

FIRST NORTHERN COMMUNITY BANCORP  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

**x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR  
15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2006**

**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 000-30707**

**First Northern Community Bancorp**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>California</b>	<b>68-0450397</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

<b>195 N. First Street, Dixon, CA</b>	<b>95620</b>
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

**707-678-3041**

(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 Section 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 x No "**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

**Large accelerated filer**     **Accelerated filer**     **Non-accelerated filer**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

**Yes**     **No**

The number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of August 7, 2006 was 7,974,154.

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**PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
**ITEM 1.**  
**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

***CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS***  
(in thousands, except share amounts)

	(UNAUDITED)	
	June 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 30,875	\$ 35,507
Federal funds sold	36,430	87,185
Investment securities - available for sale	70,079	48,788
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$7,923 at June 30, 2006 and \$7,917 at December 31, 2005	480,173	456,061
Loans held-for-sale	5,095	4,440
Premises and equipment, net	8,118	8,311
Other Real Estate Owned	—	268
Accrued Interest receivable and other assets	21,764	20,087
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 652,534</b>	<b>\$ 660,647</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Deposits</b>		
Demand	\$ 179,984	\$ 192,436
Interest-bearing transaction deposits	86,120	85,560
Savings & MMDA's	190,796	185,878
Time, under \$100,000	50,030	51,921
Time, \$100,000 and over	69,534	65,986
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>576,464</b>	<b>581,781</b>
FHLB Advance and other borrowings	11,657	14,969
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities	5,839	7,095
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>593,960</b>	<b>603,845</b>
<b>Stockholders' equity</b>		
Common stock, no par value; 16,000,000 shares authorized; 7,988,050 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2006 and 7,558,759 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2005	46,296	36,100
Additional paid in capital	977	977
Retained earnings	11,762	19,606
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(461)	119
<b>TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>58,574</b>	<b>56,802</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 652,534</b>	<b>\$ 660,647</b>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended June 30, 2006	Three months ended June 30, 2005	Six months ended June 30, 2006	Six months ended June 30, 2005
<b>Interest Income</b>				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loans	10,435	8,895	20,119	16,917
Federal funds sold	651	479	1,611	931
<b>Investment securities</b>				
Taxable	667	504	1,223	1,037
Non-taxable	143	144	274	291
Total interest income	11,896	10,022	23,227	19,176
<b>Interest Expense</b>				
Deposits	2,038	1,166	3,843	2,111
Other borrowings	82	125	216	248
Total interest expense	2,120	1,291	4,059	2,359
Net interest income	9,776	8,731	19,168	16,817
(Recovery of) provision for loan losses	350	(450)	(225)	69
<b>Net interest income after (recovery of) provision for loan losses</b>				
	9,426	9,181	19,393	16,748
<b>Other operating income</b>				
Service charges on deposit accounts	680	595	1,301	1,170
Gain (loss) on sales of other real estate owned	(1)	—	6	—
Gains on sales of loans held-for-sale	55	94	92	166
Investment and brokerage services income	67	95	112	165
Mortgage brokerage income	124	115	209	183
Loan servicing income	76	100	144	187
Fiduciary activities income	42	31	75	56
ATM fees	64	53	133	115
Signature based transaction fees	89	65	170	128
Other income	167	198	330	394
Total other operating income	1,363	1,346	2,572	2,564
<b>Other operating expenses</b>				
Salaries and employee benefits	4,347	4,056	8,890	7,829
Occupancy and equipment	885	845	1,740	1,682
Data processing	385	283	714	584
Stationery and supplies	117	139	240	254
Advertising	233	196	449	293
Directors' fees	32	29	66	57
Other expense	1,142	1,281	2,369	2,498
Total other operating expenses	7,141	6,829	14,468	13,197
<b>Income before income tax expense</b>				
	3,648	3,698	7,497	6,115
Provision for income taxes	1,354	1,375	2,801	2,100

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Net income	\$	2,294	\$	2,323	\$	4,696	\$	4,015
Basic Income per share	\$	0.29	\$	0.29	\$	0.59	\$	0.50
Diluted Income per share	\$	0.28	\$	0.28	\$	0.57	\$	0.48

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income**  
(in thousands, except share amounts)

Description	Common Stock		Comprehensive Income	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss)	Total
	Shares	Amounts					
Balance at December 31, 2005	7,558,759	\$ 36,100		\$ 977	\$ 19,606	\$ 119	\$ 56,802
<b>Comprehensive income:</b>							
Net income			\$ 4,696		4,696		4,696
<b>Other comprehensive loss:</b>							
Unrealized holding losses on securities arising during the current period, net of tax effect of \$387			(580)				
Reclassification adjustment due to gains realized on sales of securities, net of tax effect of \$0			—				
Total other comprehensive loss, net of tax effect of \$387			(580)			(580)	(580)
<b>Comprehensive income</b>			\$ 4,116				
6% stock dividend	455,472	12,525			(12,525)		—
Cash in lieu of fractional shares					(15)		(15)
Stock-based compensation and related tax benefits		497					497
Stock options exercised, net of swapped shares	81,425	137					137
Stock repurchase and retirement	(107,606)	(2,963)					(2,963)
Balance at June 30, 2006	7,988,050	\$ 46,296		\$ 977	\$ 11,762	\$ (461)	\$ 58,574

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(in thousands)

	Six months Ended June 30, 2006	Six months Ended June 30, 2005
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net Income	\$ 4,696	\$ 4,015
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	508	509
(Recovery of) provision for loan losses	(225)	69
Stock plan accruals	190	143
Tax benefit for stock options	307	—
Gains on sales of loans	(92)	(166)
Gains on sales of other real estate owned	(6)	—
Proceeds from sales of loans held-for-sale	15,936	26,894
Originations of loans held-for-sale	(16,499)	(27,848)
Increase in accrued interest receivable and other assets	(2,337)	(1,733)
(Decrease) increase in accrued interest payable and other liabilities	(1,256)	578
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,222	2,461
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Net (increase) decrease in investment securities	(20,904)	4,766
Net increase in loans	(23,887)	(20,184)
Net decrease (increase) in other real estate owned	274	(3,226)
Purchases of premises and equipment, net	(315)	(481)
Net cash used in investing activities	(44,832)	(19,125)
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Net (decrease) increase in deposits	(5,317)	1,068
Net decrease in FHLB advances	(3,312)	(443)
Cash dividends paid	(15)	(16)
Proceeds from stock options exercised	137	96
Tax benefit for stock options	(307)	—
Repurchase of stock	(2,963)	(1,808)
Net cash used in financing activities	(11,777)	(1,103)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(55,387)	(17,767)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	122,692	116,704
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 67,305	\$ 98,937
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 4,025	\$ 2,364
Income Taxes	\$ 3,435	\$ 3,036
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Stock dividend distributed	\$ 12,525	\$ 6,158

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.





*NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

June 30, 2006 and 2005 and December 31, 2005

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of First Northern Community Bancorp (the “Company”) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Articles 9 and 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results expected for the full year. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company’s Annual Report to stockholders and Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP also requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Reclassifications*

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior period balances in order to conform to the current year presentation.

## 2. ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

The allowance for loan losses is maintained at levels considered adequate by management to provide for loan losses that can be reasonably anticipated. The allowance is based on management's assessment of various factors affecting the loan portfolio, including problem loans, economic conditions and loan loss experience, and an overall evaluation of the quality of the underlying collateral.

Changes in the allowance for loan losses during the six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 and for the year ended December 31, 2005 were as follows:

(in thousands)

	Six months ended June 30,		Year ended December 31,
	2006	2005	2005
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 7,917	\$ 7,445	\$ 7,445
(Recovery of) provision for loan losses	(225)	69	600
Loan charge-offs	(324)	(73)	(855)
Loan recoveries	555	635	727
Balance, end of period	\$ 7,923	\$ 8,076	\$ 7,917

## 3. MORTGAGE OPERATIONS

Transfers and servicing of financial assets and extinguishments of liabilities are accounted for and reported based on consistent application of a financial-components approach that focuses on control. Transfers of financial assets that are sales are distinguished from transfers that are secured borrowings. Retained interests (mortgage servicing rights) in loans sold are measured by allocating the previous carrying amount of the transferred assets between the loans sold and retained interest, if any, based on their relative fair value at the date of transfer. Fair values are estimated using discounted cash flows based on a current market interest rate.

The Company recognizes a gain and a related asset for the fair value of the rights to service loans for others when loans are sold. The Company sold substantially all of its conforming long-term residential mortgage loans originated during the six months ended June 30, 2006 for cash proceeds equal to the fair value of the loans.

The recorded value of mortgage servicing rights is included in other assets, and is amortized in proportion to, and over the period of, estimated net servicing revenues. The Company assesses capitalized mortgage servicing rights for impairment based upon the fair value of those rights at each reporting date. For purposes of measuring impairment, the rights are stratified based upon the product type, term and interest rates. Fair value is determined by discounting estimated net future cash flows from mortgage servicing activities using discount rates that approximate current market rates and estimated prepayment rates, among other assumptions. The amount of impairment recognized, if any, is the amount by which the capitalized mortgage servicing rights for a stratum exceeds their fair value. Impairment, if any, is recognized through a valuation allowance for each individual stratum.

At June 30, 2006, the Company had \$5,095,000 of mortgage loans held-for-sale. At June 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, the Company serviced real estate mortgage loans for others of \$109,074,000 and \$105,183,000, respectively.

The following table summarizes the Company's mortgage servicing rights assets as of June 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005.

(in thousands)

	December 31, 2005	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2006
Mortgage servicing rights	\$ 973	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 973

There was no valuation allowance recorded for mortgage servicing rights as of June 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005.

## 4. OUTSTANDING SHARES AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

On January 26, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a 6% stock dividend payable as of March 31, 2006 to stockholders of record as of February 28, 2006.

Earnings per share amounts have been adjusted to reflect the effects of the stock dividend.

## Earnings Per Share (EPS)

Basic EPS includes no dilution and is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS includes all common stock equivalents ("in-the-money" stock options, warrants and rights, convertible bonds and preferred stock), which reflects the potential dilution of securities that could share in the earnings of an entity.

The following table presents a reconciliation of basic and diluted EPS for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2005:

(amounts in thousands, except share and earnings per share amounts)

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
<b>Basic earnings per share:</b>				
Net income	\$ 2,294	\$ 2,323	\$ 4,696	\$ 4,015
Weighted average common shares outstanding	7,991,102	8,080,125	8,009,246	8,091,420
Basic EPS	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.50
<b>Diluted earnings per share:</b>				
Net income	\$ 2,294	\$ 2,323	\$ 4,696	\$ 4,015
Weighted average common shares outstanding	7,991,102	8,080,125	8,009,246	8,091,420
Effect of dilutive options	288,116	346,854	297,327	304,526
	8,279,218	8,426,979	8,306,573	8,395,946
Diluted EPS	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.48

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## STOCK OPTION PLAN

On January 1, 2006, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 123R, “Share-Based Payments,” which addresses the accounting for stock-based payment transactions whereby an entity receives employee services in exchange for equity instruments, including stock options. SFAS No. 123R eliminates the ability to account for stock-based compensation transactions using the intrinsic value method under Accounting Principles Board Opinion (“APB”) No. 25, “Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees,” and instead generally requires that such transactions be accounted for using a fair-value based method. The Company has elected the modified prospective transition method as permitted under SFAS No. 123R, and accordingly prior periods have not been restated to reflect the impact of SFAS No. 123R. The modified prospective transition method requires that stock-based compensation expense be recorded for all new and unvested stock options that are ultimately expected to vest as the requisite service is rendered beginning on January 1, 2006. Stock-based compensation for awards granted prior to January 1, 2006 is based upon the grant-date fair value of such compensation as determined under the pro forma provisions of SFAS No. 123, “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation.” The Company issues new shares of common stock upon the exercise of stock options.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123R, the Company during the first quarter of fiscal 2003, adopted the fair value recognition provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Statement No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123*, for stock-based employee compensation, effective as of the beginning of the fiscal year. Under the prospective method of adoption selected by the Company, stock-based employee compensation recognized for all stock options granted after January 1, 2003 is based on the fair value recognition provisions of Statement 123. For stock options issued prior to January 1, 2003, the Company is using the intrinsic value method, under which compensation expense is recorded on the date of grant only if the current market price of the underlying stock exceeds the exercise price. The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share as if the fair value based method had been applied to all outstanding and unvested awards in each period.

The following table presents basic and diluted EPS for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2005.

(dollars in thousands, except earnings per share amounts)

	Three months ended June 30, 2005	Six months ended June 30, 2005
Net income, as reported	\$ 2,323	\$ 4,015
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects	71	143
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(89)	(179)
Pro forma net income under SFAS No. 123	\$ 2,305	\$ 3,979

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Basic earnings per share:				
As reported	\$	0.29	\$	0.50
Pro forma under SFAS No. 123	\$	0.29	\$	0.49
Diluted earnings per share:				
As reported	\$	0.28	\$	0.48
Pro forma under SFAS No. 123	\$	0.27	\$	0.47

As of January 1, 2006, the Company has the following share-based compensation plans:

The Company has two fixed stock option plans. Under the 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan, the Company may grant options to an employee for an amount up to 25,000 shares of common stock each year. There are 1,657,746 shares authorized under the plan. The plan will terminate February 27, 2007. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors is authorized to prescribe the terms and conditions of each option, including exercise price, vestings or duration of the option. Generally, options vest at a rate of 25% per year after the first anniversary of the date of grant. Options are granted at the fair value of the related common stock on the date of grant.

