



# TRICO BANCSHARES

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## TRICO BANCSHARES ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY EARNINGS

CHICO, Calif. – (October 24, 2007) – TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK), parent company of Tri Counties Bank, today announced quarterly earnings of \$6,793,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. This represents a decrease of \$27,000 (0.4%) when compared with earnings of \$6,820,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. Diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 were \$0.42 compared to \$0.42 for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. Total assets of the Company increased \$49,519,000 (2.6%) to \$1,953,523,000 at September 30, 2007 from \$1,904,004,000 at September 30, 2006. Total loans of the Company increased \$27,917,000 (1.9%) to \$1,535,076,000 at September 30, 2007 from \$1,507,159,000 at September 30, 2006. Total deposits of the Company increased \$6,968,000 (0.5%) to \$1,532,142,000 at September 30, 2007 from \$1,525,174,000 at September 30, 2006. Diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 were \$1.22 and \$1.22, respectively, on earnings of \$19,992,000 and \$19,912,000, respectively.

The decrease in earnings from the quarter ended September 30, 2006 was due to a \$5,000 (0.02%) decrease in fully tax-equivalent (FTE) net interest income to \$21,840,000, and a \$465,000 (198%) increase in the provision for loan losses to \$700,000 that were substantially offset by a \$198,000 (3.0%) increase in noninterest income to \$6,847,000 and a \$274,000 (1.6%) decrease in noninterest expense to \$16,752,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.

The \$5,000 (0.02%) decrease in net interest income (FTE) was due to a 0.07% decrease in net interest margin (FTE) to 5.12% that was substantially offset by a \$20,381,000 (1.2%) increase in average balances of interest-earning assets to \$1,721,547,000. This decrease in net interest margin was mainly due to a 0.18% decrease in net interest spread as the average yield on interest-earning assets increased 0.14% while the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities increased 0.32% from the quarter ended September 30, 2006. The effect of the 0.18% decrease in net interest spread was partially offset by a 0.11% increase in the impact of net noninterest-bearing funds from the quarter ended September 30, 2006.

The Company provided \$700,000 for loan losses in the third quarter of 2007 versus \$235,000 in the third quarter of 2006. During the third quarter of 2007, the Company recorded \$560,000 of net loan charge-offs versus \$135,000 of net loan charge-offs in the year earlier quarter. The \$560,000 of net loan charge-offs during the third quarter of 2007 represented 0.15% of average loan balances on an annualized basis. At September 30, 2007, the combination of the Company's allowance for loan losses (\$17,139,000) and reserve for unfunded commitments (\$2,040,000) represented 255% of non-performing loans net of government agency guarantees (\$7,507,000).

The increase in noninterest income from the quarter ended September 30, 2006 was mainly due to a \$136,000 (30.4%) increase in commissions on sale of nondeposit investment products to \$583,000, a \$116,000 (3.1%) increase in service charges on deposit accounts to \$3,819,000, and an \$89,000 (9.6%) increase in ATM fees and interchange to \$1,016,000, that were partially offset by a \$53,000 (20.1%) decrease in gain on sale of loans to \$211,000. The increase in commissions on sale of nondeposit investment products was primarily due to improved market conditions and increased resources focused in this area. The increase in service charges on deposit accounts was primarily due to growth in customer count. The increase in ATM fees and interchange was due to growth in customer count and expansion of ATM network as part of new branch openings. The decrease in gain on sale of loans was due to a slowdown in residential mortgage refinance activity.

The \$274,000 decrease in noninterest expense for the third quarter of 2007 compared to the third quarter of 2006 was mainly due to a \$301,000 (3.2%) decrease in salaries and benefits expense to \$8,975,000. The decrease in salaries and benefits expense was mainly due to reduced commission and incentive expense that was partially offset by annual salary increases, and new employees at the Company's recently opened branches. The reduced commission and incentive expense was due to the Company's employees not earning certain bonus and incentive compensation which is tied to the Company satisfying internal targeted performance goals. The Company did not meet such goals for the third quarter of 2007 and thus did not incur the related compensation expense.

