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(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 000-23575

COMMUNITY WEST BANCSHARES
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

77-0446957
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

445 Pine Avenue, Goleta, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

93117
(Zip Code)

(805) 692-5821
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting
 company T

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No T

Number of shares of common stock of the registrant outstanding as of November 13, 2009: 5,915,130 shares

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2009 (unaudited)	December 31, 2008
	(dollars in thousands)	
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$5,299	\$4,151
Federal funds sold	3,380	8,102
Cash and cash equivalents	8,679	12,253
Time deposits in other financial institutions	832	812
Investment securities available-for-sale, at fair value; amortized cost of \$18,306 at September 30, 2009 and \$6,871 at December 31, 2008	18,483	6,783
Investment securities held-to-maturity, at amortized cost; fair value of \$22,731 at September 30, 2009 and \$31,574 at December 31, 2008	21,928	31,192
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	5,660	5,660
Federal Reserve Bank stock, at cost	1,129	902
Loans:		
Loans held for sale, at lower of cost or fair value	99,611	131,786
Loans held for investment, net of allowance for loan losses of \$13,274 at September 30, 2009 and \$7,341 at December 31, 2008	493,561	449,289
Total loans	593,172	581,075
Servicing rights	1,052	1,161
Other assets acquired through foreclosure	3,281	1,146
Premises and equipment, net	3,373	3,718
Other assets	16,763	12,279
TOTAL ASSETS	\$674,352	\$656,981
LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
Non-interest-bearing demand	\$38,569	\$35,080
Interest-bearing demand	160,925	57,474
Savings	16,507	14,718
Time certificates	313,696	368,167
Total deposits	529,697	475,439
Other borrowings	80,000	110,000
Other liabilities	4,331	4,924
Total liabilities	614,028	590,363
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock, no par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; 15,600 shares issued and outstanding of Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A with a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share, net of discount	14,473	14,300
Common stock, no par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; 5,915,130 shares issued and outstanding	33,103	33,081
Retained earnings	12,644	19,288
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net	104	(51)
Total stockholders' equity	60,324	66,618

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$674,352	\$656,981
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See accompanying notes.

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COMMUNITY WEST BANCSHARES
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)			
INTEREST INCOME				
Loans	\$9,907	\$10,691	\$29,405	\$32,771
Investment securities	452	568	1,338	1,723
Other	19	77	52	233
Total interest income	10,378	11,336	30,795	34,727
INTEREST EXPENSE				
Deposits	2,572	4,341	8,870	13,165
Other borrowings	895	1,221	3,017	3,824
Total interest expense	3,467	5,562	11,887	16,989
NET INTEREST INCOME	6,911	5,774	18,908	17,738
Provision for loan losses	2,592	652	15,890	3,856
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	4,319	5,122	3,018	13,882
NON-INTEREST INCOME				
Other loan fees	385	555	1,370	1,781
Loan servicing, net	180	71	692	312
Document processing fees	175	155	644	557
Gains from loan sales, net	75	389	251	1,007
Other	151	28	432	595
Total non-interest income	966	1,198	3,389	4,252
NON-INTEREST EXPENSES				
Salaries and employee benefits	2,756	3,254	9,139	10,341
Occupancy and equipment expenses	524	619	1,594	1,759
FDIC insurance assessment	393	92	1,216	266
Professional services	194	213	706	618
Depreciation and amortization	122	100	372	391
Advertising and marketing	69	106	250	362
Other operating expenses	1,107	770	3,078	1,910
Total non-interest expenses	5,165	5,154	16,355	15,647
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	120	1,166	(9,948)	2,487
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	51	491	(4,088)	1,067
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$69	\$675	\$(5,860)	\$1,420
Preferred stock dividends	261	-	784	-
NET INCOME (LOSS) AVAILABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS	\$(192)	\$675	\$(6,644)	\$1,420
Earnings (loss) per common share:				
Basic	\$(.03)	\$.11	\$(1.12)	\$.24
Diluted	\$(.03)	\$.11	\$(1.12)	\$.24
	5,915	5,915	5,915	5,912

Basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding				
Diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding	5,915	5,918	5,915	5,955

See accompanying notes.

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COMMUNITY WEST BANCSHARES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Unaudited)

	Preferred Stock	Common Stock Shares (in thousands)	Common Stock Amount	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Stockholders' Equity
BALANCES AT JANUARY 1, 2009	\$14,300	5,915	\$33,081	\$19,288	\$ (51)	\$ 66,618
Preferred stock related costs	(26)					(26)
Stock option expense, recognized in earnings			22			22
Comprehensive income:						
Net loss				(5,860)		(5,860)
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on securities available-for-sale, net					155	155
Comprehensive loss						(5,705)
Dividends:						
Preferred	199			(784)		(585)
BALANCES AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2009	\$14,473	5,915	\$33,103	\$12,644	\$ 104	\$ 60,324

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COMMUNITY WEST BANCSHARES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
	(in thousands)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net (loss) income	\$(5,860)	\$1,420)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Provision for loan losses	15,890	3,856
Depreciation and amortization	372	391
Stock-based compensation	22	109
Net amortization of discounts and premiums for investment securities	(29)	(59)
(Gain) loss on:		
Sale of other assets acquired through foreclosure	288	(198)
Sale of loans held for sale	(251)	(1,007)
Loan originated for sale and principal collections, net	3,081	354
Changes in:		
Servicing rights, net of amortization	109	2
Other assets	(4,739)	(904)
Other liabilities	(438)	753
Net cash provided by operating activities	8,445	4,717
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of held-to-maturity securities	(1,233)	(12,899)
Purchase of available-for-sale securities	(13,433)	-
Purchase of Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Reserve stock, net of redemptions	(227)	102
Federal Home Loan Bank stock dividends	-	(245)
Principal pay downs and maturities of available-for-sale securities	2,008	7,689
Principal pay downs and maturities of held-to-maturity securities	10,515	5,631
Loan originations and principal collections, net	(35,523)	(27,085)
Proceeds from sale of other assets acquired through foreclosure	2,274	692
Net (increase) decrease in time deposits in other financial institutions	(20)	118
Purchase of premises and equipment, net	(27)	(925)
Net cash used in investing activities	(35,666)	(26,922)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Preferred stock dividends	(784)	-
Amortization of discount on preferred stock, net of additional costs	173	-
Exercise of stock options	-	105
Cash dividends paid on common stock	-	(709)
Net increase (decrease) in demand deposits and savings accounts	108,729	(20,825)
Net increase (decrease) in time certificates of deposit	(54,471)	69,981
Proceeds from Federal Home Loan Bank and FRB advances	88,000	9,000
Repayment of Federal Home Loan Bank and FRB advances	(118,000)	(29,500)
Net cash provided by financing activities	23,647	28,052
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(3,574)	5,847
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	12,253	9,289
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$8,679	\$15,136
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:		

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Cash paid for interest	\$12,630	\$14,703
Cash paid for income taxes	86	2,538
Supplemental Disclosure of Noncash Investing Activity:		
Transfers to other assets acquired through foreclosure	\$4,706	\$784

See accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The interim consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for the fair presentation of the results of operations and financial condition for the interim period. The unaudited consolidated financial statements include Community West Bancshares (“CWBC”) and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Community West Bank, N.A. (“CWB” or “Bank”). CWBC and CWB are referred to herein as “the Company”. The accompanying unaudited condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 8-03 of Regulation S-X promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair statement have been reflected in the financial statements. However, the results of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of Community West Bancshares included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses – The Company maintains a detailed, systematic analysis and procedural discipline to determine the amount of the allowance for loan losses (“ALL”). The ALL is based on estimates and is intended to be adequate to provide for probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio. This process involves deriving probable loss estimates that are based on individual loan loss estimation, migration analysis/historical loss rates and management’s judgment.

