may work to the advantage of and strengthen the credit, its classification as an estimated loss is deferred until its more exact status may be determined. Pending factors may include a proposed merger or acquisition, liquidation proceedings, capital injection, perfecting liens on additional collateral or refinancing plans. The entire loan need not be classified doubtful when collection of a specific portion appears highly probable. An example of proper use of the doubtful category is the case of a company being liquidated, with the trustee-in-bankruptcy indicating a minimum disbursement of 40 percent and a maximum of 65 percent to unsecured creditors, including the Bank. In this situation, estimates are based on liquidation value appraisals with actual values yet to be realized. By definition, the only portion of the credit that is doubtful is the 25 percent difference between 40 and 65 percent.

A proper classification of such a credit would show 40 percent substandard, 25 percent doubtful, and 35 percent loss. A credit classified as doubtful should be resolved within a 'reasonable' period of time. Reasonable is generally defined as the period between examinations. In other words, a credit classified doubtful at an examination should be cleared up before the next exam. However, there may be situations that warrant continuation of the doubtful classification a while longer.

8 Loss - Extensions of credit classified “loss” are considered uncollectible and of such little value that their continuance as bankable assets is not warranted. This classification does not mean that the credit has absolutely no recovery or salvage value, but rather that it is not practical or desirable to defer writing off, even though partial recovery may be affected in the future. It should not be the Company’s practice to attempt long-term recoveries while the credit remains on the books. Losses should be taken in the period in which they surface as uncollectible.

As of March 31, 2015, there are no loans that are classified with a risk grade of 8- *Loss*.

The following table presents weighted average risk grades of our loan portfolio:

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
	Weighted Average Risk Grade	Weighted Average Risk Grade
Commercial real estate:		
Commercial real estate - construction	3.15	3.00
Commercial real estate - mortgages	3.12	3.15
Land	4.41	4.34
Farmland	3.01	3.01
Commercial and industrial	3.33	3.39
Consumer	2.24	2.12
Consumer residential	3.01	3.02
Agriculture	3.30	3.18
Total gross loans	3.16	3.19

The following table presents risk grade totals by class of loans as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014. Risk grades 1 through 4 have been aggregated in the “Pass” line.

(in thousands)	Commercial R.E.	Commercial R.E.	Land	Farmland	Commercial and Industrial	Consumer	Consumer Residential	Agriculture	Total
	Construction	Mortgages							

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March 31, 2015

Pass	\$ 16,328	\$ 316,166	\$ 6,070	\$ 25,301	\$ 47,798	\$ 812	\$ 24,443	\$ 9,431	\$ 446,349
Special mention	-	429	-	-	1,460	-	-	-	1,889
Substandard	-	212	2,983	67	1,570	45	50	-	4,927
Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total loans	\$ 16,328	\$ 316,807	\$ 9,053	\$ 25,368	\$ 50,828	\$ 857	\$ 24,493	\$ 9,431	\$ 453,165

December 31, 2014

Pass	\$ 9,181	\$ 310,912	\$ 7,625	\$ 23,019	\$ 48,997	\$ 790	\$ 25,283	\$ 15,753	\$ 441,560
Special mention	-	2,722	-	-	3,438	-	-	-	6,160
Substandard	-	1,872	2,995	72	1,616	15	181	-	6,751
Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total loans	\$ 9,181	\$ 315,506	\$ 10,620	\$ 23,091	\$ 54,051	\$ 805	\$ 25,464	\$ 15,753	\$ 454,471

Allowance for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses is a reserve established by the Company through a provision for loan losses charged to expense, which represents management's best estimate of probable losses that have been incurred within the existing portfolio of loans. The allowance, in the judgment of management, is necessary to reserve for estimated loan losses and risks inherent in the loan portfolio. The allowance for loan loss methodology includes allowance allocations calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 310, "Receivables" and allowance allocations calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 450, "Contingencies." Accordingly, the methodology is based on historical loss experience by type of credit and internal risk grade, specific homogeneous risk pools and specific loss allocations, with adjustments for current events and conditions. The process for determining the appropriate level of the allowance for loan losses is designed to account for credit deterioration as it occurs. The provision for loan losses reflects loan quality trends, including the levels of and trends related to non-accrual loans, past due loans, potential problem loans, criticized loans and net charge-offs or recoveries, among other factors. The provision for loan losses also reflects the totality of actions taken on all loans for a particular period. In other words, the amount of the provision reflects not only the necessary increases in the allowance for loan losses related to newly identified criticized loans, but it also reflects actions taken related to other loans including, among other things, any necessary increases or decreases in required allowances for specific loans or loan pools.

The level of the allowance reflects management's continuing evaluation of industry concentrations, specific credit risks, loan loss experience, current loan portfolio quality, present economic, political and regulatory conditions and unidentified losses inherent in the current loan portfolio. Portions of the allowance may be allocated for specific credits; however, the entire allowance is available for any credit that, in management's judgment, should be charged off. While management utilizes its best judgment and information available, the ultimate adequacy of the allowance is dependent upon a variety of factors beyond the Company's control, including, among other things, the performance of the Company's loan portfolio, the economy, changes in interest rates and the view of the regulatory authorities toward loan classifications.

The Company's allowance for loan losses consists of three elements: (i) specific valuation allowances determined in accordance with ASC Topic 310 based on probable losses on specific loans; (ii) historical valuation allowances determined in accordance with ASC Topic 450 based on historical loan loss experience for similar loans with similar characteristics and trends, adjusted, as necessary, to reflect the impact of current conditions; and (iii) general valuation allowances determined in accordance with ASC Topic 450 based on general economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors both internal and external to the Bank and the Company.

The allowances established for probable losses on specific loans are based on a regular analysis and evaluation of problem loans. Loans are classified based on an internal credit risk grading process that evaluates, among other things: (i) the obligor's ability to repay; (ii) the underlying collateral, if any; and (iii) the economic environment and industry in which the borrower operates. This analysis is performed at the relationship manager level for all commercial loans. When a loan has a calculated grade of 5 or higher, a special assets officer analyzes the loan to determine whether the loan is impaired and, if impaired, the need to specifically allocate a portion of the allowance for loan losses to the loan. Specific valuation allowances are determined by analyzing the borrower's ability to repay amounts owed, collateral deficiencies, the relative risk grade of the loan and economic conditions affecting the borrower's industry, among other things.

Historical valuation allowances are calculated based on the historical loss experience of specific types of loans and the internal risk grade of such loans at the time they were charged-off. The Company calculates historical loss ratios for pools of similar loans with similar characteristics based on the proportion of actual charge-offs experienced to the total population of loans in the pool. The historical loss ratios are periodically updated based on actual charge-off experience. A historical valuation allowance is established for each pool of similar loans based upon the product of the historical loss ratio and the total dollar amount of the loans in the pool. The Company's pools of similar loans include similarly risk-graded groups of commercial and industrial loans, commercial real estate loans, consumer real estate loans and consumer and other loans.

General valuation allowances are based on general economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors both internal and external to the Bank and the Company. In general, such valuation allowances are determined by evaluating, among other things: (i) the experience, ability and effectiveness of the Bank's lending management and staff; (ii) the effectiveness of the Bank's loan policies, procedures and internal controls; (iii) changes in asset quality; (iv) changes in loan portfolio volume; (v) the composition and concentrations of credit; (vi) the impact of competition on loan

structuring and pricing; (vii) the effectiveness of the internal loan review function; (viii) the impact of environmental risks on portfolio risks; and (ix) the impact of rising interest rates on portfolio risk. Management evaluates the degree of risk that each one of these components has on the quality of the loan portfolio on a quarterly basis. Each component is determined to have either a high, moderate or low degree of risk. The results are then input into a “general allocation matrix” to determine an appropriate general valuation allowance.

Included in the general valuation allowances are allocations for groups of similar loans with risk characteristics that exceed certain concentration limits established by management. Concentration risk limits have been established, among other things, for certain industry concentrations, large balance and highly leveraged credit relationships that exceed specified risk grades, and loans originated with policy exceptions that exceed specified risk grades.

Loans identified as losses by management, internal loan review and/or bank examiners are charged-off. Furthermore, consumer loan accounts are charged-off automatically based on regulatory requirements.

The following table details activity in the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. Allocation of a portion of the allowance to one category of loans does not preclude its availability to absorb losses in other categories.