Under the 2000 Outside Directors Non-statutory Stock Option Plan, the Company may grant options to an outside director for an amount up to 19,881 shares of common stock during the director's lifetime. There are 497,315 shares authorized under the Plan. The Plan will terminate February 27, 2007. The exercise price of each option equals the fair value of the Company's stock on the date of grant, and an option's maximum term is five years. Options vest at the rate of 20% per year beginning on the grant date. Other than a grant of 19,881 shares to a new director, any future grants require stockholder approval.

The following table presents the activity related to stock options for the three months ended June 30, 2006.

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term
Options outstanding at Beginning of Period	572,960	\$ 10.34		
Granted	8,500	27.57		
Cancelled / Forfeited	(1)	9.31		
Exercised	(41,177)	7.39	\$ 826,210	
Options outstanding at End of Period	540,282	\$ 10.84	\$ 8,338,760	6.37
Exercisable (vested) at End of Period	356,350	\$ 8.11	\$ 6,463,235	5.30

The weighted average fair value of options granted during the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 was \$8.94 per share.

The following table presents the activity related to stock options for the six months ended June 30, 2006.

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term
Options outstanding at Beginning of Period	602,696	\$ 8.84		



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Granted	57,790	24.98		
Cancelled / Forfeited	(10,425)	10.48		
Exercised	(109,779)	7.33	\$	2,062,200
Options outstanding at End of Period	540,282	\$	10.84	\$ 8,338,760 6.37
Exercisable (vested) at End of Period	356,350	\$	8.11	\$ 6,463,235 5.30

The weighted average fair value of options granted during the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 was \$7.75 per share.

As of June 30, 2006, there was \$817,579 of total unrecognized compensation related to non-vested stock options. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.2 years.

The Company determines fair value at grant date using the Black-Scholes-Merton pricing model that takes into account the stock price at the grant date, the exercise price, the expected life of the option, the volatility of the underlying stock and the expected life of the option.

The weighted average assumptions used in the pricing model are noted in the following table. The expected term of options granted is derived from historical data on employee exercise and post-vesting employment termination behavior. The risk free rate for periods within the contractual life of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant. Expected volatility is based on both the implied volatilities from the traded option on the Company's stock and historical volatility on the Company's stock.

For options granted prior to January 1, 2006, and valued in accordance with FAS 123, the expected volatility used to estimate the fair value of the options was based solely on the historical volatility of the Bank's stock. The Bank recognized option forfeitures as they occurred.

The Bank expenses the fair value of the option on a straight line basis over the vesting period. The Bank estimates forfeitures and only recognizes expense for those shares expected to vest. The Bank's estimated forfeiture rate in the first six months of 2006, based on historical forfeiture experience, is approximately 0.0%.

A summary of the weighted average assumptions used in valuing stock options during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006 is presented below:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2006	Six Months Ended June 30, 2006
Risk Free Interest Rate	4.57%	4.57%
Expected Dividend Yield	0.00%	0.00%
Expected Life in Years	5.00	4.67
Expected Price Volatility	26.53%	26.39%

The Company has a 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (“ESPP”). Under the plan, the Company is authorized to issue to an eligible employee shares of common stock. There are 1,657,746 shares authorized under the Plan. The Plan will terminate February 27, 2007. The Plan is implemented by participation periods of not more than twenty-seven months each. The Board of Directors determines the commencement date and duration of each participation period. An eligible employee is one who has been continually employed for at least ninety (90) days prior to commencement of a participation period. Under the terms of the Plan, employees can choose to have up to 10 percent of their compensation withheld to purchase the Company’s common stock each participation period. The purchase price of the stock is 85 percent of the lower of the fair market value on the last trading day before the Date of Participation or the fair market value on the last trading day during the participation period.

As of June 30, 2006, there was \$36,000 recognized compensation and \$36,000 unrecognized compensation related to ESPP options. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately .50 years.

The weighted average fair value at grant date is \$3.51.

A summary of the weighted average assumptions used in valuing ESPP options during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006 is presented below:

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2006	Six Months Ended June 30, 2006
Risk Free Interest Rate	1.36%	1.36%
Expected Dividend Yield	0.00%	0.00%
Expected Life in Years	2.00	2.00
Expected Price Volatility	23.80%	23.80%

## 6. FIRST NORTHERN BANK - EXECUTIVE SALARY CONTINUATION PLAN

First Northern Bank (the "Bank") has an unfunded non-contributory defined benefit pension plan ("Executive Salary Continuation Plan") for a select group of highly compensated employees. The Executive Salary Continuation Plan provides defined benefit levels between \$50,000 and \$125,000 annually, depending on responsibilities at the Bank. The retirement benefits are paid for 10 years following retirement at age 65. Reduced retirement benefits are available after age 55 and 10 years of service.

	Three months ended June 30,	
	2006	2005
Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost		
Service Cost	\$ 41,146	\$ 40,049
Interest Cost	16,155	13,321
Amortization of prior service cost	3,257	3,257
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 60,558	\$ 56,627

The Bank estimates that the net periodic benefit cost will be \$242,232 at December 31, 2006. This compares to net periodic benefit costs of \$226,506 at December 31, 2005.

## Estimated Contributions for Fiscal 2006

For unfunded plans, contributions to the "Executive Salary Continuation Plan" are the benefit payments made to participants. At December 31, 2005 the Bank expected to make benefit payments of \$49,500 in connection with the "Executive Salary Continuation Plan" during fiscal 2006.

## 7. FIRST NORTHERN BANK - DIRECTORS' RETIREMENT PLAN

The Bank has an unfunded non-contributory defined benefit pension plan ("Directors' Retirement Plan") for directors of the Bank. The plan provides a retirement benefit equal to \$1,000 per year of service as a director, up to a maximum of \$15,000. The retirement benefit is payable for 10 years following retirement at age of 65. Reduced retirement benefits are available after age 55 and 10 years of service.

	Three months ended June 30,	
	2006	2005
Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost		
Service Cost	\$ 13,518	\$ 18,218
Interest Cost	5,943	5,233
Amortization of net loss	234	1,295
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 19,695	\$ 24,746

The Bank estimates that the net periodic benefit cost will be \$78,774 at December 31, 2006. This compares to net periodic benefit costs of \$98,984 at December 31, 2005.