The Company employs several methodologies for estimating probable losses. Methodologies are determined based on a number of factors, including type of asset, risk rating, concentrations, collateral value and the input of the Special Assets group, functioning as a workout unit.

The ALL calculation for the different major loan types is as follows:

- SBA – A migration analysis and various portfolio specific factors are used to calculate the required allowance for all non-impaired loans. In addition, the migration results are adjusted based upon qualitative factors. Qualitative factors include, but are not limited to, adjustments for existing economic conditions, past due trends and concentration exposure. Impaired loans are assigned a specific reserve based upon the individual characteristics of the loan.
- Relationship Banking – Primarily includes commercial, commercial real estate and construction loans. A migration analysis and various portfolio specific factors are used to calculate the required allowance for all non-impaired loans. In addition, the migration results are adjusted based upon qualitative factors. Qualitative factors include, but are not limited to, adjustments for existing economic conditions, past due trends and concentration exposure. Impaired loans are assigned a specific reserve based upon the individual characteristics of the loan.
- Manufactured Housing – The allowance is calculated on the basis of loss history and risk rating, which is primarily a function of delinquency. In addition, the loss history is adjusted based upon qualitative factors similar to those used

for SBA loans.

The Company calculates the required ALL on a monthly basis. Any differences between estimated and actual observed losses from the prior month are reflected in the current period required ALL calculation and adjusted as deemed necessary. The review of the adequacy of the allowance takes into consideration such factors as concentrations of credit, changes in the growth, size and composition of the loan portfolio, overall and individual portfolio quality, review of specific problem loans, collateral, guarantees and economic conditions that may affect the borrowers' ability to pay and/or the value of the underlying collateral. Additional factors considered include: geographic location of borrowers, changes in the Company's product-specific credit policy and lending staff experience. These estimates depend on the outcome of future events and, therefore, contain inherent uncertainties.

The Company's ALL is maintained at a level believed adequate by management to absorb known and inherent probable losses on existing loans. A provision for loan losses is charged to expense. The allowance is charged for losses when management believes that full recovery on the loan is unlikely. Generally, the Company charges off any loan classified as a "loss"; portions of loans which are deemed to be uncollectible; overdrafts which have been outstanding for more than 90 days; and, all other unsecured loans past due 120 or more days. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the ALL.

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Other Assets Acquired through Foreclosure – Other assets acquired through foreclosure includes real estate and other repossessed assets and the collateral property is recorded at fair value at the time of foreclosure less estimated costs to sell. Any excess of loan balance over the fair value less costs to sell of the other assets is charged-off against the allowance for loan losses. Subsequent to the legal ownership date, management periodically performs a new valuation and the asset is carried at the lower of carrying amount or fair value. Operating expenses or income, and gains or losses on disposition of such properties, are recorded in current operations.

Servicing Rights – The guaranteed portion of certain SBA loans can be sold into the secondary market. Servicing rights are recognized as separate assets when loans are sold with servicing retained. Servicing rights are amortized in proportion to, and over the period of, estimated future net servicing income. The Company uses industry prepayment statistics and its own prepayment experience in estimating the expected life of the loans. Management evaluates its servicing rights for impairment quarterly. Servicing rights are evaluated for impairment based upon the fair value of the rights as compared to amortized cost. Fair value is determined using discounted future cash flows calculated on a loan-by-loan basis and aggregated by predominated risk characteristics. The initial servicing rights and resulting gain on sale are calculated based on the difference between the best actual par and premium bids on an individual loan basis.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements – The Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification system (FASB ASC) is now the official authoritative source for nongovernmental generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Rules and interpretative releases of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) also remain sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The codification is effective for financial statements issued after September 15, 2009 and supersedes previously existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards.

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2. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of investment securities is as follows:

September 30, 2009

	Amortized Cost	(in thousands)		Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
Available-for-sale securities				
U.S. Government agency: MBS	\$10,608	\$202	\$-	\$10,810
U.S. Government agency: CMO	7,698	18	(43)	7,673
Total	\$18,306	\$220	\$(43)	\$18,483
Held-to-maturity securities				
U.S. Government agency: MBS	\$21,928	\$809	\$(6)	\$22,731
U.S. Government agency: CMO	-	-	-	-
Total	\$21,928	\$809	\$(6)	\$22,731

December 31, 2008

	Amortized Cost	(in thousands)		Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
Available-for-sale securities				
U.S. Government agency: MBS	\$5,371	\$1	\$(88)	\$5,284
U.S. Government agency: CMO	1,500	3	(4)	1,499
Total	\$6,871	\$4	\$(92)	\$6,783
Held-to-maturity securities				
U.S. Government agency: MBS	\$25,750	\$459	\$(21)	\$26,188
U.S. Government agency: CMO	5,442	-	(56)	5,386
Total	\$31,192	\$459	\$(77)	\$31,574

At September 30, 2009, \$40.4 million of securities, at carrying value, was pledged to the Federal Home Loan Bank, San Francisco, as collateral for current and future advances.

The maturity periods and weighted average yields of investment securities at September 30, 2009 are as follows:

	Total Amount		Less than One Year				One to Five Years				Five to Ten Years	
	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield		
Available-for-sale securities												
U. S. Government:												
Agency: MBS	\$10,810	3.2 %	\$-	-	\$3,087	3.5 %	\$7,723	2.9 %				
Agency: CMO	7,673	2.2 %	722	4.9 %	6,951	1.9 %	-	-				
Total	\$18,483	2.8 %	\$722	4.9 %	\$10,038	2.38 %	\$7,723	2.9 %				
Held-to-maturity securities												
U.S. Government:												
Agency: MBS	\$21,928	5.1 %	\$-	-	\$20,704	5.1 %	\$1,224	4.3 %				

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Agency: CMO

Total	\$21,928	5.1	%	\$-	-	\$20,704	5.1	%	\$1,224	4.3	%
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The following tables show all securities that are in an unrealized loss position and temporarily impaired as of:

September 30, 2009	Less than 12 months		More than 12 months		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses

Available-for-sale securities						
U.S. Government agency: MBS	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
U.S. Government agency: CMO	4,845	43	-	-	4,845	43
Total	\$4,845	\$43	\$-	\$-	\$4,845	\$43

Held-to-maturity securities						
U.S. Government agency: MBS	\$1,217	\$6	\$-	\$-	\$1,217	\$6
U.S. Government agency: CMO	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$1,217	\$6	\$-	\$-	\$1,217	\$6

December 31, 2008	Less than 12 months		More than 12 months		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses

Available-for-sale securities						
U.S. Government agency: MBS	\$4,249	\$66	\$716	\$22	\$4,965	\$88
U.S. Government agency: CMO	-	-	1,106	4	1,106	4
Total	\$4,249	\$66	\$1,822	\$26	\$6,071	\$92

Held-to-maturity securities						
U.S. Government agency: MBS	\$4,025	\$21	\$-	\$-	\$4,025	\$21
U.S. Government agency: CMO	5,386	56	-	-	5,386	56
Total	\$9,411	\$77	\$-	\$-	\$9,411	\$77

As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, three and twelve securities, respectively, were in an unrealized loss position.

Declines in the fair value of held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities below their cost that are deemed to be other than temporary are reflected in earnings as realized losses. In estimating other-than-temporary impairment losses, management considers, among other things (i) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost (ii) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer and (iii) the Company's intent to sell an impaired security and if it is not more likely than not it will be required to sell the security before the recovery of its amortized basis.