Allowance for Loan Losses
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 and 2014

(in thousands)	Commercial		Consumer				
<u>Three Months Ended March 31, 2015</u>	Real Estate	Commercial and Industrial	Consumer	Residential	Agriculture	Unallocated	Total
Beginning balance	\$ 5,963	\$ 720	\$ 42	\$ 388	\$ 286	\$ 135	\$7,534
Charge-offs	0	0	(3)	0	0	0	(3)
Recoveries	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
(Reversal of) provision for loan losses	(154)	(35)	9	167	(105)	(7)	(125)
Ending balance	\$ 5,810	\$ 685	\$ 50	\$ 555	\$ 181	\$ 128	\$7,409

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014

Beginning balance	\$ 6,248	\$ 662	\$ 47	\$ 440	\$ 217	\$ 45	\$7,659
Charge-offs	(50)	0	(3)	0	0	0	(53)
Recoveries	0	0	1	8	0	0	9
Provision for (reversal of) loan losses	(6)	80	0	(31)	(2)	(41)	0
Ending balance	\$ 6,192	\$ 742	\$ 45	\$ 417	\$ 215	\$ 4	\$7,615

The following table details the allowance for loan losses and ending gross loan balances as of March 31, 2015, December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2014, summarized by collective and individual evaluation methods of impairment.

(in thousands)	Commercial		Consumer				
March 31, 2015	Real Estate	Commercial and Industrial	Consumer	Residential	Agriculture	Unallocated	Total
Allowance for loan losses for loans:							
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 862	\$ 95	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$957
Collectively evaluated for impairment	4,948	590	50	555	181	128	6,452
	\$ 5,810	\$ 685	\$ 50	\$ 555	\$ 181	\$ 128	\$7,409
Ending gross loan balances:							
	\$ 3,050	\$ 1,362	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$4,412

Individually evaluated for
impairment

Collectively evaluated for impairment	364,506	49,466	857	24,493	9,431	0	448,753
	\$ 367,556	\$ 50,828	\$ 857	\$ 24,493	\$ 9,431	\$ 0	\$ 453,165

December 31, 2014

Allowance for loan losses for
loans:

Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 993	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 993
Collectively evaluated for impairment	4,970	720	42	388	286	135	6,541
	\$ 5,963	\$ 720	\$ 42	\$ 388	\$ 286	\$ 135	\$ 7,534

Ending balances of loans:

Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 4,363	\$ 337	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,700
Collectively evaluated for impairment	354,035	53,714	805	25,464	15,753	0	449,771
	\$ 358,398	\$ 54,051	\$ 805	\$ 25,464	\$ 15,753	\$ 0	\$ 454,471

March 31, 2014

Allowance for loan losses for
loans:

Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 1,071	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,071
Collectively evaluated for impairment	5,121	742	45	417	215	4	6,544
	\$ 6,192	\$ 742	\$ 45	\$ 417	\$ 215	\$ 4	\$ 7,615

Ending gross loan balances:

Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 4,897	\$ 351	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,248
Collectively evaluated for impairment	345,153	40,736	846	19,160	11,367	0	417,262
	\$ 350,050	\$ 41,087	\$ 846	\$ 19,160	\$ 11,367	\$ 0	\$ 422,510

Changes in the reserve for off-balance-sheet commitments were as follows:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,	
(in thousands)	2015	2014
Balance, beginning of period	\$218	\$134
Provision (Reversal) to Operations for Off Balance Sheet Commitments	9	(3)
Balance, end of period	\$227	\$131

The method for calculating the reserve for off-balance-sheet loan commitments is based on a reserve percentage which is less than other outstanding loan types because they are at a lower risk level. This reserve percentage, based on many factors including historical losses and existing economic conditions, is evaluated by management periodically and is applied to the total undisbursed loan commitment balance to calculate the reserve for off-balance-sheet commitments. Reserves for off-balance-sheet commitments are recorded in “interest payable and other liabilities” on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, loans carried at \$453,165,000 and \$454,471,000, respectively, were pledged as collateral on advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank.

NOTE 5 – OTHER REAL ESTATE OWNED

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company owned three properties classified as other real estate with outstanding balances of \$834,000 and \$884,000, respectively, which includes one property consisting of residential land that was written down to a zero balance. Each of these properties was acquired through loan foreclosure. The residential land property the Company owned at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, was written down to a zero balance because the public utilities have not been obtainable rendering these land lots unmarketable at this time. There were no sales of OREO property during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

Real estate properties acquired through, or in lieu of, loan foreclosure are to be sold and are initially recorded at the lower of carrying amount of the loan or fair value of the property at the date of foreclosure less selling costs.

Subsequent to foreclosure, valuations are periodically performed and any subject revisions in the estimate of fair value are reported as adjustment to the carrying value of the real estate, provided the adjusted carrying amount does not exceed the original amount at foreclosure. Revenues and expenses from operations and changes in the valuation allowance are included in other operating expenses.

NOTE 6– OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

During January 2008, the Bank awarded certain officers a salary continuation plan (the “Plan”). Under the Plan, the participants will be provided with a fixed annual retirement benefit for twenty years after retirement. The Bank is also responsible for certain pre-retirement death benefits under the Plan. In connection with the implementation of the Plan, the Bank purchased single premium life insurance policies on the life of each of the officers covered under the Plan. The Bank is the owner and partial beneficiary of these life insurance policies. The assets of the Plan, under Internal Revenue Service regulations, are owned by the Bank and are available to satisfy the Company’s general creditors.

The Bank awarded a director retirement plan (“DRP”) to two of its directors in January 2008 and to three of its newest directors in March 2014. Under the DRP, the participants will be provided with a fixed annual retirement benefit for ten years after retirement. The Bank is also responsible for certain pre-retirement death benefits under the DRP. In connection with the implementation of the DRP, the Bank purchased single premium life insurance policies on the life of each director covered under the DRP. The Bank is the owner and partial beneficiary of these life insurance policies. The assets of the DRP, under Internal Revenue Service regulations, are the property of the Bank and are available to satisfy the Bank’s general creditors.

Future compensation under both plans is earned for services rendered through retirement. The Bank accrues for the salary continuation liability based on anticipated years of service and vesting schedules provided under the plans. The Bank’s current benefit liability is determined based on vesting and the present value of the benefits at a corresponding discount rate. The discount rate used is an equivalent rate for investment-grade bonds with lives matching those of the service periods remaining for the salary continuation contracts, which average approximately 20 years. The salary continuation liability as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 was \$2,275,000 and \$2,222,000, respectively, and is reported in “interest payable and other liabilities” on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

During January 2008, the Bank purchased \$4.7 million in bank owned life insurance policies and entered into split-dollar life insurance agreements with certain officers and directors. During March 2014, the Bank purchased an additional \$1.0 million in bank owned life insurance policies and entered into split-dollar life insurance agreements with its three newest directors. In connection with the implementation of the split-dollar agreements, the Bank purchased single premium life insurance policies on the life of each of the officers and directors covered by the split-dollar life insurance agreements. The Bank is the owner of the policies and the partial beneficiary in an amount

equal to the cash surrender value of the policies.

The combined cash surrender value of all Bank-owned life insurance policies recorded in “interest receivable and other assets” on the condensed consolidated balance sheets were \$13,653,000 and \$13,549,000 at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

NOTE 7 — FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair values of financial instruments — The consolidated financial statements include various estimated fair value information as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014. Such information, which pertains to the Company’s financial instruments, does not purport to represent the aggregate net fair value of the Company. Further, the fair value estimates are based on various assumptions, methodologies, and subjective considerations, which vary widely among different financial institutions and which are subject to change.

Fair value measurements defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurement and enhances disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels are defined as follow:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls has been determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Company’s assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset or liability. Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are recognized on the actual date of the event or circumstance that caused the transfer, which generally corresponds with the Company’s quarterly valuation process. There were no transfers between levels during the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 or 2014.

Following is a description of valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities in the tables below:

Cash and cash equivalents – The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents approximate their fair value and are considered a level 1 valuation.

Restricted Equity Securities– The carrying amounts of the stock the Company's owns in FRB and FHLB approximate their fair value and are considered a level 2 valuation.

Loans receivable — For variable-rate loans that reprice frequently and have no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values. The fair values for other loans (e.g., real estate construction and mortgage, commercial, and installment loans) are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality. The allowance for loan losses is considered to be a reasonable estimate of loan discount due to credit risks. The Company's fair value model takes into account many inputs including current market rates on new loans, the U.S. treasury yield curve, LIBOR yield curve, rate floors, rate ceilings, remaining maturity, and average life based on specific loan type. Net loans are considered to be a level 3 valuation.