## Estimated Contributions for Fiscal 2006

For unfunded plans, contributions to the "Directors' Retirement Plan" are the benefit payments made to participants. At December 31, 2005 the Bank expected to make cash contributions of \$15,000 to the "Directors' Retirement Plan" during fiscal 2006.



**ITEM 2.**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF  
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This report contains 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, and subject to the "safe harbor" created by those sections. Forward-looking statements include the information concerning possible or assumed future results of operations of the Company set forth under the heading "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." Forward-looking statements also include statements in which words such as "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "believe," "estimate," "consider" or similar expressions are used, and include assumptions concerning the Company's operations, future results and prospects. These forward-looking statements are based upon current expectations and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, which are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from those set forth in or implied by the forward-looking statements and related assumptions. Some factors that may cause actual results to differ from the forward-looking statements include the following: (i) the effect of changing regional and national economic conditions, including the continuing budgetary and fiscal difficulties of the State of California; (ii) uncertainty regarding the economic outlook resulting from the continuing hostilities in Iraq and the war on terrorism, as well as actions taken or to be taken by the United States or other governments as a result of further acts or threats of terrorism; (iii) significant changes in interest rates and prepayment speeds; (iv) credit risks of commercial, agricultural, real estate, consumer and other lending activities; (v) adverse effects of current and future federal and state banking or other laws and regulations or governmental fiscal or monetary policies; (vi) competition in the banking industry; (vii) changes in accounting standards; and (viii) other external developments which could materially impact the Company's operational and financial performance. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date on which they are made. For additional information concerning risks and uncertainties related to the Company and its operations, please refer to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

The following is a discussion and analysis of the significant changes in the Company's Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and of the significant changes in income and expenses reported in the Company's Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income as of and for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 and should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated 2005 financial statements and the notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report to Stockholders and Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, along with other financial information included in this report.

## INTRODUCTION

This overview of Management's Discussion and Analysis highlights selected information in this quarterly report and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of trends, events, commitments, uncertainties, liquidity, capital resources and critical accounting estimates, you should carefully read this entire quarterly report, together with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Our subsidiary, First Northern Bank of Dixon, is a California state-chartered bank that derives most of its revenues from lending and deposit taking in the Sacramento Valley region of Northern California. Interest rates, business conditions and customer confidence all affect our ability to generate revenues. In addition, the regulatory environment and competition can challenge our ability to generate those revenues.

The Company experienced significant earnings performance through the second quarter of 2006 due to a combination of loan and deposit growth in addition to strong net interest margins. Significant results and developments during the second quarter 2006 and year-to-date include:

- Year-to-date net income of \$4.70 million, up 16.9% over the \$4.02 million earned in the same fiscal period last year.
- Diluted earnings per share for the six months ended June 30, 2006 of \$0.57, up 18.8% from the \$0.48 reported in the same period last year (all 2005 per share earnings have been adjusted for a 6% stock dividend issued March 31, 2006).
- Annualized Return on Average Assets for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 of 1.41%, compared to 1.27% for the same period in 2005.
- Annualized Return on Beginning Core Equity for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 of 16.57%, compared to 15.77% one year ago.
- Total assets at June 30, 2006 of \$652.5 million, an increase of \$20.8 million, or 3.3% from prior-year second quarter levels.
- Total deposits of \$576.5 million at June 30, 2006, an increase of \$18.2 million or 3.3% compared to June 30, 2005 figures.
- Total net loans at June 30, 2006 (including loans held-for-sale) increased \$32.9 million, or 7.3%, to \$485.3 million compared to June 30, 2005 figures.
- Net income for the quarter of \$2.29 million, down 1.3% from the \$2.32 million earned in the second quarter of 2005. (Second quarter 2005 net income was increased through a \$265 thousand, net of tax, recovery of provision for loan losses from a prior period.)
- Diluted earnings per share for the quarter of \$0.28, which matched the \$0.28 per diluted share earned a year ago.

During the second quarter of 2006, the Company also opened its sixth Real Estate Loan Office in Folsom at 2360 East Bidwell Street. The Company anticipates that it will also open an Investment & Brokerage Services office and a full service bank branch at the same address in 2006.





**SUMMARY**

The Company recorded net income of \$4,696,000 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006, representing an increase of \$681,000 or 17.0% from net income of \$4,015,000 for the same period in 2005.

The Company recorded net income of \$2,294,000 for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006, representing a decrease of \$29,000 or 1.3% from net income of \$2,323,000 for the same period in 2005.

The following table presents a summary of the results for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2005.

( in thousands, except earnings per share and percentage amounts)

	Three months ended June 30, 2006	Three months ended June 30, 2005	Six months ended June 30, 2006	Six months ended June 30, 2005
For the Period:				
Net Income	\$ 2,294	\$ 2,323	\$ 4,696	\$ 4,015
Basic Income Per Share*	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.50
Diluted Income Per share*	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.48
Return on Average Assets	1.39%	1.46%	1.41%	1.27%
Net Earnings / Beginning Equity	16.19%	18.25%	16.57%	15.77%
At Period End:				
Total Assets	\$ 652,534	\$ 631,732	\$ 652,534	\$ 631,732
Total Loans, Net (including loans held-for-sale)	\$ 485,268	\$ 452,412	\$ 485,268	\$ 452,412
Total Deposits	\$ 576,464	\$ 558,254	\$ 576,464	\$ 558,254
Loan-To-Deposit Ratio	84.2%	81.0%	84.2%	81.0%

\*Adjusted for stock dividends



**Distribution of Average Statements of Condition and Analysis of Net Interest Income**  
(in thousands, except percentage amounts)

	Three months ended June 30, 2006			Three months ended June 30, 2005		
	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Rate
<b>Assets</b>						
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans (1)	\$ 480,263	\$ 10,436	8.72%	\$ 58,760	\$ 8,895	7.78%
Investment securities, taxable	54,746	667	4.89%	40,196	504	5.03%
Investment securities, non-taxable (2)	12,085	143	4.75%	11,971	144	4.82%
Federal funds sold	53,872	651	4.85%	68,042	479	2.82%
Total interest-earning assets	600,966	11,897	7.94%	578,969	10,022	6.94%
Non-interest-earning assets:						
Cash and due from banks	29,221			31,093		
Premises and equipment, net	8,178			7,523		
Other real estate owned	—			106		
Accrued interest receivable and other assets	20,346			17,418		
Total average assets	658,711			635,172		
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:</b>						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Interest-bearing transaction deposits	88,222	263	1.20%	67,439	101	.60%
Savings & MMDA's	190,068	876	1.85%	194,037	521	1.08%
Time, under \$100,000	50,710	333	2.63%	55,654	223	1.61%
Time, \$100,000 and over	69,578	567	3.27%	65,156	321	1.98%
FHLB advances and other borrowings	10,959	82	3.00%	14,209	124	3.50%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	409,537	2,121	2.08%	396,495	1,290	1.30%
Non-interest-bearing liabilities:						
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	186,155			181,114		
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities	5,172			4,089		
Total liabilities	600,864			581,698		
Total stockholders' equity	57,847			53,474		
Total average liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 658,711			\$ 635,172		
		\$ 9,776	6.52%		\$ 8,732	6.05%