The unrealized losses are primarily due to increases in market interest rates over the yields available at the time the underlying securities were purchased. The fair value is expected to recover as the bonds approach their maturity date or repricing date or if market yields for such investments decline. Management does not believe any of the securities are impaired due to reasons of credit quality, as all are direct or indirect agencies of the U. S. Government. Accordingly, as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, management believes the impairments detailed in the table above are temporary and no other-than-temporary impairment loss has been realized in the Company's consolidated income statements.

Investment in FHLB Stock – The Company’s investment in stock of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (“FHLB”) was \$5.7 million as of September 30, 2009. The FHLB did not pay dividends in three of the last five quarters and will not repurchase excess capital stock during the fourth quarter of 2009 as a means to preserve and build their capital. FHLB reported capital ratios in excess of the required regulatory minimums in their press release dated October 29, 2009. The FHLB is rated AAA by Moody’s and S&P as of September 30, 2009 and no impairment was recognized as of September 30, 2009. Management will continue to monitor and evaluate the investment in FHLB stock.

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3. LOAN SALES AND SERVICING

SBA Loan Sales - The Company occasionally sells the guaranteed portion of selected SBA loans into the secondary market on a servicing-retained basis. The Company retains the unguaranteed portion of these loans and services the loans as required under the SBA programs to retain specified yield amounts. The SBA program stipulates that the Company retains a minimum of 5% of the loan balance, which is unguaranteed. The percentage of each unguaranteed loan in excess of 5% may be periodically sold to a third party, typically for a cash premium. The Company records servicing liabilities for the unguaranteed loans sold calculated based on the present value of the estimated future servicing costs associated with each loan. The balance of all servicing rights and obligations is subsequently amortized over the estimated life of the loans using an estimated prepayment rate of 5-25%. Quarterly, the servicing asset is analyzed for impairment.

The Company also periodically sells certain SBA loans into the secondary market, on a servicing-released basis, typically for a cash premium.

As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company had approximately \$98.1 million and \$127.4 million, respectively, in SBA loans included in loans held for sale.

Mortgage Loan Sales – The Company enters into mortgage loan rate lock commitments (normally for 30 days) with potential borrowers. In conjunction therewith, the Company enters into a forward sale commitment to sell the locked loan to a third party investor. This forward sale agreement requires delivery of the loan on a “best efforts” basis but does not obligate the Company to deliver if the mortgage loan does not fund.

The mortgage rate lock agreement and the forward sale agreement qualify as derivatives under generally accepted accounting principles. The value of these derivatives is generally equal to the fee, if any, charged to the borrower at inception but may fluctuate in the event of changes in interest rates. These derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value. Although the Company does not attempt to qualify these transactions for the special hedge accounting afforded under generally accepted accounting principles, management believes that changes in the fair value of the two commitments generally offset and create an economic hedge. At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company had \$15.0 million and \$7.3 million, respectively, in notional amount of outstanding mortgage loan rate locks and forward sale commitments, the impact of which was not material to the Company’s financial position or results of operations.

4. LOANS HELD FOR INVESTMENT

The composition of the Company’s loans held for investment loan portfolio follows:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(in thousands)	
Commercial	\$62,433	\$74,895
Real Estate	189,538	135,521
SBA	44,444	40,066
Manufactured housing	193,165	190,838
Other installment	17,636	15,793
	507,216	457,113
Less:		
Allowance for loan losses	13,274	7,341

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Deferred fees (costs)	(247)	(284)
Purchased premiums	(28)	(42)
Discount on SBA loans	656	809
Loans held for investment, net	\$493,561	\$449,289

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An analysis of the allowance for credit losses for loans held for investment follows for the three and nine months ended:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	
	2008	2008	2008	2008
	(in thousands)			
Balance, beginning of period	\$13,419	\$6,423	\$7,341	\$4,412
Loans charged off	(2,742)	(588)	(10,041)	(1,831)
Recoveries on loans previously charged off	5	12	84	62
Net charge-offs	(2,737)	(576)	(9,957)	(1,769)
Provision for loan losses	2,592	652	15,890	3,856
Balance, end of period	\$13,274	\$6,499	\$13,274	\$6,499

As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company also had reserves for credit losses on undisbursed loans of \$560,000 and \$97,000 respectively.

The recorded investment in loans that is considered to be impaired:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(in thousands)	
Impaired loans	\$9,724	\$8,566
Specific valuation allowances allocated to impaired loans	(744)	(151)
Impaired loans, net	\$8,980	\$8,415

The following schedule reflects the average investment in impaired loans:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	
	2008	2008	2008	2008
	(in thousands)			
Average investment in impaired loans	\$9,518	\$9,379	\$8,107	\$9,935
Interest income recognized on impaired loans	5	-	173	83

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5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or the price that would be paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Generally accepted accounting principles establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. Three levels of inputs may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs

The following summarizes the fair value measurements of assets measured on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2009 and the relative levels of inputs from which such amounts were derived:

Description	Total	Fair value measurements at reporting date using		
		Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
		(in thousands)		
Investment securities available-for-sale	\$ 18,483	\$ -	\$ 18,483	\$ -
Interest only strips (included in other assets)	674			674
Total	\$ 19,157	\$ -	\$ 18,483	\$ 674

On certain SBA loan sales that occurred prior to 2003, the Company retained interest only strips (“I/O strips”), which represent the present value of excess net cash flows generated by the difference between (a) interest at the stated rate paid by borrowers and (b) the sum of (i) pass-through interest paid to third-party investors and (ii) contractual servicing fees. Interest only strips are classified as level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value is determined on a quarterly basis through a discounted cash flow analysis prepared by an independent third party using industry prepayment speeds. The interest only strips were valued at \$558,000 as of December 31, 2008 and a valuation increase of \$116,000 was recorded in income during the first nine months of 2009. No other changes in the balance have occurred related to the interest only strips and such valuation adjustments are included as additions or offsets to loan servicing income.

The Company also has assets that under certain conditions are subject to measurement at fair value on a non-recurring basis. These assets are loans that are considered impaired per generally accepted accounting principles. A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information or events, it is probable that not all amounts due will be collected according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Impairment is measured based on the fair value of the underlying collateral. The collateral value is determined based on appraisals and other market valuations for similar assets.

The following summarizes the fair value measurements of assets measured on a non-recurring basis as of September 30, 2009 and the relative levels of inputs from which such amounts were derived:

Fair value measurements at reporting date using

Description	Total	Fair value measurements at reporting date using		
		Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Impaired loans	\$8,980	\$-	\$8,841	\$ 139

(in thousands)

6.

BORROWINGS

Federal Home Loan Bank Advances – The Company has a blanket lien credit line with the Federal Home Loan Bank (“FHLB”). Advances are collateralized in the aggregate by CWB’s eligible loans and securities. Total FHLB advances were \$72.0 million and \$110.0 million at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively, and include \$4.0 million borrowed at variable rates which adjust to the current LIBOR rate either monthly or quarterly. At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, CWB had securities pledged to FHLB of \$40.4 million at carrying value and loans of \$111.6 million, and \$38.0 million at carrying value and loans of \$149.0 million, respectively. Total FHLB interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$2.9 million and \$3.8 million, respectively. At September 30, 2009, CWB had \$37.3 million available for additional borrowings with the FHLB.

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Federal Reserve Bank – CWB has established a credit line with the Federal Reserve Bank. Advances are collateralized in the aggregate by eligible loans for up to ninety days at the current rate of 0.5%. Total FRB advances were \$8.0 million as of September 30, 2009 with remaining borrowing capacity of \$102.3 million. No advances had been received as of December 31, 2008. Interest expense on these advances for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was \$84,000.

7. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Preferred Stock

On December 19, 2008, as part of the United States Department of the Treasury's ("Treasury") Troubled Asset Relief Program - Capital Purchase Program ("TARP CPP"), the Company entered into a Letter Agreement ("Letter Agreement") with the Treasury, pursuant to which the Company issued to the Treasury, in exchange for an aggregate purchase price of \$15.6 million in cash: (i) 15,600 shares of the Company's Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, no par value, having a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share ("Series A Preferred Stock"), and (ii) a warrant ("Warrant") to purchase up to 521,158 shares of the Company's common stock, no par value ("Common Stock"), at an exercise price of \$4.49 per share.

Series A Preferred Stock pays cumulative dividends at a rate of 5% per year for the first five years and at a rate of 9% per year thereafter, but will be paid only if, as and when declared by the Company's Board of Directors. The Series A Preferred Stock has no maturity date and ranks senior to the Common Stock with respect to the payment of dividends and distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution and winding up of the Company. The Series A Preferred Stock is generally non-voting, other than class voting on certain matters that could adversely affect the Series A Preferred Stock. In the event that dividends payable on the Series A Preferred Stock have not been paid for the equivalent of six or more quarters, whether or not consecutive, the Company's authorized number of Directors will be automatically increased by two and the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, voting together with holders of any then outstanding voting parity stock, will have the right to elect those Directors at the Company's next annual meeting of shareholders or at a special meeting of shareholders called for that purpose. These Directors will be elected annually and will serve until all accrued and unpaid dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock have been paid.

The Company may redeem the Series A Preferred Stock after February 15, 2012 for \$1,000 per share plus accrued and unpaid dividends. Prior to this date, the Company may redeem the Series A Preferred Stock for \$1,000 per share plus accrued and unpaid dividends if: (i) the Company has raised aggregate gross proceeds in one or more "qualified equity offerings" (as defined in the Securities Purchase Agreement entered into between the Company and the Treasury) in excess of \$15.6 million, and (ii) the aggregate redemption price does not exceed the aggregate net cash proceeds from such qualified equity offerings. Any redemption is subject to the prior approval of the Company's primary banking regulator.

A valuation was prepared which allocated the \$15.6 million received, less related costs, between the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant at \$14.4 million and \$1.2 million, respectively. The resulting discount to the Series A Preferred Stock and related costs are being amortized on a straight line basis over five years.

Common Stock Warrants

The Warrant issued as part of the TARP CPP provides for the purchase of up to 521,158 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$4.49 per share ("Warrant Shares"). The Warrant is immediately exercisable and has a 10-year term. The exercise price and the ultimate number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the Warrant are subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments, such as upon stock splits or distributions of securities or other assets to holders of the Common Stock, and upon certain issuances of the Common Stock at or below a specified price relative

to the then current market price of the Common Stock. If, on or prior to December 31, 2009, the Company receives aggregate gross cash proceeds of not less than \$15.6 million from "qualified equity offerings", the number of shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Treasury's exercise of the Warrant will be reduced by one-half of the original number of Warrant Shares, taking into account all adjustments, underlying the Warrant. Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, the Treasury has agreed not to exercise voting power with respect to any Warrant Shares.

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Earnings per Common Share-Calculation of Weighted Average Shares Outstanding

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(dollars in thousands except per share amounts)			
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	5,915	5,915	5,915	5,912
Dilutive effect of options	-	3	-	43
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	5,915	5,918	5,915	5,955

8. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The estimated fair values of financial instruments have been determined by the Company using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. However, considerable judgment is required to interpret market data to develop estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company could realize in a current market exchange. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

The following table represents the estimated fair values:

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
	(in thousands)			
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$8,679	\$8,679	\$12,253	\$12,253
Time deposits in other financial institutions	832	832	812	812
Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock	6,789	6,789	6,562	6,562
Investment securities	40,411	41,214	37,975	38,357
Net loans	593,172	571,199	581,075	560,532
Liabilities:				
Deposits (other than time deposits)	216,001	216,001	107,272	107,272
Time deposits	313,696	316,369	368,167	372,003
Other borrowings	80,000	82,013	110,000	111,797

The methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value are explained below:

Cash and cash equivalents - The carrying amounts approximate fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

Time deposits in other financial institutions - The carrying amounts approximate fair value because of the relative short-term nature of these instruments.

Federal Reserve Stock - The carrying value approximates the fair value because the stock can be sold back to the Federal Reserve at any time.

Federal Home Loan Bank Stock - The carrying value approximates the fair value. The FHLB is rated AAA by Moody's and S&P as of September 30, 2009 and no impairment was recognized as of September 30, 2009.

Investment securities – Market valuations of our investment securities are provided by an independent third party. The fair values are determined by using several sources for valuing fixed income securities. Their techniques include pricing models that vary based on the type of asset being valued and incorporate available trade, bid and other market information. In accordance with the fair value hierarchy, the market valuation sources include observable market inputs and are therefore considered Level 2 inputs for purposes of determining the fair values.

Loans – For most loan categories, the fair value is estimated using discounted cash flows utilizing an appropriate discount rate and historical prepayment speeds. Certain adjustable loans that reprice on a frequent basis are valued at book value.

Deposits – The amount payable at demand at report date is used to estimate the fair value of demand and savings deposits. The estimated fair values of fixed-rate time deposits are determined by discounting the cash flows of segments of deposits that have similar maturities and rates, utilizing a discount rate that approximates the prevailing rates offered to depositors as of the measurement date.

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Other borrowings – The fair value of FHLB and FRB advances are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis based on rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

Commitments to Extend Credit, Commercial and Standby Letters of Credit – Due to the proximity of the pricing of these commitments to the period end, the fair values of commitments are immaterial to the financial statements.

The fair value estimates presented herein are based on pertinent information available to management as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008. Although management is not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair value amounts, such amounts have not been comprehensively revalued for purposes of these financial statements since those dates and, therefore, current estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the amounts presented herein.

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through November 13, 2009, the date the financial statements were issued.

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ITEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF
2. OPERATIONS

This discussion is designed to provide insight into management's assessment of significant trends related to the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital resources and interest rate sensitivity. It should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and the other financial information appearing elsewhere in this report.

Forward Looking Statements

This Report on Form 10-Q contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Those forward-looking statements include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of the Company and its management. Any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake any obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements and the related notes provided under "Item 1—Financial Statements" above.

Overview of Earnings Performance

For the third quarter 2009, net income was \$69,000 compared to \$675,000 for the third quarter 2008.

The significant factors impacting net income for the third quarter 2009 were:

- The provision for loan losses increased to \$2.6 million for third quarter 2009 compared to \$652,000 for the same quarter in 2008. Charge-offs of \$2.7 million, primarily in the commercial, SBA and manufactured housing portfolios, continued to impact the loan portfolio.
- The decline in interest income from \$11.3 million for the third quarter 2008 to \$10.4 million for the same period 2009 continued to reflect the target fed funds rate which has been maintained at a range of 0% to .25% since the reduction from 4.25% at December 31, 2007 to a range of 0% to .25% as of December 31, 2008.
- Interest expense declined \$2.1 million to \$3.5 million for the third quarter 2009 compared to \$5.6 million for the same period of 2008. This improvement resulted from a decline in rates paid on deposits and borrowings to 2.38% for the third quarter 2009 compared to 3.96% for the third quarter 2008.
- The decline in rates paid on deposits and borrowing contributed to a continued improvement in the margin which increased to 4.12% for the third quarter 2009 compared to 3.60% for the same period of 2008.
- The strategic decision in the first quarter 2009 to discontinue SBA lending east of the Rocky Mountains contributed to a decline in salaries and employee benefits to \$2.8 million for the third quarter 2009 from \$3.3 million for the same period 2008, a reduction of \$500,000.
- An increase of \$301,000 in the FDIC assessment for third quarter 2009 compared to the same period 2008 resulting from higher assessment rates.