Deposit liabilities — The fair values estimated for demand deposits (interest and non-interest checking, savings, and certain types of money market accounts) are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e. their carrying amounts). The carrying amounts for variable-rate, fixed-term money market accounts and certificates of deposit approximate their fair values at the reporting date. Fair values for fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates to a schedule of the aggregate expected monthly maturities on time deposits. The fair value of deposits is determined by the Company's internal assets and liabilities modeling system that accounts for various inputs such as decay rates, rate floors, FHLB yield curve, maturities and current rates offered on new accounts. Fair value on deposits is considered a level 3 valuation.

Interest receivable and payable - The carrying amounts of accrued interest approximate their fair value and are considered to be a level 2 valuation.

Off-balance-sheet instruments — Fair values for the Bank's off-balance-sheet lending commitments are based on fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the credit standing of the counterparties. The Company considers the Bank's off balance sheet instruments to be a level 3 valuation.

The estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments at March 31, 2015 were as follows:

(in thousands)	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Hierarchy Valuation Level
Financial assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 149,698	\$ 149,698	1
Restricted equity securities	3,275	3,275	2
Loans, net	445,316	452,226	3
Interest receivable	1,843	1,843	2
Financial liabilities:			
Deposits	(672,991)	(611,414)	3
Interest payable	(30)	(30)	2
Off-balance-sheet assets (liabilities):			
Commitments and standby letters of credit		(874)	3

The estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments at December 31, 2014 were as follows:

(in thousands)	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Hierarchy Valuation Level
Financial assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 144,288	\$ 144,288	1
Restricted equity securities	3,275	3,275	2
Loans, net	446,492	455,501	3
Interest receivable	2,024	2,024	2
Financial liabilities:			
Deposits	(669,581)	(600,941)	3
Interest payable	(39)	(39)	2
Off-balance-sheet assets (liabilities):			
Commitments and standby letters of credit		(848)	3

The following table presents the carrying value of recurring and nonrecurring financial instruments that were measured at fair value and that were still held in the condensed consolidated balance sheets at each respective period end, by level within the fair value hierarchy as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

**Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2015
Using**

(in thousands)	March 31, 2015	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis:				
Available-for-sale securities:				
U.S. agencies	\$38,667	\$ 0	\$ 38,667	\$ 0
Collateralized mortgage obligations	5,684	0	5,684	0
Municipalities	55,901	0	55,901	0
SBA pools	880	0	880	0
Corporate debt	8,804	0	8,804	0
Asset backed securities	8,247	0	8,247	0
Mutual fund	3,005	3,005	0	0
Assets and liabilities measured on a non-recurring basis:				
Impaired loans:				
Land	\$388	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 388
Commercial and industrial	933	0	0	933
Other real estate owned	834	0	0	834

**Fair Value Measurements at December 31,
2014 Using**

(in thousands)	December 31, 2014	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
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Assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis:

Available-for-sale securities

U.S. agencies	\$41,930	\$ 0	\$ 41,930	\$ 0
Collateralized mortgage obligations	7,072	0	7,072	0
Municipalities	50,897	0	50,897	0
SBA pools	892	0	892	0
Corporate debt	6,804	0	6,804	0
Asset backed securities	10,710	0	10,710	0
Mutual fund	2,972	2,972	0	0

Assets and liabilities measured on a non-recurring basis:

Impaired loans:

Land	\$1,743	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,743
Commercial real estate - mortgages	1,171	0	0	1,171
Other real estate owned	884	0	0	884

Following is a description of valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities recorded at fair value.

Available-for-sale securities - Investment securities available-for-sale are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Fair value measurement is based upon quoted market prices, if available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are measured using independent pricing models or other model-based valuation techniques such as the present value of future cash flows, adjusted for the security's credit rating, prepayment assumptions, and other factors such as credit loss assumptions. Level 1 securities include those traded on an active exchange, such as the New York Stock Exchange, U.S. Treasury securities that are traded by dealers or brokers in active over-the-counter markets and money market funds. Level 2 securities include mortgage-backed securities issued by government sponsored entities, municipal bonds and corporate debt securities. Securities classified as Level 3 include asset-backed securities in less liquid markets where significant inputs are unobservable.

Impaired loans - ASC Topic 820 applies to loans measured for impairment using the practical expedients permitted by ASC Topic 310, *Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan*. The Company does not record loans at fair value on a recurring basis. However, from time to time, a loan is considered impaired and an allowance for loan losses is established. Loans for which it is probable that payment of interest and principal will not be made in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan agreement are considered impaired. Impaired loans where an allowance is established based on the fair value of collateral less the cost related to liquidation of the collateral require classification in the fair value hierarchy. When the fair value of the collateral is based on an observable market price or a current appraised value, the Company records the impaired loan as non-recurring Level 3. Likewise, when an appraised value is not available or management determines the fair value of the collateral is further impaired below the appraised value and there is no observable market price, the Company records the impaired loan as non-recurring Level 3.

Other Real Estate Owned - Other real estate assets ("OREO") acquired through, or in lieu of, foreclosure are held-for-sale and are initially recorded at the lower of cost or fair value, less selling costs. Any write-downs to fair value at the time of transfer to OREO are charged to the allowance for loan losses, subsequent to foreclosure. Appraisals or evaluations are then done periodically thereafter charging any additional write-downs or valuation allowances to the appropriate expense accounts. Values are derived from appraisals of underlying collateral and discounted cash flow analysis. OREO is classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy.

Net realizable value of the underlying collateral is the fair value of the collateral less estimated selling costs and any prior liens. Appraisals, recent comparable sales, offers and listing prices are factored in when valuing the collateral. We review and verify the qualifications and licenses of the certified general appraisers used for appraising commercial properties or certified residential appraisers for residential properties. Real estate appraisals may utilize a combination of approaches including replacement cost, sales comparison and the income approach. Comparable sales and income data are analyzed by the appraisers and adjusted to reflect differences between them and the subject property such as type, leasing status and physical condition. When the appraisals are received, Management reviews the assumptions and methodology utilized in the appraisal, as well as the overall resulting value in conjunction with independent data sources such as recent market data and industry-wide statistics. We generally use a 6% discount for selling costs which is applied to all properties, regardless of size. Appraised values may be adjusted to reflect changes in market

conditions that have occurred subsequent to the appraisal date, or for revised estimates regarding the timing or cost of the property sale. These adjustments are based on qualitative judgments made by management on a case-by-case basis.

There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the period ended March 31, 2015.

NOTE 8 – EARNINGS PER SHARE

Earnings per share (“EPS”) are based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each year. The following table shows: (1) weighted average basic shares, (2) effect of dilutive securities related to stock options and non-vested restricted stock, and (3) weighted average shares of common stock and common stock equivalents. Net income available to common stockholders is calculated as net income reduced by dividends accumulated on preferred stock, if any. Basic EPS are calculated by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period, excluding unvested restricted stock awards. Diluted EPS are calculated using the weighted average diluted shares, which reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock. The dilutive shares included in year-to-date diluted EPS is a weighted average of the dilutive shares included in each quarterly diluted EPS computation under the treasury stock method. We have two forms of outstanding common stock: common stock and unvested restricted stock awards. Holders of restricted stock awards receive non-forfeitable dividends at the same rate as common stockholders and they both share equally in undistributed earnings.

The Company’s calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share (“EPS”) for the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 are reflected in the table below.

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 20152014	
(In thousands)		
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE		
Net income	\$1,526	\$1,408
Weighted average shares outstanding	7,972	7,878
Net income per common share	\$0.19	\$0.18
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE		
Net income	\$1,526	\$1,408
Weighted average shares outstanding	7,972	7,878
Effect of dilutive stock options	2	14
Effect of dilutive non-vested restricted shares	51	49
Weighted average shares of common stock and common stock equivalents	8,025	7,941
Net income per diluted common share	\$0.19	\$0.18

During the three month period ended March 31, 2015, anti-dilutive weighted average options to purchase 54,250 shares of common stock were outstanding, with prices ranging from \$10.85 to \$15.67. Anti-dilutive weighted average stock options of 68,500 were outstanding during the three month period of 2014, with prices ranging from \$9.95 to \$15.67. These options were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the options' exercise price was greater than the average market price of the common shares. These options begin to expire in 2015.

