



FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP
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FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP APPOINTS BRUCE A. METTLER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATELINE: *Lodi, Calif., March 12, 2010 . . .* Kent A. Steinwert, President and Chief Executive Officer of Farmers & Merchants Bancorp recently announced the appointment of **Bruce A. Mettler** to the Board of Directors effective April 1, 2010.

Bruce Mettler is a valuable addition to the Board, with an extensive background in local business, agriculture, and community service. His experience includes past Director and President of East Side Winery, and past President of the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau. Mr. Mettler is a successful farmer in the Lodi area and an active advocate for the Bank.

Mettler has long served the community through numerous civic and philanthropic organizations including the Lodi Grape Festival and National Wine Show, the Lodi District Grape Growers, Lodi Chamber of Commerce, Lodi Memorial Hospital, the American Legion, the San Joaquin Historical Society, the California Farm Bureau Federation, and the California Future Farmers of America.

“The Board of Directors is pleased to have Bruce Mettler join the Board of Farmers & Merchants Bancorp. He was elected by the Board after consideration of his qualifications. Bruce possesses business expertise in the wine grape market, one of the Company’s largest commodity segments; his academic training is that of an agricultural economist; and he is a lifelong resident of Lodi, the Company’s largest geographical market segment, with a history of service to

numerous agricultural, governmental, and volunteer organizations. In addition, Bruce is a major shareholder owning 5.27% of the Company's common stock. He adds great value to the Board and will make a significant contribution to our continued success," stated Steinwert.

A Lodi native, Mettler grew up in agriculture and attended Lodi High School. Mettler continued his education at the University of California at Davis where he



Bruce A. Mettler
F&M Bancorp Director

earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Economics. Bruce resides on his ranch located on the east side of Lodi, has two adult children and two grandchildren.

Farmers & Merchants Bancorp is the parent of Farmers & Merchants Bank of Central California, also known as F&M Bank. Founded in 1916, the institution is a full service, locally owned and operated, community bank which proudly serves California's Great Central Valley through 24 convenient locations from Sacramento to Merced.

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