Critical Accounting Policies

A number of critical accounting policies are used in the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements. These policies relate to areas of the financial statements that involve estimates and judgments made by management. These include: the provision and allowance for loan losses and servicing rights. These critical accounting policies are discussed in the Company's 2008 10-K with a description of how the estimates are determined and an indication of the consequences of an over or under estimate.

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Results of Operations – Third Quarter Comparison

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated, certain items in the consolidated income statements of the Company and the related changes between those periods:

	Three Months Ended		Increase (Decrease)
	September 30, 2009	2008	
	(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)		
Interest income	\$ 10,378	\$ 11,336	\$(958)
Interest expense	3,467	5,562	(2,095)
Net interest income	6,911	5,774	1,137
Provision for loan losses	2,592	652	1,940
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	4,319	5,122	(803)
Non-interest income	966	1,198	(232)
Non-interest expenses	5,165	5,154	11
Income before provision for income taxes	120	1,166	(1,046)
Provision for income taxes	51	491	(440)
Net income	\$69	\$675	\$(606)
Preferred stock dividends	261	-	261
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$(192)	\$675	\$(867)
Earnings (loss) per common share:			
Basic	\$(.03)	\$. 11	\$(.14)
Diluted	\$(.03)	\$.11	\$(.14)
Dividends per common share	\$-	\$.	\$-
Comprehensive income	\$63	\$692	\$(629)

The following table sets forth the changes in interest income and expense attributable to changes in rate and volume:

	Three Months Ended		
	September 30,		
	2009 versus 2008		
Total change	Change due to		
	Rate	Volume	
(in thousands)			
Loans, net	\$(784)	\$(1,137)	\$353
Investment securities	(116)	(127)	11
Other	(58)	(57)	(1)
Total interest-earning assets	(958)	(1,321)	363
Deposits	(1,769)	(1,641)	(128)
Other borrowings	(326)	(377)	51
Total interest-bearing liabilities	(2,095)	(2,018)	(77)
Net interest income	\$1,137	\$697	\$440

Net Interest Income

Net interest income increased by \$1.1 million for the third quarter 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. Total interest income declined by \$1.0 million. While average interest earning assets grew to \$664.9 million for the third

quarter 2009 compared to \$637.3 million for the same period in 2008, an increase of \$27.6 million, yields declined to 6.19% from 7.08%. The decline in interest income due to rates of \$1.3 million was partly offset by the increase of \$363,000 due to volume growth.

The decline in rates benefited the Bank in a reduction in interest expense of \$2.1 million for the third quarter 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. The net impact of the decline in yields on interest earning assets and the decline in rates on interest-bearing liabilities was an increase in the margin from 3.60% for the third quarter of 2008 to 4.12% for the third quarter 2009.

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Provision for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses increased to \$2.6 million for the third quarter 2009 compared to \$652,000 for 2008. Charge-offs of \$2.7 million, primarily in the commercial, SBA and manufactured housing portfolios, contributed to the increased provision in the third quarter 2009.

The following schedule summarizes the provision, charge-offs and recoveries for the third quarter of 2009 by loan category:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009					
	(in thousands)					
	Allowance 06/30/09	Provision	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Net Charge-offs	Allowance 09/30/09
Real estate	\$3,143	\$(91)	\$(88)	\$1	\$(87)	\$2,965
Manufactured housing	2,306	561	(649)	-	(649)	2,218
Commercial	3,873	1,147	(1,144)	3	(1,141)	3,879
SBA	3,907	960	(861)	-	(861)	4,006
Other installment	190	15	-	1	1	206
Total	\$13,419	\$2,592	\$(2,742)	\$5	\$(2,737)	\$13,274

Included in the Company's held-to-maturity portfolio is the category "Other installment" which consists primarily of home equity lines of credit (HELOC) loans. Recent guidance issued by the SEC characterized these types of loans as higher-risk. The HELOC portfolio of \$17.3 million consists of credits secured by residential real estate in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. In the third quarter, there were no actual loan losses in this portfolio. As of September 30, 2009, 2% of the portfolio is past due and 0.9% is on non-accrual status. The Company believes that, overall, this portfolio is adequately supported by real estate collateral.

In response to continuing challenges in the commercial, SBA and manufactured housing portfolios, the Company has increased the allowance for loan losses for loans held-for-investment from 1.61% at December 31, 2008 to 2.62% at September 30, 2009.

The percentage of net non-accrual loans to the total loan portfolio has remained relatively steady, increasing modestly to 2.93% as of September 30, 2009 from 2.87% at December 31, 2008.

Non-Interest Income

Non-interest income includes gains from sale of loans, loan document fees, service charges on deposit accounts, loan servicing fees and other revenues not derived from interest on earning assets. Total non-interest income decreased by \$232,000, or 19.4%, for the third quarter 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. Gain on loan sales declined by \$314,000 as no SBA loans were sold in the third quarter 2009 compared to \$9.6 million in loans sales for the same period in 2008. Other loan fees also declined by \$170,000 for the third quarter 2009 compared to 2008 primarily due to lower referral fees on SBA 504 loans. These declines were partly offset by an increase in loan servicing income of \$109,000 due to lower amortization associated with the servicing asset and adjustments to the valuation of the I/O strip.

Non-Interest Expenses

Non-interest expenses remained flat for the third quarter 2009 compared to the same period 2008. Declines in personnel expenses of \$498,000 and occupancy of \$95,000 were offset by an increase in the FDIC assessment of \$301,000 and other expenses of \$337,000.

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Results of Operations –Nine-Month Comparison

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated, certain items in the consolidated income statements of the Company and the related changes between those periods:

	Nine Months Ended		Increase (Decrease)
	September 30, 2009	2008	
	(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)		
Interest income	\$30,795	\$34,727	\$(3,932)
Interest expense	11,887	16,989	(5,102)
Net interest income	18,908	17,738	1,170
Provision for loan losses	15,890	3,856	12,034
Net interest income after provision for loan Losses	3,018	13,882	(10,864)
Non-interest income	3,389	4,252	(863)
Non-interest expenses	16,355	15,647	708
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	(9,948)	2,487	(12,435)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(4,088)	1,067	(5,155)
Net income (loss)	\$(5,860)	\$1,420	\$(7,280)
Preferred stock dividends	784	-	784
Net income (loss) available to common Shareholders	\$(6,644)	\$1,420	\$(8,064)
Earnings (loss) per common share:			
Basic	\$(1.12)	\$.24	\$(1.36)
Diluted	\$(1.12)	\$.24	\$(1.36)
Dividends per common share	\$-	\$.12	\$(.12)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$(5,705)	\$1,458	\$(7,163)

The following table sets forth the changes in interest income and expense attributable to changes in rate and volume:

	Total change	Nine Months Ended	
		September 30, 2009 versus 2008	
		Rate	Change due to Volume
		(in thousands)	
Loans, net	\$ (3,366)	\$ (4,930)	\$ 1,564
Investment securities	(385)	(377)	(8)
Other	(181)	(183)	2
Total interest-earning assets	(3,932)	(5,490)	1,558
Deposits	(4,295)	(4,389)	94
Other borrowings	(807)	(997)	190
Total interest-bearing liabilities	(5,102)	(5,386)	284
Net interest income	\$ 1,170	\$ (104)	\$ 1,274

Net Interest Income

Net interest income increased by \$1.2 million for the first nine months 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. Total interest income declined \$3.9 million, or 11.3%, for the period ended September 30, 2009 compared to

the same period in 2008. Of this decline, \$5.5 million was due to declines in interest rates which were partly offset by an increase of \$1.6 million due to growth in volume. The average balance for interest earning assets was \$661.1 million for the first nine months 2009 compared to \$623.4 for the same period in 2008, an increase of \$37.7 million, while the yield declined from 7.44% to 6.23%.