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Net interest income and  
net interest margin (3)

	Six months ended June 30,					
	2006			Six months ended June 30, 2005		
	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Rate
<b>Assets</b>						
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans (1)	\$ 471,453	\$ 20,119	8.61%	\$ 448,002	\$ 16,917	7.61%
Investment securities, taxable	50,673	1,223	4.87%	41,173	1,037	5.08%
Investment securities, non-taxable (2)	11,539	274	4.79%	12,184	291	4.82%
Federal funds sold	71,489	1,611	4.54%	73,648	931	2.55%
Total interest-earning assets	605,154	23,227	7.74%	575,007	19,176	6.73%
Non-interest-earning assets:						
Cash and due from banks	30,589			32,459		
Premises and equipment, net	8,216			7,531		
Other real estate owned	115			54		
Accrued interest receivable and other assets	19,951			17,219		
Total average assets	664,025			632,270		
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:</b>						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Interest-bearing						
transaction deposits	86,654	478	1.11%	66,979	157	.47%
Savings & MMDA's	192,721	1,658	1.73%	193,900	886	.92%
Time, under \$100,000	51,010	642	2.54%	56,246	432	1.55%
Time, \$100,000 and over	68,549	1,065	3.13%	68,498	636	1.87%
FHLB advances and other borrowings	12,079	216	3.61%	14,391	248	3.48%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	411,013	4,059	1.99%	400,014	2,359	1.19%
Non-interest-bearing liabilities:						
Non-interest-bearing						
demand deposits	190,009			175,831		
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities	5,484			3,465		
Total liabilities	606,506			579,310		
Total stockholders' equity	57,519			52,960		
Total average liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 664,025			\$ 632,270		
		\$ 19,168	6.39%		\$ 16,817	5.90%

Net interest income and  
net interest margin (3)

1. Average balances for loans include loans held-for-sale and non-accrual loans and are net of the allowance for loan losses, but non-accrued

interest thereon is excluded. Loan interest income includes loan fees of approximately \$1,430,000 and \$1,466,000 for the six months ended

June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

2. Interest income and yields on tax-exempt securities are not presented on a taxable equivalent basis.

3. Net interest margin is computed by dividing net interest income by total average interest-earning assets.

## CHANGES IN FINANCIAL CONDITION

The assets of the Company set forth in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets showed a \$4,632,000 decrease in cash & due from banks, a \$50,755,000 decrease in Federal funds sold, a \$21,291,000 increase in investment securities available-for-sale, a \$24,112,000 increase in net loans held for investment, a \$655,000 increase in loans held-for-sale, a \$193,000 decrease in premises & equipment, a \$268,000 decrease in other real estate owned and a \$1,677,000 increase in accrued interest receivable and other assets from December 31, 2005 to June 30, 2006. The decrease in cash and due from banks was substantially the result of a decrease in items in process of collection. The decrease in Federal funds sold was largely due to an increase in loans and investment securities available-for-sale. The increase in investment securities available-for-sale was largely due to purchases of mortgage-backed investment securities and agency investment securities. The increase in loans was due to an increase in the following loan categories: commercial; agricultural; equipment; consumer; real estate commercial & construction, which was partially offset by a decrease in the following loan categories: equipment leases; real estate; and home equity lines of credit. These fluctuations were due to changes in the demand for loan products by the Company's borrowers. The increase in loans held-for-sale was in real estate loans and was due, for the most part, to an increase in the origination of loans compared to sales. The Company originated approximately \$16,499,000 in residential mortgage loans during the first six months of 2006, which was offset by approximately \$15,936,000 in loan sales during this period. The decrease in premises & equipment was due to increased depreciation, which was partially offset by an increase in furniture & equipment purchases. The increase in accrued interest receivable and other assets was mainly due to an increase in loan and securities interest receivables; income taxes receivable and an increase in the cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance, which was partially offset by a decrease in prepaid expenses.

The liabilities of the Company set forth in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets showed a decrease in total deposits of \$5,317,000 at June 30, 2006 compared to the total at December 31, 2005. The decrease in deposits was due to lower demand and under \$100,000 time deposit totals, combined with higher interest-bearing transaction deposits, savings & money market deposits and over \$100,000 time deposits. These fluctuations were due to cyclical changes in deposit requirements of the Company's depositors. Federal Home Loan Bank advances ("FHLB advances") and other borrowings decreased \$3,312,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, due to payments to FHLB combined with a decrease in treasury tax and loan note payable. Other liabilities decreased \$1,256,000 from December 31, 2005 to June 30, 2006. The decrease in other liabilities was due to decreases in accrued taxes payable, accrued profit sharing and incentive compensation expenses, which were partially offset by increases in accrued interest expense, accrued retirement expense and deferred compensation expense.

## CHANGES IN RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Interest Income

The increase in general market interest rates increased the Company's yields on earning assets. The Federal Open Market Committee increased the Federal funds rate by a total of 200 basis points during the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006.

Interest income on loans for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 was up 18.9% from the same period in 2005, increasing from \$16,917,000 to \$20,119,000, and was up 17.3% for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 over the same period in 2005, from \$8,895,000 to \$10,435,000. The increase in interest income on loans for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 as compared to the same period a year ago was primarily due to an increase in average loans and a 100 basis point increase in loan yields. The increase for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 as compared to the same period a year ago was primarily due to an increase in average loans and a 94 basis point increase in loan yields.

Interest income on Federal funds sold for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 was up 73.0% from the same period in 2005, increasing from \$931,000 to \$1,611,000, and was up 35.9% for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 over the same period in 2005, from \$479,000 to \$651,000. The increase in Federal funds income for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 as compared to the same period a year ago was primarily due to a 199 basis point increase in Federal funds yields, which was partially offset by a decrease in average Federal funds sold. The increase for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 as compared to the same period a year ago, was primarily due to a 203 basis point increase in Federal funds yields, which was partially offset by a decrease in average Federal funds sold. The changes in average Federal funds sold were the result of the increase in average loans.