There were no anti-dilutive non-vested restricted stock grants for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion explains the significant factors affecting our operations and financial position for the periods presented. The discussion should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the notes related thereto which appear or that are referenced to elsewhere in this report, and with the audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended. Average balances, including balances used in calculating certain financial ratios, are generally comprised of average daily balances.

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. This discussion and analysis includes executive management's ("Management") insight of the Company's financial condition and results of operations of Oak Valley Bancorp and its subsidiary. Unless otherwise stated, the "Company" refers to the consolidated entity, Oak Valley Bancorp, while the "Bank" refers to Oak Valley Community Bank.

Forward-Looking Statements

Some matters discussed in this Form 10-Q may be “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and therefore may involve risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results to be materially different from the results expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. These statements generally appear with words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “may,” “intend,” and “expect.” Although management believes that the assumptions and expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from results discussed in forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: economic conditions (both generally and in the markets where the Company operates); competition from other providers of financial services offered by the Company; changes in government regulation and legislation; changes in interest rates; material unforeseen changes in the financial stability and liquidity of the Company’s credit customers; risks associated with concentrations in real estate related loans; changes in accounting standards and interpretations; and other risks as may be detailed from time to time in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, all of which are difficult to predict and which may be beyond the control of the Company or the Company. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise forward-looking statements to reflect events or changes after the date of this discussion or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

Critical Accounting Estimates

Management has determined the following five accounting policies to be critical:

Allowance for Loan Losses

Accounting for allowance for loan losses involves significant judgment and assumptions by management and is based on historical data and management’s view of the current economic environment. At least on a quarterly basis, our management reviews the methodology and adequacy of allowance for loan losses and reports its assessment to the

Board of Directors for its review and approval.

We base our allowance for loan losses on an estimation of probable losses inherent in our loan portfolio. Our methodology for assessing loan loss allowances are intended to reduce the differences between estimated and actual losses and involves a detailed analysis of our loan portfolio in three phases:

the specific review of individual loans,

the segmenting and review of loan pools with similar characteristics, and

our judgmental estimate based on various subjective factors.

The first phase of our methodology involves the specific review of individual loans to identify and measure impairment. We evaluate each loan by use of a risk rating system, except for homogeneous loans, such as automobile loans and home mortgages. Specific risk rated loans are deemed impaired if all amounts, including principal and interest, will likely not be collected in accordance with the contractual terms of the related loan agreement. Impairment for commercial and real estate loans is measured either based on the present value of the loan's expected future cash flows or, if collection on the loan is collateral dependent, the estimated fair value of the collateral, less selling and holding costs.

The second phase involves the segmenting of the remainder of the risk rated loan portfolio into groups or pools of loans, together with loans with similar characteristics, for evaluation. We determine the calculated loss ratio to each loan pool based on its historical net losses and benchmark it against the levels of other peer banks.

In the third phase, we consider relevant internal and external factors that may affect the collectability of loan portfolio and each group of loan pool. The factors considered are, but are not limited to:

concentration of credits,

nature and volume of the loan portfolio,

delinquency trends,

non-accrual loan trend,

problem loan trend,

loss and recovery trend,

quality of loan review,

lending and management staff,

lending policies and procedures,

economic and business conditions, and

other external factors, including regulatory review.

Our management estimates the probable effect of such conditions based on our judgment, experience and known or anticipated trends. Such estimation may be reflected as an additional allowance to each group of loans, if necessary. Management reviews these conditions with our senior credit officers. To the extent that any of these conditions is evidenced by a specifically identifiable problem credit or portfolio segment as of the evaluation date, management's estimate of the effect of such condition may be reflected as a specific allowance applicable to such credit or portfolio segment. Where any of these conditions is not evidenced by a specific, identifiable problem credit or portfolio segment as of the evaluation date, management's evaluation of the inherent loss related to such condition is reflected in the unallocated allowance.

Central to our credit risk management and our assessment of appropriate loss allowance is our loan risk rating system. Under this system, the originating credit officer assigns borrowers an initial risk rating based on a thorough analysis of each borrower's financial capacity in conjunction with industry and economic trends. Approvals are made based upon the amount of inherent credit risk specific to the transaction and are reviewed for appropriateness by senior line and credit administration personnel. Credits are monitored by line and credit administration personnel for deterioration in a borrower's financial condition which may impact the ability of the borrower to perform under the contract. Although management has allocated a portion of the allowance to specific loans, specific loan pools, and off-balance sheet credit exposures (which are reported separately as part of other liabilities), the adequacy of the allowance is considered in its entirety.

Non-Accrual Loan Policy

Interest on loans is credited to income as earned and is accrued only if deemed collectible. Accrual of interest is discontinued when a loan is over 90 days delinquent or if management believes that collection is highly uncertain. Generally, payments received on non-accrual loans are recorded as principal reductions. Interest income is recognized after all principal has been repaid or an improvement in the condition of the loan has occurred that would warrant resumption of interest accruals. Loans are considered past due if the required principal and interest payments have not been received as of the date such payments were due.

Asset Impairment Judgments

Certain of our assets are carried in our consolidated balance sheets at fair value or at the lower of cost or fair value. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to recognize impairment of such assets. We periodically perform analyses to test for impairment of various assets. In addition to our impairment analyses related to loans, another significant impairment analysis relates to other than temporary declines in the value of our securities.

Loans for which it is probable that payment of interest and principal will not be made in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan agreement are considered impaired and are carried at fair value or below. Appraisals are done periodically on impaired loans and if required an allowance is established based on the fair value of collateral less the cost related to liquidation of the collateral. In some circumstances, an impaired loan may be charged off to bring the carrying value to fair value.

Other real estate assets ("OREO") acquired through, or in lieu of, foreclosure are held-for-sale and are initially recorded at the lower of cost or fair value, less selling costs. Any write-downs to fair value at the time of transfer to OREO are charged to the allowance for loan losses, subsequent to foreclosure. Appraisals or evaluations are then done periodically and any subsequent declines in the fair value of the OREO property after the date of transfer are recorded through a write-down of the asset. Any subsequent operating expenses or income, reduction in estimated fair values, and gains or losses on disposition of such properties are charged or credited to current operations.

Net realizable value of the underlying collateral is the fair value of the collateral less estimated selling costs and any prior liens. Appraisals, recent comparable sales, offers and listing prices are factored in when valuing the collateral. We review and verify the qualifications and licenses of the certified general appraisers used for appraising commercial properties or certified residential appraisers for residential properties. Real estate appraisals may utilize a combination of approaches including replacement cost, sales comparison and the income approach. Comparable sales and income data are analyzed by the appraisers and adjusted to reflect differences between them and the subject property such as type, leasing status and physical condition. When the appraisals are received, Management reviews the assumptions and methodology utilized in the appraisal, as well as the overall resulting value in conjunction with independent data sources such as recent market data and industry-wide statistics. We generally use a 6% discount for selling costs which is applied to all properties, regardless of size. Appraised values may be adjusted to reflect changes in market conditions that have occurred subsequent to the appraisal date, or for revised estimates regarding the timing or cost of the property sale. These adjustments are based on qualitative judgments made by management on a case-by-case

basis.

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Our available for sale portfolio is carried at estimated fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, reported as accumulated other comprehensive income in shareholders' equity. We conduct a periodic review and evaluation of the securities portfolio to determine if the value of any security has declined below its carrying value and whether such decline is other than temporary. If such decline is deemed other than temporary, we would adjust the carrying amount of the security by writing down the security to fair market value through a charge to current period income. The market values of our securities are significantly affected by changes in interest rates.

In general, as interest rates rise, the market value of fixed-rate securities will decrease; as interest rates fall, the market value of fixed-rate securities will increase. With significant changes in interest rates, we evaluate our intent and ability to hold the security for a sufficient time to recover the recorded principal balance. Estimated fair values for securities are based on published or securities dealers' market values. Market volatility is unpredictable and may impact such values.

Fair Value Measurements

We use fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. We base our fair values on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Securities available for sale, derivatives, and loans held for sale, if any, are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Additionally, from time to time, we may be required to record certain assets at fair value on a non-recurring basis, such as certain impaired loans held for investment and securities held to maturity that are other-than-temporarily impaired. These non-recurring fair value adjustments typically involve write-downs of individual assets due to application of lower-of-cost or market accounting.