Interest expense also declined, primarily due to a reduction in rates paid on deposits and borrowings. Lower rates paid on deposits and borrowings have contributed to a slight improvement of the margin to 3.82% for the first nine months of 2009 compared to 3.80% for the same period in 2008.

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Provision for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses increased \$12.0 million to \$15.9 million for the first nine months 2009 compared to \$3.9 million for the same period of 2008 reflecting the detailed evaluation of its loan portfolio in the context of the overall challenging economic environment which has persisted for the last year. While a substantial part of the deterioration and downgrades to specific loans in the portfolio was recognized in the first quarter 2009, there continues to be ongoing credit issues primarily relating to business loans. This has elevated the component of the allowance calculation related to historical loan losses. In general, the Company has experienced elevated levels of loan losses over the past year thereby resulting in a significantly higher allowance requirement. The migration of the losses through the loan portfolio resulted in a calculated increase in the allowance from \$7.3 million at December 31, 2008 to \$13.3 million at September 30, 2009. This increase is directly related to the effect of historical loan losses on our estimate of losses inherent in the portfolio as of the balance sheet dates and does not necessarily reflect expected future losses. In addition, non-accrual loans slightly increased from \$16.9 million at December 31, 2008 to \$17.8 million at September 30, 2009.

The following schedule summarizes the provision, charge-offs and recoveries for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 by loan category:

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009

	(in thousands)					Allowance 09/30/09
	Allowance 12/31/08	Provision	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Net Charge-offs	
Real estate	\$1,583	\$3,469	\$(2,093)	\$6	\$(2,087)	\$2,965
Manufactured housing	1,659	1,598	(1,039)	-	(1,039)	2,218
Commercial	1,428	5,902	(3,473)	22	(3,451)	3,879
SBA	2,556	4,715	(3,319)	54	(3,265)	4,006
Other installment	115	206	(117)	2	(115)	206
Total	\$7,341	\$15,890	\$(10,041)	\$84	\$(9,957)	\$13,274

Non-Interest Income

Non-interest income declined \$863,000 for the first nine months 2009 to \$3.4 million from \$4.3 million for 2008. Gain on loan sales declined \$756,000 compared to 2008. No SBA loans have been sold for 2009 compared to \$19.7 million guaranteed loans sales in the first nine months 2008. Other loan fees have declined \$411,000, primarily related to lower referral fees received on SBA 504 loans. Partly offsetting these declines was an increase of \$380,000 in loan servicing resulting from lower amortization of the servicing asset and valuation adjustments to the I/O strip.

Non-Interest Expenses

Non-interest expenses increased \$708,000, from \$15.6 million for the first nine months 2008 to \$16.3 million for 2009. The FDIC assessment increased \$950,000 due to higher rates and a special assessment in June 2009 of \$306,000. Other expenses increased \$1.2 million, primarily due to an increase reserve on undisbursed loans of \$430,000, increased collection costs of \$352,000 and losses on the sale of foreclosed assets of \$183,000. Partly offsetting these increases was a reduction in salaries and employee benefits of \$1.2 million, primarily resulting from the discontinuation of SBA lending east of the Rockies. Occupancy expense also declined \$165,000 for the first nine months 2009 compared to the same period for 2008.

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Interest Rates and Differentials

The following table illustrates average yields on interest-earning assets and average rates on interest-bearing liabilities for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
(dollars in thousands)				
Interest-earning assets:				
Interest-earning deposits in other financial institutions:				
Average balance	\$ 1,078	\$ 1,016	\$ 1,095	\$ 1,008
Interest income	9	10	24	29
Average yield	3.42	% 3.81	% 2.88	% 3.78
Federal funds sold:				
Average balance	\$ 11,410	\$ 13,315	\$ 11,183	\$ 11,189
Interest income	10	67	28	204
Average yield	0.33	% 2.04	% 0.34	% 2.45
Investment securities:				
Average balance	\$ 46,380	\$ 45,336	\$ 45,027	\$ 45,310
Interest income	452	568	1,338	1,723
Average yield	3.86	% 4.98	% 3.97	% 5.08
Gross loans:				
Average balance	\$ 606,066	\$ 577,682	\$ 603,802	\$ 565,942
Interest income	9,907	10,691	29,405	32,771
Average yield	6.49	% 7.36	% 6.51	% 7.73
Total interest-earning assets:				
Average balance	\$ 664,934	\$ 637,349	\$ 661,107	\$ 623,449
Interest income	10,378	11,336	30,795	34,727
Average yield	6.19	% 7.08	% 6.23	% 7.44
(dollars in thousands)				
Interest-bearing liabilities:				
Interest-bearing demand deposits:				
Average balance	\$ 135,254	\$ 51,391	\$ 99,876	\$ 60,735
Interest expense	638	245	1,361	922
Average cost of funds	1.87	% 1.89	% 1.82	% 2.03
Savings deposits:				
Average balance	\$ 16,557	\$ 15,821	\$ 17,108	\$ 14,843
Interest expense	110	128	344	386
Average cost of funds	2.64	% 3.21	% 2.69	% 3.47
Time certificates of deposit:				
Average balance	\$ 314,663	\$ 387,457	\$ 339,125	\$ 362,121
Interest expense	1,824	3,968	7,165	11,857
Average cost of funds	2.30	% 4.07	% 2.82	% 4.37
Other borrowings:				
Average balance	\$ 112,005	\$ 104,550	\$ 117,077	\$ 109,695
Interest expense	895	1,221	3,017	3,824

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Average cost of funds	3.17	%	4.65	%	3.45	%	4.66	%
Total interest-bearing liabilities:								
Average balance	\$578,479		\$559,219		\$573,186		\$547,394	
Interest expense	3,467		5,562		11,887		16,989	
Average cost of funds	2.38	%	3.96	%	2.77	%	4.15	%
Net interest income	\$6,911		\$5,774		\$18,908		\$17,738	
Net interest spread	3.81	%	3.12	%	3.46	%	3.29	%
Net interest margin	4.12	%	3.60	%	3.82	%	3.80	%

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In calculating interest rates and differentials:

- Average yields and rates are derived by dividing interest income by the average balances of interest-earning assets and by dividing interest expense by the average balances of interest-bearing liabilities for the periods indicated. Amounts outstanding are averages of daily balances during the applicable periods.
 - Nonaccrual loans are included in the average balance of loans outstanding.
- Net interest income is the difference between the interest and fees earned on loans and investments and the interest expense paid on deposits and other liabilities. The amount by which interest income will exceed interest expense depends on the volume or balance of earning assets compared to the volume or balance of interest-bearing deposits and liabilities and the interest rate earned on those interest-earning assets compared to the interest rate paid on those interest-bearing liabilities.
- Net interest margin is net interest income expressed as a percentage of average earning assets. It is used to measure the difference between the average rate of interest earned on assets and the average rate of interest that must be paid on liabilities used to fund those assets. To maintain its net interest margin, the Company must manage the relationship between interest earned and paid.