Interest income on investment securities for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 was up 12.7% from the same period in 2005, increasing from \$1,328,000 to \$1,497,000 and was up 25.0% for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 over the same period in 2005, from \$648,000 to \$810,000. The increase from the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 as compared to the same period a year ago was primarily due to an increase in average investment securities, which was partially offset by a 17 basis point decrease in securities yields. The increase from the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 as compared to the same period a year ago was primarily due to an increase in average investment securities, which was partially offset by a 12 basis point decrease in securities yields.

### Interest Expense

The increase in general market interest rates increased the Company's cost of funds. As discussed above, the Federal Open Market Committee increased the Federal funds rate by a total of 200 basis points during the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2006.

Interest expense on deposits and other borrowings for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 was up 72.1% from the same period in 2005, increasing from \$2,359,000 to \$4,059,000, and was up 64.2% for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 over the same period in 2005, from \$1,291,000 to \$2,120,000. The increase in interest expense from the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 as compared to the same period a year ago was primarily due to increased average interest bearing liabilities and an 80 basis point increase in the Company's average cost of funds. The increase in interest expense from the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 as compared to the same period a year ago was primarily due to increased average interest bearing liabilities and an 78 basis point increase in the Company's average cost of funds.





### Provision for Loan Losses

There was a recovery of provision for loan losses of \$225,000 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 compared to a \$69,000 provision for the same period in 2005. The decrease in the provision was due to a recovery of \$475,000 on a previously charged-off loan, combined with the Company's evaluation of the quality of the loan portfolio. The June 30, 2006 allowance for loan losses of approximately \$7,923,000 was 1.6% of total loans (excluding loans held for sale) compared to \$7,917,000 or 1.7% of total loans (excluding loans held for sale) at December 31, 2005. The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level considered adequate by management to provide for possible loan losses inherent in the loan portfolio.

### Provision for Unfunded Lending Commitment Losses

There was no provision for unfunded lending commitment losses for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 compared to an \$81,000 provision for the same period in 2005. The provision for unfunded lending commitment losses is included in other operating expenses.

There was a recovery of provision for unfunded lending commitment losses of \$100,000 for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 compared to no provision for the same period in 2005.

### Other Operating Income

Other operating income was up 0.3% for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 from the same period in 2005, increasing from \$2,564,000 to \$2,572,000.

This increase was primarily due to an increase in service charges on deposit accounts, mortgage brokerage income, fiduciary activities income, ATM fees and signature based transaction fees, which was partially offset by a decrease in gains on sales of loans, investment brokerage services income, loan servicing income and other miscellaneous income. The increase in services charges on deposit accounts was due to an increase in overdraft fees. The increase in mortgage brokerage fees was the result of an increase in mortgage brokerage activity. The increase in fiduciary income was due to an increase in the demand for fiduciary services. The increase in ATM fees was due to an increase in ATM interchange fees. The increase in signature based transaction fees was due to an increase in signature based transactions. The decrease in gain on sales of loans was due to a decrease in the origination and sale of loans compared to the same period in 2005. The Company sold approximately \$15,936,000 in residential mortgage loans during the six-month period ended June 30, 2006, as compared to \$26,894,000 for the same period in 2005. The decrease in investment brokerage services income was due to a decrease in the demand for investment brokerage services. The decrease in loan servicing income was due to a decrease in booked income for the Company's mortgage servicing asset. The decrease in other miscellaneous income was due to a decrease in net letter of credit fees, which was partially offset by increases in check sales fees, safe deposit fees and deferred compensation insurance earnings.

Other operating income was up 1.3% for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 from the same period in 2005, increasing from \$1,346,000 to \$1,363,000.

This increase was primarily due to an increase in service charges on deposit accounts, mortgage brokerage income, fiduciary activities income, ATM fees and signature based transaction fees, which was partially offset by a decrease in gains on sales of loans, investment brokerage services income, loan servicing income and other miscellaneous income. The increase in services charges on deposit accounts was due to an increase in overdraft fees. The increase in mortgage brokerage fees was the result of an increase in mortgage brokerage activity. The increase in fiduciary income was due to an increase in the demand for fiduciary services. The increase in ATM fees was due to an increase in ATM interchange fees. The increase in signature based transaction fees was due to an increase in signature based transactions. The decrease in gain on sales of loans was due to a decrease in the origination and sale of loans

compared to the same period in 2005. The decrease in investment brokerage services income was due to a decrease in the demand for investment brokerage services. The decrease in loan servicing income was due to a decrease in booked income for the Company's mortgage servicing asset, which was a result of lower sales of residential mortgage loans. The decrease in other miscellaneous income was due to a decrease in net letter of credit fees, which was partially offset by increases in check sales fees.

Other Operating Expenses

Total other operating expenses was up 4.6% for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 from the same period in 2005, increasing from \$6,829,000 to \$7,141,000.

The main reasons for the increase in other operating expenses in the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 were due to increases in the following: salaries & benefits; occupancy & equipment expense; data processing; and advertising costs; which was partially offset by a decrease in stationery and supplies; and other miscellaneous operating expenses. The increase in salaries & benefits was due to increases in the following: merit salaries; deferred compensation interest expense; provision for incentive compensation due to increased profits; group insurance; welfare & recreation expense; stock compensation expense; and payroll taxes, which were partially offset by a decrease in worker's compensation expense; and profit sharing expenses. The increase in occupancy & equipment expense was due to increased rent expense, utilities expense, equipment rental, maintenance expense, property taxes and hazard & liability insurance expense. The increase in data processing costs was due to increased expenses associated with maintaining and monitoring the Company's data communications network and internet banking system. The increase in advertising costs was due to increased costs associated with new deposit products compared to the same period in 2005. The decrease in stationery & supplies was due to a decrease in supply usage.

Total other operating expenses was up 9.6% for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 from the same period in 2005, increasing from \$13,197,000 to \$14,468,000.

The main reasons for the increase in other operating expenses in the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 were due to increases in the following: salaries & benefits; occupancy & equipment expense; data processing; and advertising costs; which was partially offset by a decrease in stationery and supplies; and other miscellaneous operating expenses. The increase in salaries & benefits was due to increases in the following: merit salaries; deferred compensation interest expense, provision for incentive compensation and profit sharing expenses due to increased profits; group insurance; welfare & recreation expense; stock compensation expense; and payroll taxes, which were partially offset by a decrease in worker's compensation expense. The increase in occupancy & equipment expense was due to increased rent expense, utilities expense, equipment rental, maintenance expense, property taxes and hazard & liability insurance expense. The increase in data processing costs was due to increased expenses associated with maintaining and monitoring the Company's data communications network and internet banking system. The increase in advertising costs was due to increased costs associated with new deposit products compared to the same period in 2005. The decrease in stationery & supplies was due to a decrease in supply usage.