We have established and documented a process for determining fair value. We maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when developing fair value measurements. Whenever there is no readily available market data, management uses its best estimate and assumptions in determining fair value, but these estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management's judgment. As a result, if other assumptions had been used, our recorded earnings or disclosures could have been materially different from those reflected in these financial statements.

Deferred Compensations Plans

Future compensation under the Company's executive salary continuation plan and director retirement plan is earned for services rendered through retirement. The Company accrues for the salary continuation liability based on anticipated years of service and vesting schedules provided under the plans. The Company's current benefit liability is determined based on vesting and the present value of the benefits at a corresponding discount rate. The discount rate used is an equivalent rate for investment-grade bonds with lives matching those of the service periods remaining for the salary continuation contracts, which average approximately 20 years.

Introduction

Oak Valley Community Bank commenced operations in May 1991. We are an insured bank under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and are a member of the Federal Reserve. Since its formation, the Bank has provided basic banking services to individuals and business enterprises in Oakdale, California and the surrounding areas. The focus of the Bank is to offer a range of commercial banking services designed for both individuals and small to medium-sized businesses in the two main areas of service of the Company: the Central Valley and the Eastern Sierras.

The Bank offers a complement of business checking and savings accounts for its business customers. The Bank also offers commercial and real estate loans, as well as lines of credit. Real estate loans are generally of a short-term nature for both residential and commercial purposes. Longer-term real estate loans are generally made with adjustable interest rates and contain normal provisions for acceleration. In addition, the Bank offers traditional residential mortgages through a third party.

The Bank also offers other services for both individuals and businesses including online banking, remote deposit capture, merchant services, night depository, extended hours, traveler's checks, wire transfer of funds, note collection, and automated teller machines in a national network. The Bank does not currently offer international banking or trust services although the Bank may make such services available to the Bank's customers through financial institutions with which the Bank has correspondent banking relationships. The Bank does not offer stock transfer services nor does it directly issue credit cards.

Effective July 3, 2008, Oak Valley Community Bank became a subsidiary of Oak Valley Bancorp, a newly established bank holding company. Oak Valley Bancorp operates Oak Valley Community Bank as a community bank in the general commercial banking business, with our primary market encompassing the California Central Valley around Oakdale and Modesto, and the Eastern Sierras. As such, unless otherwise noted, all references are about Oak Valley Bancorp (the "Company").

Overview of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The purpose of this summary is to provide an overview of the items management focuses on when evaluating the condition of the Company and its success in implementing its business and shareholder value strategies. The Company's business strategy is to operate the Bank as a well-capitalized, profitable and independent community oriented bank. The Company's shareholder value strategy has three major themes: (1) enhancing shareholder value; (2) making its retail banking franchise more valuable; and (3) efficiently utilizing its capital.

Management believes the following were important factors in the Company's performance during the three month period ended March 31, 2015:

The Company recognized net income available to common shareholders of \$1,526,000 or \$0.19 per common diluted share for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, as compared to \$1,408,000 or \$0.18 per common diluted share for the same period in 2014. The factors contributing to these results will be discussed below.

- In the three month period ended March 31, 2015, the Company recognized a \$125,000 reversal of loan loss provisions due to overall improvement in the credit quality of our loan portfolio and noted trends of improvement in the economic climate. Comparatively, no loan loss provisions were recorded during the three month period in 2014. The decrease was mainly due management's assessment of the appropriate level for the allowance for loan losses. The Company continues to monitor the Bank's loan portfolio with the objective of avoiding defaults or write-downs. The Board of Directors and all employees continue to work hard to ensure a high level of underwriting standards. Despite these actions, the possibility of additional losses cannot be eliminated.

• Net interest income increased \$97,000 or 1.6% for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014. The increase was primarily due to growth of our loan and investment security portfolios.

• Non-interest income increased by \$217,000 or 26.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the same period in 2014. The increase was primarily realized in gains from called investment securities.

• Non-interest expense increased by \$218,000 or 4.5% for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the same period in 2014. The increase was mainly due to an increase in staffing necessary to support the loan and deposit growth and the opening of our Tracy branch in December 2014.

• Total assets increased \$3.9 million or 0.5% from December 31, 2014. Total net loans decreased by \$1.2 million or 0.3% and investment securities decreased by \$0.1 million or 0.1% from December 31, 2014 to March 31, 2015, while deposits increased by \$3.4 million or 0.5% for the same period.

Income Summary

For the three month period ended March 31, 2015, the Company recorded net income of \$1,526,000, representing an increase of \$118,000, as compared to the same period in 2014. Return on average assets (annualized) was 0.82% for the three months ended March 31, 2015, as compared with 0.84% for the same period in 2014. Annualized return on average common equity was 8.22% for the three months ended March 31, 2015, as compared to 8.59% for the same period of 2014.

Net income before provisions for income taxes increased \$221,000 for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, from the comparable 2014 period. The income statement components of these variances are as follows:

Pre-Tax Income Variance Summary:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Effect on Pre-Tax Income Increase (Decrease) Three Months Ended March 31, 2015
Change from 2014 to 2015 in:	
Net interest income	\$ 97
Provision for loan losses	125
Non-interest income	217
Non-interest expense	(218)
Change in income before income taxes	\$ 221

These variances will be explained in the discussion below.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income is the largest source of the Company's operating income. For the three month period ended March 31, 2015, net interest income was \$6.2 million, which represented an increase of \$97,000 or 1.6% from the comparable period in 2014.

The net interest margin (net interest income as a percentage of average interest earning assets) was 3.74% for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, which decreased compared to 4.04% for the same period in 2014. Overall, the Company has experienced net interest margin compression since the economic downturn in 2010 for several reasons:

1) deposit interest rates have essentially reached a threshold in which they cannot reasonably be further reduced, 2) competition in the lending market has driven new loan rates down, 3) loan and investment portfolio yields continue to decrease due to contractual repricing and 4) deposit growth has out-paced loan growth and the elevated interest-bearing cash balances, which yield approximately 0.25%, have compressed our net interest margin.

The cost of funds on interest-bearing liabilities did recognize a moderate decrease of 3 basis points for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to 2014 due to further rate reductions mainly from certificate of deposit accounts that matured and renewed at lower rates. In addition, average non-interest-bearing demand deposit balances increased by \$33.2 million for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the same period of 2014.

Earning asset yield decreased by 32 basis points to 3.83% for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, compared to the same period of 2014. The yield on loans decreased by 34 basis points for the first quarter of 2015, as compared to 2014, in spite of the significant portion of our loans that are at their contractual rate floors. This decrease in loan yield was primarily a result of competitive pressure on the pricing of new loan fundings and a decrease in loan fee income recognition. The drop in loan yield was offset by deploying a portion of the low yielding cash equivalent balances into loans which recognized growth of \$37.5 million (based on average balances) in the three month period of 2015 as compared to 2014.

The following tables shows the relative impact of changes in average balances of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities, and interest rates earned and paid by the Company on those assets and liabilities for the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014:

Net Interest Analysis

	Three months ended March 31, 2015			Three months ended March 31, 2014		
	Average Balance	Interest Income / Expense	Avg Rate/ Yield	Average Balance	Interest Income / Expense	Avg Rate/ Yield
<i>(in thousands)</i>						
Assets:						
Earning assets:						
Gross loans (1) (2)	\$456,124	\$ 5,403	4.80 %	\$418,627	\$ 5,305	5.14 %
Investment securities (2)	118,296	1,083	3.71 %	118,932	1,089	3.71 %
Federal funds sold	12,466	7	0.23 %	23,471	13	0.22 %
Interest-earning deposits	108,516	67	0.25 %	69,348	43	0.25 %
Total interest-earning assets	695,402	6,560	3.83 %	630,378	6,450	4.15 %
Total noninterest earning assets	60,002			52,520		
Total assets	755,404			682,898		
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Interest-earning DDA	15,953	1	0.03 %	11,556	1	0.04 %
Money market deposits	256,033	67	0.11 %	245,693	74	0.12 %
NOW deposits	111,037	19	0.07 %	93,878	16	0.07 %
Savings deposits	42,310	11	0.11 %	41,137	13	0.13 %
Time certificates of deposit \$100,000 or more	32,001	40	0.51 %	33,513	50	0.61 %
Other time deposits	16,553	13	0.32 %	18,595	19	0.41 %
Other borrowings	28	0	0.00 %	0	0	0.00 %
Total interest-bearing liabilities	473,915	151	0.13 %	444,372	173	0.16 %
Noninterest-bearing liabilities:						
Noninterest-bearing deposits	201,336			168,096		
Other liabilities	4,883			3,988		
Total noninterest-bearing liabilities	206,219			172,084		
Shareholders' equity	75,270			66,442		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$755,404			\$682,898		
Net interest income		\$ 6,409			\$ 6,277	
Net interest spread (3)			3.70 %			3.99 %
Net interest margin (4)			3.74 %			4.04 %

(1) Loan fees have been included in the calculation of interest income.