Financial Condition

Average total assets increased by \$35.0 million, or 5.5%, to \$673.8 million at September 30, 2009 compared to \$638.8 million at September 30, 2008. Average total equity increased by 22.4% to \$62.7 million at September 30, 2009 from \$51.3 million at September 30, 2008. Average total gross loans at September 30, 2009 increased by \$37.9 million, or 6.7%, to \$603.8 million from \$565.9 million at September 30, 2008. Average deposits also increased from \$472.9 million at September 30, 2008 to \$492.3 million as of September 30, 2009.

The book value per common share declined to \$7.75 at September 30, 2009 from \$8.84 at December 31, 2008.

Selected balance sheet accounts (dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008	Increase (Decrease)	Percent of Increase (Decrease)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$8,679	\$12,253	\$(3,574)	(29.2)%
Investment securities available-for-sale	18,483	6,783	11,700	172.5 %
Investment securities held-to-maturity	21,928	31,192	(9,264)	(29.7)%
Loans-Held for sale	99,611	131,786	(32,175)	(24.4)%
Loans-Held for investment, net	493,561	449,289	44,272	9.9 %
Total Assets	674,352	656,981	17,371	2.6 %
Total Deposits	529,697	475,439	54,258	11.4 %
Other borrowings	80,000	110,000	(30,000)	(27.3)%
Total Stockholders' Equity	60,324	66,618	(6,294)	(9.4)%

The following schedule shows the balance and percentage change in the various deposits:

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	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008	Increase (Decrease)	Percent of Increase (Decrease)	
	(dollars in thousands)				
Non-interest-bearing deposits	\$38,569	\$35,080	\$3,489	9.9	%
Interest-bearing deposits	160,925	57,474	103,451	180.0	%
Savings	16,507	14,718	1,789	12.2	%
Time certificates of \$100,000 or more	175,629	138,330	37,299	27.0	%
Other time certificates	138,067	229,837	(91,770)	(39.9)	%
Total deposits	\$529,697	\$475,439	\$54,258	11.4	%

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Nonaccrual, Past Due and Restructured Loans

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest under the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays or payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays or payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis. When determining the possibility of impairment, management considers the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed. For collateral-dependent loans, the Company uses the fair value of collateral method to measure impairment. All other loans, except for securitized loans, are measured for impairment based on the present value of future cash flows. Impairment is measured on a loan-by-loan basis for all loans in the portfolio except for the securitized loans, which are evaluated for impairment on a collective basis.

The recorded investment in loans that is considered to be impaired:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(in thousands)	
Impaired loans	\$9,724	\$8,566
Specific valuation allowances allocated to impaired loans	(744)	(151)
Impaired loans, net	\$8,980	\$8,415

The following schedule reflects recorded investment at the dates indicated in certain types of loans:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(dollars in thousands)	
Nonaccrual loans	\$39,133	\$28,821
SBA guaranteed portion of loans included above	(21,363)	(11,918)
Nonaccrual loans, net	\$17,770	\$16,903
Troubled debt restructured loans, gross	\$6,006	\$5,408
Loans 30 through 89 days past due with interest accruing	\$12,679	\$11,974
Allowance for loan losses to gross loans held-for-investment	2.62	% 1.61 %

The following schedule reflects the average investment in impaired loans:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(in thousands)			
Average investment in impaired loans	\$9,518	\$9,379	\$8,107	\$9,935
Interest income recognized on impaired loans	5	-	173	83

CWB generally repurchases the guaranteed portion of SBA loans from investors when those loans become past due 120 days. After the foreclosure and collection process is complete, the SBA reimburses CWB for this principal

balance. Therefore, although these balances do not earn interest during this period, they generally do not result in a loss of principal to CWB.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity Management

The Company has established policies as well as analytical tools to manage liquidity. Proper liquidity management ensures that sufficient funds are available to meet normal operating demands in addition to unexpected customer demand for funds, such as high levels of deposit withdrawals or increased loan demand, in a timely and cost effective manner. The most important factor in the preservation of liquidity is maintaining public confidence that facilitates the retention and growth of core deposits. Ultimately, public confidence is gained through profitable operations, sound credit quality and a strong capital position. The Company's liquidity management is viewed from a long-term and short-term perspective, as well as from an asset and liability perspective. Management monitors liquidity through regular reviews of maturity profiles, funding sources and loan and deposit forecasts to minimize funding risk. The Company has asset/liability committees ("ALCO") at the Board and Bank management level to review asset/liability management and liquidity issues. The Company maintains strategic liquidity and contingency plans.

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The Company has a blanket lien credit line with the Federal Home Loan Bank (“FHLB”). Advances are collateralized in the aggregate by CWB’s eligible loans and securities. Total FHLB advances were \$72.0 million and \$110.0 million at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively, and include \$4.0 million borrowed at variable rates which adjust to the current LIBOR rate either monthly or quarterly. At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, CWB had securities pledged to FHLB of \$40.4 million at carrying value and loans of \$111.6 million, and \$38.0 million at carrying value and loans of \$149.0 million, respectively. Total FHLB interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$2.9 million and \$3.8 million, respectively. At September 30, 2009, CWB had \$37.3 million available for additional borrowings with the FHLB.

CWB has established a credit line with the Federal Reserve Bank. Advances are collateralized in the aggregate by eligible loans for up to ninety days at the current rate of 0.5%. Total FRB advances were \$8.0 million as of September 30, 2009 with remaining borrowing capacity of \$102.3 million. No advances had been received as of December 31, 2008. Interest expense on these advances for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was \$84,000.

CWB also maintains four federal funds purchased lines for a total borrowing capacity of \$23.5 million. Of the \$23.5 million in borrowing capacity, one of the lines for \$5.0 million requires the Company to furnish acceptable collateral.

The Company has not experienced disintermediation and does not believe this is a potentially probable occurrence. The liquidity ratio of the Company was 19% at September 30, 2009 and 23% December 31, 2008. The Company’s liquidity ratio fluctuates in conjunction with loan funding demands. The liquidity ratio consists of cash and due from banks, deposits in other financial institutions, available-for-sale investments, federal funds sold and loans held for sale, divided by total assets.

CWBC’s routine funding requirements primarily consist of certain operating expenses and TARP preferred dividends. Normally, CWBC obtains funding to meet its obligations from dividends collected from its subsidiary and has the capability to issue debt securities. Federal banking laws regulate the amount of dividends that may be paid by banking subsidiaries without prior approval. CWBC anticipates that for the foreseeable future, it will fund its expenses and TARP preferred dividends from its own funds and will not receive dividends from its bank subsidiary.

Interest Rate Risk

The Company is exposed to different types of interest rate risks. These risks include: lag, repricing, basis and prepayment risk.

- Lag Risk – lag risk results from the inherent timing difference between the repricing of the Company’s adjustable rate assets and liabilities. For instance, certain loans tied to the prime rate index may only reprice on a quarterly basis. However, at a community bank such as CWB, when rates are rising, funding sources tend to reprice more slowly than the loans. Therefore, for CWB, the effect of this timing difference is generally favorable during a period of rising interest rates and unfavorable during a period of declining interest rates. This lag can produce some short-term volatility, particularly in times of numerous prime rate changes.
- Repricing Risk – repricing risk is caused by the mismatch in the maturities / repricing periods between interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. If CWB was perfectly matched, the net interest margin would expand during rising rate periods and contract during falling rate periods. This is so since loans tend to reprice more quickly than do funding sources. Typically, since CWB is somewhat asset sensitive, this would also tend to expand the net interest margin during times of interest rate increases.
- Basis Risk – item pricing tied to different indices may tend to react differently, however, all CWB’s variable products are priced off the prime rate.

