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CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY BANK NAMED AS THE EXCEPTIONAL CALIFORNIA BANK BY THE FINDLEY REPORTS IN THE $600 MILLION TO $1.2 BILLION CATEGORY

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA…March 18, 2009…Daniel J. Doyle, President and CEO of Central Valley Community Bank (Bank), the sole subsidiary of Central Valley Community Bancorp (Company) (NASDAQ:CVCY), is pleased to announce the Bank has been named as an exceptional bank based upon 2008 financial performance by Gary Steven Findley (well-known financial analyst) in the March 2009 issue of The Findley Reports (attached).

Each year, The Findley Reports provides special recognition to five exceptional banks in California that have shown solid financial performance and Central Valley Community Bank was honored in the category of "$600 Million to $1.2 Billion in Assets". The Findley Reports also noted that the Bank will be recognized as a "Super Premier Performing" bank for 2008, which is the highest of their three performance rankings.

"Central Valley Community Bank has been consistently recognized by The Findley Reports over the years and we are pleased to honor their solid performance in a very difficult and challenging environment during 2008. We believe the Bank demonstrates consistency and strength in their organization as well as integrity in the Board and management team, which has helped them build a core banking franchise that should continue to provide value for their shareholders and community," said Gary Steven Findley, President and Editor of The Findley Reports Newsletter.

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"To be named as the exceptional California bank in the $600 million to $1.2 billion size category during a challenging year in the financial industry is a true honor and testament to the financial strength and security of our Company. We believe this distinction helps prove the Company is well-positioned to continue to build a solid banking institution and weather the continued uncertainty of the economic environment," said Daniel Doyle, President and CEO of Central Valley Community Bank and Central Valley Community Bancorp.

Central Valley Community Bancorp trades on the NASDAQ stock exchange under the symbol CVCY. Central Valley Community Bank, headquartered in Fresno, California, was founded in 1979 and is the sole subsidiary of Central Valley Community Bancorp. Central Valley Community Bank currently operates 15 offices in Clovis, Fresno, Kerman, Lodi, Madera, Oakhurst, Prather, Sacramento, Stockton, Tracy, and a loan production office in Modesto, California. Additionally, the Bank operates Commercial Real Estate Lending, SBA Lending and Agribusiness Lending Departments. Investment services are provided by Investment Centers of America and insurance services are offered through Central Valley Community Insurance Services LLC. Members of Central Valley Community Bancorp's and the Bank's Board of Directors are: Daniel N. Cunningham (Chairman), Sidney B. Cox, Edwin S. Darden, Jr., Daniel J. Doyle, Steven D. McDonald, Louis McMurray, William S. Smittcamp, Joseph B. Weirick, and Wanda L. Rogers (Director Emeritus). More information about Central Valley Community Bancorp and Central Valley Community Bank can be found at www.cvcb.com

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