(2) Yields and interest income on municipal securities and loans have been adjusted to their fully-taxable equivalents, based on a federal marginal tax rate of 34.0%.

(3) Represents the average rate earned on interest-earning assets less the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities.

(4) Represents net interest income as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.

(5) Annual interest rates are computed by dividing the interest income/expense by the number of days in the period multiplied by 365.

Shown in the following tables are the relative impacts on net interest income of changes in the average outstanding balances (volume) of earning assets and interest bearing liabilities and the rates earned and paid by the Company on those assets and liabilities for the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. Changes in interest income and expense that are not attributable specifically to either rate or volume are allocated to the rate column below.

Rate / Volume Variance Analysis

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 vs 2014 Increase (Decrease) in interest income and expense due to changes in:		
(in thousands)	Volume	Rate	Total
Interest income:			
Gross loans (1) (2)	\$474	\$(376)	\$98
Investment securities (2)	(6)	0	(6)
Federal funds sold	(6)	0	(6)
Interest-earning deposits	24	0	24
Total interest income	\$486	\$(376)	\$110
Interest expense:			
Interest-earning DDA	0	0	0
Money market deposits	3	(10)	(7)
NOW deposits	3	0	3
Savings deposits	0	(2)	(2)
Time CD \$100K or more	(2)	(8)	(10)
Other time deposits	(2)	(4)	(6)
Other borrowings	0	0	0
Total interest expense	\$2	\$(24)	\$(22)
Change in net interest income	\$484	\$(352)	\$132

(1) Loan fees have been included in the calculation of interest income.

(2) Interest income on municipal securities and loans has been adjusted to their fully-taxable equivalents, based on a federal marginal tax rate of 34.0%.

The table above reflects the current low interest rate environment has impacted assets more than liabilities as indicated by the decrease of \$352,000 in net interest income due to the rate change for the first quarter of 2015. This is not typical for the Company, as we have historically been liability sensitive, however, deposit interest rates are at historic lows and have essentially reached a threshold in which they cannot reasonably be further reduced and existing loans are continuing to reprice downward while new loans are funding at historically low rates. The decrease in loan yields resulted in a \$376,000 decrease to loan interest income for the quarter compared to prior year. The increase in earning asset balances combined with the overall change in mix of balances resulted in an increase of \$484,000 to net interest income over the same period.

Non-Interest Income

Non-interest income represents service charges on deposit accounts and other non-interest related charges and fees, including fees from mortgage commissions and investment service fee income. For the three month period ended March 31, 2015, non-interest income was \$1,027,000, representing an increase of \$217,000 or 26.8%, compared to the same period in 2014.

The following tables show the major components of non-interest income:

(in thousands)	For the Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2015	2014	\$ change	% change	
Service charges on deposits	\$ 312	\$ 309	\$ 3	1.0	%
Earnings on cash surrender value of life insurance	108	101	7	6.9	%
Mortgage commissions	45	30	15	50.0	%
Net gain on sales and calls of securities	109	8	101	1262.5	%
Other income	453	362	91	25.1	%
Total non-interest income	\$ 1,027	\$ 810	\$ 217	26.8	%

Service charges on deposits increased by \$3,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014, as a result of an increase in the number of transaction deposit accounts.

Earnings on cash surrender value of life insurance increased by \$7,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014, as a result of three new life insurance plans totaling \$1.0 million purchased on directors in March 2014.

Mortgage commissions have increased by \$15,000 for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the same period of 2014, as a result of the rising demand for home purchases and refinancing.

Net gain on sales and calls of securities increased by \$101,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the same period in 2014, mainly due to a gain of \$122,000 on the call of a U.S. agency security that was offset by a loss on the sale of an asset backed security during the first quarter of 2015.

Other income increased by \$91,000 for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the same period of 2014 mainly due to the elimination of our checking rewards program in December 2014 that saved \$45,000 in reward payments and increases of \$17,000 in FHLB stock dividend income, \$14,000 in debit card fee income and \$4,000 in investment service fee income.

Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest expense represents salaries and benefits, occupancy expenses, professional expenses, outside services, and other miscellaneous expenses necessary to conduct business.

The following tables show the major components of non-interest expenses:

(in thousands)	For the Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2015	2014	\$ change	% change	
Salaries and employee benefits	\$2,983	\$2,714	\$ 269	9.9	%
Occupancy	747	745	2	0.3	%
Data processing fees	353	326	27	8.3	%
Regulatory assessments (FDIC & DBO)	114	120	(6)	(5.0%)	)
Other	902	976	(74)	(7.6%)	)
Total non-interest expense	\$5,099	\$4,881	\$ 218	4.5	%

Non-interest expenses increased by \$218,000 or 4.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the same period of 2014. Salaries and employee benefits increased \$269,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the same period of 2014, primarily due to full time equivalent staffing increase from 142 to 148 to support continued loan and deposit growth and the opening of our Tracy branch in December 2014.

Data processing fees increased by \$27,000 for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, as a result of an increased number of transaction accounts. Other expense decreased by \$74,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014, mainly as a result of a recovery of impaired loan expense, corresponding to the payoff of a non-performing loan which was partially offset by a combination of expenses incurred to support the growth of our product lines and services.

FDIC and DBO (California Department of Business Oversight) regulatory assessments decreased by \$6,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015 as compared to the same period of 2014. The initial base assessment rate for financial institutions varies based on the overall risk profile of the institution as defined by the FDIC. The assessment rate decreased as a result of our improved risk profile, but was partially offset by a higher deposit base in 2015 as compared to 2014, as the FDIC assessment rates are applied to average quarterly total liabilities as the primary basis.

Occupancy expenses increased by \$2,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the same period of 2014. The increased rent expense from our Tracy branch was offset by a decrease in depreciation on fixed assets.

Management anticipates that non-interest expense will continue to increase as we continue to grow. However, management remains committed to cost-control and efficiency, and we expect to keep these increases to a minimum relative to growth.

Income Taxes

We reported a provision for income taxes of \$728,000 for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, representing an increase of \$103,000 as compared to the provision reported in the comparable period of 2014. The effective income tax rate on income from continuing operations was 32.3% for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to 30.7% for the comparable period of 2014. These provisions reflect accruals for taxes at the applicable rates for federal income tax and California franchise tax based upon reported pre-tax income, and adjusted for the effects of all permanent differences between income for tax and financial reporting purposes (such as earnings on qualified municipal securities, BOLI and certain tax-exempt loans). The disparity between the effective tax rates for 2015 as compared to 2014 is primarily due to tax credits from California Enterprise Zones and low income housing projects as well as tax free-income on loans within these enterprise zones and municipal securities and loans that comprise a larger proportion of pre-tax income in 2014 as compared to 2015.

Asset Quality

Non-performing assets consist of loans on non-accrual status, including loans restructured on non-accrual status, where the terms of repayment have been renegotiated resulting in a reduction or deferral of interest or principal, loans 90 days or more past due and still accruing interest and other real estate owned ("OREO").

Loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when they become 90 days past due, unless management believes the loan is adequately collateralized and in the process of collection. The past due loans may or may not be adequately collateralized, but collection efforts are continuously pursued. Loans may be restructured by management when a borrower has experienced some changes in financial status, causing an inability to meet the original repayment terms, and where we believe the borrower will eventually overcome those circumstances and repay the loan in full. OREO consists of properties acquired by foreclosure or similar means and which management intends to offer for sale.

Non-accrual loans totaled \$4.4 million at March 31, 2015, as compared to \$4.7 million at December 31, 2014. The non-accrual loans as of March 31, 2015 are loans made to five borrowers primarily for purposes of commercial real estate. As of March 31, 2015, we had five loans considered troubled debt restructurings totaling \$3.3 million, all of which are included in non-accrual loans.