- Prepayment Risk – prepayment risk results from borrowers paying down / off their loans prior to maturity. Prepayments on fixed-rate products increase in falling interest rate environments and decrease in rising interest rate environments. Since a majority of CWB’s loan originations are adjustable rate and set based on prime, and there is little lag time on the reset, CWB does not experience significant prepayments. However, CWB does have more prepayment risk on its securitized and manufactured housing loans and its mortgage-backed investment securities.

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Management of Interest Rate Risk

To mitigate the impact of changes in market interest rates on the Company's interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, the amounts and maturities are actively managed. Short-term, adjustable-rate assets are generally retained as they have similar repricing characteristics as our funding sources. CWB sells mortgage products and a portion of its SBA loan originations. While the Company has some interest rate exposure in excess of five years, it has internal policy limits designed to minimize risk should interest rates rise. Currently, the Company does not use derivative instruments to help manage risk, but will consider such instruments in the future if the perceived need should arise.

Loan sales - The Company's ability to originate, purchase and sell loans is also significantly impacted by changes in interest rates. Increases in interest rates may also reduce the amount of loan and commitment fees received by CWB. A significant decline in interest rates could also decrease the size of CWB's servicing portfolio and the related servicing income by increasing the level of prepayments.

Capital Resources

The Company (on a consolidated basis) and CWB are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory - and possibly additional discretionary - actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's and CWB's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Company and CWB must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the Company's and CWB's assets, liabilities and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Company's and CWB's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors. Prompt corrective action provisions are not applicable to bank holding companies.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act ("FDICIA") contains rules as to the legal and regulatory environment for insured depository institutions, including reductions in insurance coverage for certain kinds of deposits, increased supervision by the federal regulatory agencies, increased reporting requirements for insured institutions and new regulations concerning internal controls, accounting and operations. The prompt corrective action regulations of FDICIA define specific capital categories based on the institutions' capital ratios. The capital categories, in declining order, are "well capitalized", "adequately capitalized", "undercapitalized", "significantly undercapitalized" and "critically undercapitalized". To be considered "well capitalized", an institution must have a core capital ratio of at least 5% and a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 10%. Additionally, FDICIA imposes Tier I risk-based capital ratio of at least 6% to be considered "well capitalized". Tier I risk-based capital is, primarily, common stock and retained earnings, net of goodwill and other intangible assets.

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Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Company and the Bank to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the following table) of total and Tier 1 capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined) and of Tier 1 capital (as defined) to average assets (as defined). The Company's and CWB's actual capital amounts and ratios as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are presented in the table below:

(dollars in thousands)	Total Capital	Tier 1 Capital	Risk-Weighted Assets (dollars in thousands)	Adjusted Average Assets	Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	Tier 1 Risk-Based Capital Ratio	Tier 1 Leverage Ratio
September 30, 2009							
CWBC							
(Consolidated)	\$66,928	\$60,114	\$ 538,111	\$676,520	12.44 %	11.17 %	8.89 %
Capital in excess of well capitalized					\$13,117	\$27,827	\$26,288
CWB	65,921	59,107	538,136	676,540	12.25 %	10.98 %	8.74 %
Capital in excess of well capitalized					\$12,107	\$26,819	\$25,280
December 31, 2008							
CWBC							
(Consolidated)	\$73,245	\$66,553	\$ 534,628	\$647,413	13.70 %	12.45 %	10.28 %
Capital in excess of well capitalized					\$19,782	\$34,475	\$34,182
CWB	60,597	53,904	534,655	647,432	11.33 %	10.08 %	8.33 %
Capital in excess of well capitalized					\$7,132	\$21,825	\$21,532
Well capitalized ratios					10.00 %	6.00 %	5.00 %
Minimum capital ratios					8.00 %	4.00 %	4.00 %

As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, management believed that the Company and CWB met all applicable capital adequacy requirements and is correctly categorized as "well capitalized" under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action.

TARP CPP

On December 19, 2008, as part of the United States Department of the Treasury's ("Treasury") Troubled Asset Relief Program - Capital Purchase Program ("TARP CPP"), the Company entered into a Letter Agreement which incorporates the terms of a Securities Purchase Agreement - Standard Terms with the Treasury ("Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company issued to the Treasury, in exchange for an aggregate purchase price of

\$15.6 million in cash: (i) 15,600 shares of the Company's Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, no par value, having a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share ("Series A Preferred Stock"), and (ii) a warrant ("Warrant") to purchase up to 521,158 shares of Common Stock, at an exercise price of \$4.49 per share ("Warrant Shares"). The Series A Preferred Stock pays cumulative dividends at a rate of 5% per year, or approximately \$780,000, for the first five years and at a rate of 9% per year thereafter, or approximately \$1,404,000, if, as and when declared by the Company's Board of Directors. The Series A Preferred Stock has no maturity date and ranks senior to the Common Stock with respect to the payment of dividends and distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution and winding up of the Company. The Series A Preferred Stock is generally non-voting, other than class voting on certain matters that could adversely affect the Series A Preferred Stock.

The Warrant is immediately exercisable and has a 10-year term. The exercise price and the ultimate number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the Warrant are subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments, such as upon stock splits or distributions of securities or other assets to holders of the Common Stock, and upon certain issuances of the Common Stock at or below a specified price relative to the then current market price of the Common Stock. If, on or prior to December 31, 2009, the Company receives aggregate gross cash proceeds of not less than \$15.6 million from "qualified equity offerings", the number of shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Treasury's exercise of the Warrant will be reduced by one-half of the original number of Warrant Shares, taking into account all adjustments, underlying the Warrant. Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, the Treasury has agreed not to exercise voting power with respect to any Warrant Shares.

Both the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant are included in Tier 1 capital.

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Supervision and Regulation

Banking is a complex, highly regulated industry. The banking regulatory scheme serves not to protect investors, but is designed to maintain a safe and sound banking system, to protect depositors and the FDIC insurance fund, and to facilitate the conduct of sound monetary policy. In furtherance of these goals, Congress and the states have created several largely autonomous regulatory agencies and enacted numerous laws that govern banks, bank holding companies and the banking industry. Consequently, the Company's growth and earnings performance, as well as that of CWB, may be affected not only by management decisions and general economic conditions, but also by the requirements of applicable state and federal statutes and regulations and the policies of various governmental regulatory authorities, including the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Bank ("FRB"), the FDIC, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("OCC"). For a detailed discussion of the regulatory scheme governing the Company and CWB, please see the discussion in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 under the caption "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation – Supervision and Regulation."

ITEM 4T. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company's management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were reasonably effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure.

Disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and implemented, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving an entity's disclosure objectives. The likelihood of achieving such objections is affected by limitations inherent in disclosure controls and procedures. These include the fact that human judgment in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns in internal control can occur because of human failures such as simple errors or mistakes or intentional circumvention of the established process.

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, known to the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Financial Officer, that occurred during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is involved in various litigation of a routine nature that is being handled and defended in the ordinary course of the Company's business. In the opinion of management, based in part on consultation with legal counsel, the resolution of these litigation matters is not expected have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None

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ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibits.

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a), promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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*32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b), promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and 18 U.S.C. 1350.

*This certification is furnished to, but shall not be deemed filed with, the Commission. This certification shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates it by reference.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

COMMUNITY WEST BANCSHARES
(Registrant)

Date: November 13, 2009

/s/Charles G. Baltuskonis
Charles G. Baltuskonis
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

On Behalf of Registrant and as
Principal Financial and Accounting Officer

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