The following table sets forth other miscellaneous operating expenses by category for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2005.

(in thousands)

	Three months ended June 30, 2006	Three months ended June 30, 2005	Six months ended June 30, 2006	Six months ended June 30, 2005
Other miscellaneous operating expenses				
Provision for unfunded lending commitments	\$ (100)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 81
Legal fees	98	59	143	88

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Accounting and audit fees	87	125	252	327
Consulting fees	133	135	230	217
Postage expense	96	79	188	137
Consulting fees				
Telephone expense	46	56	100	109
Consulting fees				
Training expense				
Consulting fees	82	65	145	116
Loan origination expense	151	221	292	473
Computer software depreciation	63	58	129	120
Other miscellaneous expense	486	483	890	830
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Total other miscellaneous operating expenses	\$ 1,142	\$ 1,281	\$ 2,369	\$ 2,498

Income Taxes

The Company's tax rate, the Company's income before taxes and the amount of tax relief provided by nontaxable earnings primarily affect the Company's provision for income taxes. In the six months ended June 30, 2006, the Company's provision for income taxes increased \$701,000 from the same period last year, from \$2,100,000 to \$2,801,000. The Company's effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2006 was 37.4%, compared to 34.3% for the same period in 2005.

In the three months ended June 30, 2006, the Company's provision for income taxes decreased \$21,000 from the same period last year, from \$1,375,000 to \$1,354,000. The Company's effective tax rate for the three months ended June 30, 2006 was 37.1%, compared to 37.2% for the same period in 2005.

The provision for income taxes for all periods presented is primarily attributable to the respective level of earnings and the incidence of allowable deductions, in particular non-taxable municipal bond income, tax credits generated from low-income housing investments, and for California franchise taxes, higher excludable interest income on loans within designated enterprise zones.

Off-Balance Sheet Commitments

The following table shows the distribution of the Company's undisbursed loan commitments and standby letters of credit at the dates indicated.

(Dollars in thousands)	June 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
Undisbursed loan commitments	\$ 193,572	\$ 203,101
Standby letters of credit	14,223	14,077
	\$ 207,795	\$ 217,178

### Asset Quality

The Company manages asset quality and credit risk by maintaining diversification in its loan portfolio and through review processes that include analysis of credit requests and ongoing examination of outstanding loans and delinquencies, with particular attention to portfolio dynamics and loan mix. The Company strives to identify loans experiencing difficulty early enough to correct the problems, to record charge-offs promptly based on realistic assessments of current collateral values and to maintain an adequate allowance for loan losses at all times.

It is generally the Company's policy to discontinue interest accruals once a loan is past due for a period of ninety days as to interest or principal payments. When a loan is placed on non-accrual, interest accruals cease and uncollected accrued interest is reversed and charged against current income. Payments received on non-accrual loans are applied against principal. A loan may only be restored to an accruing basis when it again becomes well secured and in the process of collection or all past due amounts have been collected.

Non-accrual loans amounted to \$2,657,000 at June 30, 2006 and were comprised of five commercial loans totaling \$1,371,000, three agricultural loans totaling \$925,000 and two real estate loans totaling \$361,000. At December 31, 2005, non-accrual loans amounted to \$2,073,000 and were comprised of one commercial loan totaling \$289,000 and three agricultural loans totaling \$1,784,000. At June 30, 2005, non-accrual loans amounted to \$709,000 and were comprised of three commercial loans totaling \$609,000, one agricultural loan totaling \$39,000 and one installment loan totaling \$61,000. The increase in non-accrual loans at June 30, 2006 from the balance at December 31, 2005 was due to the addition of four commercial loans, two real estate loans and one agricultural loan. The increase was partially offset by a payoff on one agricultural loan and payments on one commercial loan and three agricultural loans. The Company's management believes that nearly \$2,570,000 of the non-accrual loans at June 30, 2006 were adequately collateralized or guaranteed by a governmental entity, and the remaining \$87,000 may have some potential loss which management believes is sufficiently covered by the Company's existing loan loss allowance. *See* "Allowance for Loan Losses" below for additional information. No assurance can be given that the existing or any additional collateral will be sufficient to secure full recovery of the obligations owed under these loans.

Loans 90 days past due and still accruing amounted to \$289,000 at June 30, 2006. Such loans amounted to \$178,000 at December 31, 2005. The Company had no loans 90 days past due and still accruing on June 30, 2005.

Other real estate owned is made up of property that the Company has acquired by deed in lieu of foreclosure or through normal foreclosure proceedings, and property that the Company does not hold title to but is in actual control of, known as in-substance foreclosure. The estimated fair value of the property is determined prior to transferring the balance to other real estate owned. The balance transferred to OREO is the lesser of the estimated fair market value of the property, or the book value of the loan, less estimated cost to sell. A write-down may be deemed necessary to bring the book value of the loan equal to the appraised value. Appraisals or loan officer evaluations are then done periodically thereafter charging any additional write-downs to the appropriate expense account.

OREO properties amounted to \$268,000 at December 31, 2005; this property was sold at a foreclosure sale during the first quarter of 2006. The Company had no OREO properties at June 30, 2006.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The Company's Allowance for Loan Losses is maintained at a level believed by management to be adequate to provide for loan losses that can be reasonably anticipated. The allowance is increased by provisions charged to operating expense and reduced by net charge-offs. The Company makes credit reviews of the loan portfolio and considers current economic conditions, loan loss experience and other factors in determining the adequacy of the reserve balance. The allowance for loan losses is based on estimates and actual losses may vary from current estimates.

The following table summarizes the loan loss experience of the Company for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, and for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Six months ended June 30,		Year ended December 31,
	2006	2005	2005
Balance at Beginning of Period	\$ 7,917	\$ 7,445	\$ 7,445
Provision for Loan Losses	(225)	69	600
Loans Charged-Off:			
Commercial	(154)	—	(670)
Agriculture	—	—	—
Real Estate Mortgage	—	—	—
Real Estate Construction	—	—	—
Installment Loans to Individuals	(170)	(73)	(185)
Total Charged-Off	(324)	(73)	(855)
Recoveries:			
Commercial	480	—	64
Agriculture	—	617	663
Real Estate Mortgage	—	—	—
Real Estate Construction	—	—	—
Installment Loans to Individuals	75	18	—
Total Recoveries	555	635	727
Net Recoveries	231	562	(128)
Balance at End of Period	\$ 7,923	\$ 8,076	\$ 7,917
Ratio of Net Recoveries			
To Average Loans Outstanding During the Period	0.05%	0.12%	(0.03%)
Allowance for Loan Losses			
To Total Loans at the end of the Period	1.62%	1.77%	1.71%
To Nonperforming Loans at the end of the Period	268.94%	1,139.07%	351.71%

Non-performing loans totaled \$2,946,000, \$709,000 and \$2,251,000 at June 30, 2006 and 2005 and December 31, 2005, respectively.