OREO as of March 31, 2015 consisted of three properties, one of which was a residential land acquired through foreclosure that was written down to a zero balance because the public utilities have not been obtainable rendering these land lots unmarketable at this time. The other two OREO properties consisted of commercial real estate totaling \$834,000 and were acquired through foreclosure.

The following table presents information about the Bank's non-performing assets, including asset quality ratios as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

Non-Performing Assets

<i>(in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014		
Loans in non-accrual status	\$4,412	\$ 4,700		
Loans past due 90 days or more and accruing	0	0		
Total non-performing loans	4,412	4,700		
Other real estate owned	834	884		
Total non-performing assets	\$5,246	\$ 5,584		
Allowance for loan losses	\$7,409	\$ 7,534		
Asset quality ratios:				
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.70 %	0.74 %		
Non-performing loans to total loans	0.97 %	1.03 %		
Allowance for loan losses to total loans	1.63 %	1.66 %		
Allowance for loan losses to total non-performing loans	167.9%	160.3 %		

Non-performing assets decreased by \$338,000 as of March 31, 2015, as compared to December 31, 2014, as a result of a \$1.25 million payoff of one nonaccrual loan and an additional \$64,000 in regular principal payments during the first quarter of 2015. This was offset by the addition of a loan placed on nonaccrual status totaling \$1.03 million. There were write downs of \$50,000 during the first quarter of 2015, on one OREO property leaving the balance at \$834,000 at March 31, 2015, as the Company continued to hold the three properties mentioned above.

Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses ("ALLL")

Due to credit risk inherent in our lending business, we routinely set aside allowances through charges to earnings. Such charges are not only made for the outstanding loan portfolio, but also for off-balance sheet items, such as commitments to extend credits or letters of credit. Charges made for the outstanding loan portfolio have been credited to the allowance for loan losses, whereas charges for off-balance sheet items have been credited to the reserve for off-balance sheet items, which is presented as a component of other liabilities. The Company recorded a reversal of

\$125,000 for loan loss provisions during the three month period of 2015, as compared to the no provisions recorded in the same period of 2014.

The allowance for loan losses decreased by \$125,000 or 1.7%, to \$7.41 million at March 31, 2015, as compared with \$7.53 million at December 31, 2014. The Company recognized the decrease in the allowance for loan losses during the first three months of the year due to the \$125,000 reversal of loan loss provision as previously described and there were no net loan charge offs. The decrease to the allowance for loan losses resulted in a decrease in the allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total loans to 1.63% at March 31, 2015, as compared to 1.66% at December 31, 2014.

The Company will continue to monitor the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and make additions to the allowance in accordance with the analysis referred to above. Because of uncertainties inherent in estimating the appropriate level of the allowance for loan losses, actual results may differ from management's estimate of credit losses and the related allowance.

The Company makes provisions for loan losses when required to bring the total allowance for loan and lease losses to a level deemed appropriate for the level of risk in the loan portfolio. At least quarterly, management conducts an assessment of the overall quality of the loan portfolio and general economic trends in the local market. The determination of the appropriate level for the allowance is based on that review, considering such factors as historical experience, the volume and type of lending conducted, the amount of and identified potential loss associated with specific non-performing loans, regulatory policies, general economic conditions, and other factors related to the collectability of loans in the portfolio.

Although management believes the allowance at March 31, 2015 was adequate to absorb probable losses from any known and inherent risks in the portfolio, no assurance can be given that the adverse effect of current and future economic conditions on our service areas, or other variables, will not result in increased losses in the loan portfolio in the future.

Investment Activities

Investments are a key source of interest income. Management of our investment portfolio is set in accordance with strategies developed and overseen by our Investment Committee. Investment balances, including cash equivalents and interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions, are subject to change over time based on our asset/liability funding needs and interest rate risk management objectives. Our liquidity levels take into consideration anticipated future cash flows and all available sources of credits, and are maintained at levels management believes are appropriate to assure future flexibility in meeting anticipated funding needs.

Cash Equivalents

The Company holds federal funds sold, unpledged available-for-sale securities and salable government guaranteed loans to help meet liquidity requirements and provide temporary holdings until the funds can be otherwise deployed or invested. As of March 31, 2015, and December 31, 2014, we had \$149.7 million and \$144.3 million, respectively, in cash and cash equivalents.

Investment Securities

Management of our investment securities portfolio focuses on providing an adequate level of liquidity and establishing an interest rate-sensitive position, while earning an adequate level of investment income without taking undue risk. Investment securities that we intend to hold until maturity are classified as held-to-maturity securities, and all other investment securities are classified as available-for-sale. Currently, all of our investment securities are classified as available-for-sale. The carrying values of available-for-sale investment securities are adjusted for unrealized gains or losses as a valuation allowance and any gain or loss is reported on an after-tax basis as a component of other comprehensive income.

Management has evaluated the investment securities portfolio to determine if the impairment of any security in an unrealized loss position is temporary or other than temporary. We conduct a periodic review and evaluation of the securities portfolio to determine if the value of any security has declined below its carrying value. If such decline is deemed other than temporary, we would adjust the carrying amount of the security by writing down the security to fair value through a charge to current period income or a charge to accumulated other comprehensive income depending on the nature of the impairment and managements intent or requirement to sell the security. Management has determined that no investment security is other than temporarily impaired. The unrealized losses are due primarily to interest rate changes.

Deposits

Total deposits at March 31, 2015 were \$673.0 million, a \$3.4 million or 0.5% increase from the deposit total of \$669.6 million at December 31, 2014. Average deposits increased \$62.8 million to \$675.2 million for the three month period ended March 31, 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014. We attracted deposits due to the safety and soundness of the Bank and our focus on customer service.

Deposits Outstanding

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	Three month change \$	%	
<i>(in thousands)</i>					
Demand	\$ 199,840	\$ 225,957	\$(26,117)	(11.6%)	
NOW	115,024	108,374	6,650	6.1	%
MMDA	263,717	247,442	16,275	6.6	%
Savings	46,396	39,412	6,984	17.7	%
Time < \$100K	16,448	16,771	(323)	(1.9%)	)
Time > \$100K	31,566	31,625	(59)	(0.2%)	)
	\$672,991	\$669,581	\$3,410	0.5	%

Because our client base is comprised primarily of commercial and industrial accounts, individual account balances are generally higher than those of consumer-oriented banks. Four of our clients carry deposit balances of more than 1% of our total deposits, one of which had a deposit balance of more than 3% of total deposits at March 31, 2015.

Since our deposit growth strategy emphasizes core deposit growth we have avoided relying on brokered deposits as a consistent source of funds. The Company had \$1.8 million in brokered deposits as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014. The only brokered deposits the Bank holds are from CDARS and ICS, a certificate of deposit and money market account program, respectively, that exchanges funds with other network banks to offer full FDIC insurance coverage to the customer.

Borrowings

Although deposits are the primary source of funds for our lending and investment activities and for general business purposes, we may obtain advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco ("FHLB") as an alternative to retail deposit funds. Our outstanding FHLB advances were paid in full during the first quarter of 2012 and remained a zero balance at December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015, due to elevated liquidity levels from increased deposits that allowed us to pay the advances off. See "Liquidity Management" below for the details on the FHLB borrowings program.

Capital Ratios

The Company is regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) and is subject to the securities registration and public reporting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. As a California-state chartered bank, our banking subsidiary is subject to primary supervision, examination and regulation by the California Department of Business Oversight (DBO) and the Federal Reserve Board. The Federal Reserve Board is the primary federal regulator of state member banks. The Bank is also subject to regulation by the FDIC, which insures the Bank's deposits as permitted by law. We are not aware of any recommendations of regulatory authorities or otherwise which, if they were to be implemented, would have a material effect on our liquidity, capital resources, or operations.

The Company must comply with regulatory capital requirements established by the FRB. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory, and possibly additional discretionary, actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on our financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, we must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of our assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Our capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors. These capital standards require us to maintain minimum ratios of "Tier 1" capital to total risk-weighted assets and total capital to risk-weighted assets of 6.00% and 8.00%, respectively. Tier 1 capital is comprised of total shareholders' equity calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, excluding accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), less intangible assets, and total capital is comprised of Tier 1 capital plus certain adjustments, the largest of which is our allowance for loan losses. Risk-weighted assets refer to our on- and off-balance sheet exposures, adjusted for their related risk levels using formulas set forth in FRB and FDIC regulations.

