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JOEY WARMENHOVEN JOINS PACIFIC WEST BANK BOARD

West Linn, OR – Pacific West Bank (OTCBB: PWBO) announced today that Joey Warmenhoven, Managing Director of the Community Banking Group at Wedbush Securities, has joined its Board of Directors.

Warmenhoven, responsible for Wedbush’s small community bank market making and sales, began his career at Pacific Crest Securities, and was instrumental in growing the sales and trading practice for the Financial Institutions group prior to advancing in positions at Wedbush and McAdams Wright Ragen.

“Joey is a tremendous asset for us to bring onto our Board, and we’re quite thrilled to have him join” said Steve Gray, the Bank’s President and CEO. “Joey brings significant knowledge and experience in bank stock capital markets, and adding that depth and breadth of experience will be significant for us as we continue to grow and evolve.”

“As a market maker, I’ve watched Pacific West Bank since before they even opened their doors,” said Warmenhoven. “I’ve been impressed with the Board and management team in my interactions with them throughout the years. I am excited to join the Board at this juncture, as the Bank is positioned well to grow and take advantage of some really nice opportunities in the community bank space.”

Warmenhoven graduated from Washington State University with a B.A. in Finance, and also received his M.B.A from Washington State University. He was a four-year letterman for the Washington State University basketball team. He resides in West Linn, is married with two children, and is actively involved in coaching youth volleyball, softball, and basketball.

About Pacific West Bank:

Pacific West Bank, a community bank, is headquartered in West Linn, Oregon, with a second branch in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Pacific West Bank provides not only highly personalized deposit and loan services to individuals and small-to-medium sized businesses but also financial and volunteer support to a variety of community, civic and charitable organizations. For more information about Pacific West Bank, please call 503-905-2222 or visit www.bankpacificwest.com. Information about the Bank's stock may be obtained through the OTC Markets at www.otcm Markets.com. Pacific West Bank's stock symbol is PWBO.

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