Richard Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer commented, "We are pleased with our results for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, given the difficult market conditions in residential real estate and continued margin pressures that we have faced throughout 2007. During the third quarter, the nation's liquidity crisis and rate reductions by the Federal Reserve added to operating challenges. Despite this, TriCo's performance held up remarkably well. Most importantly, credit quality remains good and demonstrates our ability to manage through the residential real estate downturn. We have been minimally affected by the pronounced slowdown in the California residential real estate market. While we did achieve modest loan growth in the most recent quarter, we find ourselves having to fund this growth with higher paying deposits or other borrowings."

On August 21, 2007, the Company announced the completion of its stock repurchase plan originally adopted on July 31, 2003 and amended on April 9, 2004. Under this plan, the Company repurchased a total of 500,000 shares of its common stock with the final 105,629 shares being repurchased during August 2007 at an average price of \$20.97 per share. Also on August 21, 2007, the Board of Directors adopted a new plan to repurchase, as conditions warrant, up to 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock on the open market. As of September 30, 2007, the Company had not repurchased any shares of its common stock under its stock repurchase plan announced on August 21, 2007, which left 500,000 shares available for repurchase under the plan.

In addition to the historical information contained herein, this press release contains certain forward-looking statements. The reader of this press release should understand that all such forward-looking statements are subject to various uncertainties and risks that could affect their outcome. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those suggested by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, variances in the actual versus projected growth in assets, return on assets, loan losses, expenses, rates charged on loans and earned on securities investments, rates paid on deposits, competition effects, fee and other noninterest income earned as well as other factors. This entire press release should be read to put such forward-looking statements in context and to gain a more complete understanding of the uncertainties and risks involved in the Company's business.

TriCo Bancshares and Tri Counties Bank are headquartered in Chico, California. Tri Counties Bank has a 32-year history in the banking industry. Tri Counties Bank operates 32 traditional branch locations and 25 in-store branch locations in 23 California counties. Tri Counties Bank offers financial services and provides a diversified line of products and services to consumers and businesses, which include demand, savings and time deposits, consumer finance, online banking, mortgage lending, and commercial banking throughout its market area. It operates a network of 64 ATMs and a 24-hour, seven days a week telephone customer service center. Brokerage services are provided at the Bank's offices by the Bank's association with Raymond James Financial, Inc. For further information please visit the Tri Counties Bank web-site at <http://www.tricountiesbank.com>.

**TRICO BANCSHARES - CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA**

(Unaudited. Dollars in thousands, except share data)

	Three months ended				
	September 30, 2007	June 30, 2007	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006	September 30, 2006
<b>Statement of Income Data</b>					
Interest income	\$32,442	\$31,986	\$30,661	\$31,545	\$31,421
Interest expense	10,602	9,895	9,216	9,821	9,576
Net interest income	21,840	22,091	21,445	21,724	21,845
Provision for loan losses	700	500	482	-	235
Noninterest income:					
Service charges and fees	5,218	5,375	5,061	4,940	5,056
Other income	1,629	1,654	1,539	1,687	1,593
Total noninterest income	6,847	7,029	6,600	6,627	6,649
Noninterest expense:					
Salaries and benefits	8,975	9,619	9,742	9,405	9,276
Intangible amortization	122	122	123	350	350
Provision for losses - unfunded commitments	-	74	117	-	-
Other expense	7,655	7,628	6,978	7,247	7,400
Total noninterest expense	16,752	17,443	16,960	17,002	17,026
Income before taxes	11,235	11,177	10,603	11,349	11,233
Net income	\$6,793	\$6,755	\$6,444	\$6,918	\$6,820
<b>Share Data</b>					
Basic earnings per share	\$0.43	\$0.42	\$0.41	\$0.44	\$0.43
Diluted earnings per share	0.42	0.41	0.39	0.42	0.42
Book value per common share	11.50	11.22	10.96	10.69	10.41
Tangible book value per common share	\$10.44	\$10.16	\$9.89	\$9.60	\$9.22
Shares outstanding	15,891,300	15,917,291	15,910,291	15,857,207	15,857,107
Weighted average shares	15,889,061	15,916,313	15,878,929	15,857,166	15,855,933
Weighted average diluted shares	16,310,631	16,463,389	16,415,845	16,396,320	16,365,858
<b>Credit Quality</b>					
Non-performing loans, net of					
government agency guarantees	\$7,507	\$13,360	\$5,991	\$4,512	\$4,523
Other real estate owned	187	187	187	-	-
Loans charged-off	843	751	739	498	368
Loans recovered	\$283	\$355	\$238	\$419	\$233
Allowance for losses to total loans <sup>(1)</sup>	1.25%	1.26%	1.26%	1.24%	1.25%
Allowance for losses to NPLs <sup>(1)</sup>	255%	143%	315%	416%	417%
Allowance for losses to NPAs <sup>(1)</sup>	249%	141%	305%	416%	417%
<b>Selected Financial Ratios</b>					
Return on average total assets	1.44%	1.44%	1.38%	1.46%	1.45%
Return on average equity	14.92%	15.11%	14.79%	16.23%	16.64%
Average yield on loans	7.93%	7.93%	7.63%	7.81%	7.82%
Average yield on interest-earning assets	7.58%	7.58%	7.30%	7.43%	7.44%
Average rate on interest-bearing liabilities	3.18%	3.02%	2.85%	2.97%	2.86%
Net interest margin (fully tax-equivalent)	5.12%	5.25%	5.12%	5.13%	5.19%
Total risk based capital ratio	11.7%	11.8%	11.8%	11.3%	11.1%
Tier 1 Capital ratio	10.7%	10.8%	10.8%	10.3%	10.1%