In addition to the risk-based capital requirements described above, we are subject to a leverage capital requirement, which calls for a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital (as defined above) to quarterly average total assets of 4.00%.

In July 2013, the U.S. banking agencies approved the U.S. version of Basel III. The federal bank regulatory agencies adopted version of Basel III revises the risk-based and leverage capital requirements and the method for calculating risk-weighted assets to make them consistent with Basel III and to meet the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act. Although many of the rules contained in these final regulations are applicable only to large, internationally active banks, some of them will apply on a phased in basis to all banking organizations, including the Company and the Bank. Among other things, the rules establish a new minimum common equity Tier 1 ratio (4.5% of risk-weighted assets), a higher minimum Tier 1 risk-based capital requirement (6.0% of risk-weighted assets) and a minimum non-risk-based leverage ratio (4.00% eliminating a 3.00% exception for higher rated banks). The new additional capital conservation buffer of 2.5% of risk weighted assets over each of the required capital ratios will be phased in from 2016 to 2019 and must be met to avoid limitations on the ability of the Bank to pay dividends, repurchase shares or pay discretionary bonuses. The additional "countercyclical capital buffer" is also required for larger and more complex institutions. The new rules assign higher risk weighting to exposures that are more than 90 days past due or

are on nonaccrual status and certain commercial real estate facilities that finance the acquisition, development or construction of real property. The rules also change the permitted composition of Tier 1 capital to exclude trust preferred securities, mortgage servicing rights and certain deferred tax assets and include unrealized gains and losses on available for sale debt and equity securities (with a one-time opt out option for Standardized Banks (banks with less than \$250 billion of total consolidated assets and less than \$10 billion of foreign exposures)). The rules, including alternative requirements for smaller community financial institutions like the Company, would be phased in through 2019. The implementation of the Basel III framework for the Company and the Bank commenced on January 1, 2015.

Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can trigger regulatory actions that could have a material adverse effect on our financial statements and operations. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, we must meet specific capital guidelines that rely on quantitative measures of our assets, liabilities and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Our capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors.

The following table shows our capital ratios, as calculated under regulatory guidelines, compared to the regulatory minimum capital ratios and the regulatory minimum capital ratios needed to qualify as a “well-capitalized” institution at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

(in thousands)	Actual		For capital		To be well	
			adequacy		capitalized	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
<u>Capital ratios for Bank:</u>						
As of March 31, 2015						
Total capital (to Risk- Weighted Assets)	\$80,017	14.5 %	\$44,212	>8.0%	\$55,265	>10.0%
Tier I capital (to Risk- Weighted Assets)	\$73,100	13.2 %	\$33,159	>6.0%	\$44,212	>8.0%
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$73,100	13.2 %	\$24,869	>4.5%	\$35,922	>6.5%
Tier I capital (to Average Assets)	\$73,100	9.7 %	\$30,212	>4.0%	\$37,764	>5.0%
As of December 31, 2014						
Total capital (to Risk- Weighted Assets)	\$79,168	14.5 %	\$43,778	>8.0%	\$54,722	>10.0%
Tier I capital (to Risk- Weighted Assets)	\$72,316	13.2 %	\$21,889	>4.0%	\$32,833	>6.0%
Tier I capital (to Average Assets)	\$72,316	10.1 %	\$28,783	>4.0%	\$35,979	>5.0%
<u>Capital ratios for Bancorp:</u>						
As of March 31, 2015						
Total capital (to Risk- Weighted Assets)	\$80,777	14.6 %	\$44,219	>8.0%	N/A	N/A
Tier I capital (to Risk- Weighted Assets)	\$73,859	13.4 %	\$33,164	>6.0%	N/A	N/A
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$73,859	13.4 %	\$24,873	>4.5%	N/A	N/A
Tier I capital (to Average Assets)	\$73,859	9.8 %	\$30,216	>4.0%	N/A	N/A
As of December 31, 2014						
Total capital (to Risk- Weighted Assets)	\$79,873	14.5 %	\$43,785	>8.0%	N/A	N/A
Tier I capital (to Risk- Weighted Assets)	\$73,020	13.3 %	\$21,893	>4.0%	N/A	N/A
Tier I capital (to Average Assets)	\$73,020	10.2 %	\$28,787	>4.0%	N/A	N/A

Our bank subsidiary is also subject to capital requirements similar to those discussed above. The bank subsidiary’s capital ratios do not vary materially from our capital ratios presented above. At March 31, 2015, our bank subsidiary exceeded the minimum ratios established by the FRB.

Liquidity Management

Since the Company is a holding company and does not conduct regular banking operations, its primary sources of liquidity are dividends from the Bank. Under the California Financial Code, payment of a dividend from the Bank to the Company is restricted to the lesser of the Bank's retained earnings or the amount of the Bank's undistributed net profits from the previous three fiscal years. The primary uses of funds for the Company are stockholder dividends, investment in the Bank and ordinary operating expenses. Management anticipates that there will be sufficient earnings at the Bank level to provide dividends to the Company to meet its funding requirements for the foreseeable future.

Maintenance of adequate liquidity requires that sufficient resources be available at all times to meet our cash flow requirements. Liquidity in a banking institution is required primarily to provide for deposit withdrawals and the credit needs of its customers and to take advantage of investment opportunities as they arise. Liquidity management involves our ability to convert assets into cash or cash equivalents without incurring significant loss, and to raise cash or maintain funds without incurring excessive additional cost. For this purpose, we maintain a portion of our funds in cash and cash equivalents, salable government guaranteed loans and securities available for sale. We obtain funds from the repayment and maturity of loans as well as deposit inflows, investment security maturities and paydowns, Federal funds purchased, FHLB advances, and other borrowings. Our primary uses of funds are the origination of loans, the purchase of investment securities, withdrawals of deposits, maturity of certificate of deposits, repayment of borrowings and dividends to common and preferred stockholders. Our liquid assets at March 31, 2015 were \$223.1 million compared to \$223.5 million at December 31, 2014. Our liquidity level measured as the percentage of liquid assets to total assets was 29.6% and 29.8% at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. We anticipate that cash and cash equivalents on hand and other sources of funds will provide adequate liquidity for our operating, investing and financing needs and our regulatory liquidity requirements for the foreseeable future. Management monitors our liquidity position daily, balancing loan funding/payments with changes in deposit activity and overnight investments.

As a secondary source of liquidity, we rely on advances from the FHLB to supplement our supply of lendable funds and to meet deposit withdrawal requirements. Advances from the FHLB are typically secured by a portion of our loan portfolio. The FHLB determines limitations on the amount of advances by assigning a percentage to each eligible loan category that will count towards the borrowing capacity. As of March 31, 2015, our borrowing capacity from the FHLB was approximately \$187.3 million and there were no outstanding advances. We also maintain 2 lines of credit with correspondent banks to purchase up to \$25 million in federal funds, for which there were no advances as of March 31, 2015.

Off-Balance-Sheet Arrangements

During the ordinary course of business, we provide various forms of credit lines to meet the financing needs of our customers. These commitments, which represent a credit risk to us, are not represented in any form on our balance sheets.

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we had commitments to extend credit of \$87.4 million and \$84.8 million, respectively, which includes obligations under letters of credit of \$1.7 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

The effect on our revenues, expenses, cash flows and liquidity from the unused portion of the commitments to provide credit cannot be reasonably predicted because there is no guarantee that the lines of credit will be used.

Item 3.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Not applicable.

Item 4.

Controls and Procedures

The Company's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13 a-15(e) and 15(d)-15(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act, as of the end of the period covered by this report (the "Evaluation Date") have concluded that as of the Evaluation Date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were adequate and effective to ensure that material information relating to the Company would be made known to them by others within the Company, particularly during the period in which this report was being prepared. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting subsequent to the Evaluation Date, nor were there any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in such controls requiring corrective actions.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

There are no pending, or to management's knowledge, any threatened, material legal proceedings to which we are a defendant, or to which any of our properties are subject. There are no material legal proceedings to which any director, any nominee for election as a director, any executive officer, or any associate of any such director, nominee or officer is a party adverse to us.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

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Item 6.**Exhibits**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report or hereby incorporated by reference to filings previously made with the SEC:

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*In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the information in these exhibits is “furnished” and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liability under that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

SIGNATURES

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

Oak Valley Bancorp

Date: May 12, 2015 By: /s/ RICHARD A. MCCARTY

Richard A. McCarty

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and duly authorized

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