



TRICO BANCSHARES

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CHICO, Calif. – (March 9, 2006) – The Board of Directors of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK), parent company of Tri Counties Bank, declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.12 (twelve cents) per share at its meeting held on March 7, 2006. The dividend is payable on March 31, 2006 to holders of record at the close of business on March 10, 2006.

TriCo Bancshares and Tri Counties Bank are headquartered in Chico, California. Tri Counties Bank has a 31-year history in the banking industry. Tri Counties Bank operates 32 traditional branch locations and 17 in-store branch locations in 22 California counties, and as of December 31, 2005, had over \$1.8 billion in assets. 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 56 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>.