(1) Allowance for losses includes allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded commitments.

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	Three months ended				
	September 30, 2007	June 30, 2007	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006	September 30, 2006
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>					
Cash and due from banks	\$70,791	\$93,636	\$75,263	\$102,220	\$78,281
Federal funds sold	488	1,715	-	794	1,387
Securities, available-for-sale	239,242	175,891	188,478	198,361	209,886
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	8,652	8,543	8,442	8,320	8,206
<b>Loans</b>					
Commercial loans	165,559	159,822	142,083	153,105	153,705
Consumer loans	542,875	526,575	516,550	525,513	527,185
Real estate mortgage loans	697,670	687,744	687,088	679,661	661,962
Real estate construction loans	128,972	133,487	149,893	151,600	164,307
Total loans, gross	1,535,076	1,507,628	1,495,614	1,509,879	1,507,159
Allowance for loan losses	(17,139)	(16,999)	(16,895)	(16,914)	(16,993)
Premises and equipment	20,804	20,891	20,924	21,830	21,556
Cash value of life insurance	44,751	44,346	43,941	43,536	42,991
Goodwill	15,519	15,519	15,519	15,519	15,519
Intangible assets	1,298	1,421	1,543	1,666	3,361
Other assets	34,041	34,436	33,492	34,755	32,651
Total assets	1,953,523	1,887,027	1,866,321	1,919,966	1,904,004
<b>Deposits</b>					
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	345,467	366,321	364,401	420,025	357,754
Interest-bearing demand deposits	214,726	226,591	235,497	230,671	229,143
Savings deposits	386,866	387,422	381,069	374,605	369,933
Time certificates	585,083	530,545	555,882	573,848	568,344
Total deposits	1,532,142	1,510,879	1,536,849	1,599,149	1,525,174
Federal funds purchased	66,000	80,500	38,000	38,000	106,500
Reserve for unfunded commitments	2,040	2,040	1,966	1,849	1,849
Other liabilities	29,382	28,878	32,524	30,383	28,254
Other borrowings	99,996	44,892	41,347	39,911	35,848
Junior subordinated debt	41,238	41,238	41,238	41,238	41,238
Total liabilities	1,770,798	1,708,427	1,691,924	1,750,530	1,738,863
Total shareholders' equity	182,725	178,600	174,397	169,436	165,141
<b>Accumulated other</b>					
comprehensive loss	(3,628)	(4,779)	(3,988)	(4,521)	(3,607)
Average loans	1,517,419	1,506,913	1,490,055	1,498,040	1,477,551
Average interest-earning assets	1,721,547	1,698,620	1,692,574	1,711,743	1,701,166
Average total assets	1,891,992	1,871,260	1,865,448	1,890,765	1,880,029
Average deposits	1,499,793	1,500,733	1,534,473	1,550,979	1,501,630
Average total equity	\$182,080	\$178,836	\$174,262	\$170,518	\$163,919