Deposits

Deposits are one of the Company's primary sources of funds. At June 30, 2006, the Company had the following deposit mix: 33.1% in savings and MMDA deposits, 20.8% in time deposits, 14.9% in interest-bearing transaction deposits and 31.2% in non-interest-bearing transaction deposits. Non-interest-bearing transaction deposits enhance the Company's net interest income by lowering its costs of funds.

The Company obtains deposits primarily from the communities it serves. No material portion of its deposits has been obtained from or is dependent on any one person or industry. The Company accepts deposits in excess of \$100,000 from customers. These deposits are priced to remain competitive.

Maturities of time certificates of deposits of \$100,000 or more outstanding at June 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 are summarized as follows:

	(dollars in thousands)	
	June 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
Three months or less	\$ 29,741	\$ 30,401
Over three to twelve months	34,762	32,129
Over twelve months	5,031	3,456
Total	\$ 69,534	\$ 65,986

Liquidity and Capital Resources

In order to adequately serve our market area, the Company must maintain adequate liquidity and adequate capital. Liquidity is measured by various ratios, with the most common being the ratio of net loans to deposits (including loans held for sale). This ratio was 84.2% on June 30, 2006. In addition, on June 30, 2006, the Company had the following short-term investments: \$36,430,000 in Federal funds sold; \$11,565,000 in securities due within one year; and \$35,165,000 in securities due in one to five years.

To meet unanticipated funding requirements, the Company maintains short-term unsecured lines of credit with other banks totaling \$20,700,000. Additionally, the Company has a line of credit with the Federal Home Loan Bank, the current borrowing capacity of which is \$95,347,000.

The Company's primary source of liquidity on a stand-alone basis is dividends from First Northern Bank (the "Bank"). Dividends from the Bank are subject to regulatory restrictions.

As of June 30, 2006, the Bank's capital ratios exceeded applicable regulatory requirements. The following tables present the capital ratios for the Bank, compared to the standards for well-capitalized depository institutions, as of June 30, 2006 (amounts in thousands except percentage amounts).

	Actual	Well Capitalized Ratio Requirement	Minimum Capital
	Capital	Ratio	Capital
Leverage	\$ 58,004	8.78%	5.0%
Tier 1 Risk-Based	\$ 58,004	10.51%	6.0%
Total Risk-Based	\$ 64,619	11.71%	10.0%

Return on Equity and Assets

	Six months ended June 30, 2006	Six months ended June 30, 2005	Year ended December 31, 2005
Annualized return on average assets	1.41%	1.27%	1.35%
Annualized return on beginning core equity*	16.57%	15.77%	17.06%

\* Core equity consisted of \$56,683,000 at December 31, 2005.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2006, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (“FSP”) No. FAS 123R-4, “Classification of Options and Similar Instruments Issued as Employee Compensation That Allow for Cash Settlement Upon the Occurrence of a Contingent Event,” which amended the guidance in SFAS No. 123R. This staff position requires that an award of options or similar instruments that otherwise meets the criteria for equity classification, but contains a cash settlement feature that can require the entity to settle the award in cash only upon the occurrence of a contingent event that is outside the employee’s control, should be classified as a liability only when the event’s occurrence is probable. If the occurrence of the contingent event is not probable, equity classification is required. This staff position is effective upon initial adoption of SFAS No. 123R, which the Company adopted as of January 1, 2006. The Company has determined that adoption of FSP No. FAS 123R-4 does not have a material impact on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Pending Adoption of New Accounting Standards in November 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued FASB Staff Position FAS 115-1, “The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments” (“FSP 115-1”), which provides guidance on determining when investments in certain debt and equity securities are considered impaired, whether that impairment is other-than-temporary, and on measuring such impairment loss. FSP 115-1 also includes accounting considerations subsequent to the recognition of an other-than-temporary impairment and requires certain disclosure about unrealized losses that have not been recognized as other-than-temporary impairments. FSP 115-1 is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2005. The Company does not believe the adoption of FSP 115-1 on February 1, 2006 will have a material impact on our financial statements.

In February 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 155, “Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments,” which amends the guidance in SFAS No. 133, “Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities,” and SFAS No. 140, “Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities.” SFAS No. 155 provides entities with relief from having to separately determine the fair value of an embedded derivative that would otherwise be required to be bifurcated from its host contract in accordance with SFAS No. 133. SFAS No. 155 allows an entity to make an irrevocable election to measure such a hybrid financial instrument at fair value in its entirety, with changes in fair value recognized in earnings. SFAS No. 155 will be effective for the Company for financial instruments acquired, issued or subject to a re-measurement event in the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2007. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 155 to have a material impact on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In March 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 156, “Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets,” which amends the guidance in SFAS No. 140. SFAS No. 156 requires that an entity separately recognize a servicing asset or a servicing liability when it undertakes an obligation to service a financial asset under a servicing contract in certain situations. Such servicing assets or servicing liabilities are required to be measured initially at fair value, if practicable. SFAS No. 156 also allows an entity to measure its servicing assets and servicing liabilities subsequently using either the amortization method, which existed under SFAS No. 140, or the fair value measurement method. SFAS No. 156 will be effective for the Company in the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2007. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 156 to have a material impact on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In July 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation (FIN) No. 48, “Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109.” and FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise’s financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, “Accounting for Income Taxes”. FIN 48 establishes a “more-likely-than-not” recognition threshold that must be met before a tax benefit can be recognized in the financial statements. For tax positions that meet the “more-likely-than-not” threshold, an enterprise should recognize the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50 percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement with the taxing authority. The Interpretation is effective January 1, 2007. The cumulative effect of

applying the provisions of The Interpretation would be recognized as an adjustment to the beginning balance of retained earnings. Management is currently evaluating the impact of this interpretation on the Company's financial position and results of operations.

**ITEM 3.**

**QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

There have been no material changes in the quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk as of June 30, 2006, from those presented in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

**ITEM 4.**

**CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Our Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer) have concluded that the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of June 30, 2006. This conclusion is based on an evaluation conducted under the supervision and with the participation of management. Disclosure controls and procedures are those controls and procedures which ensure that information required to be disclosed in this filing is accumulated and communicated to management and is recorded, processed, summarized and reported in a timely manner and in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2006, there were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

**PART II - OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1A.**

**RISK FACTORS**

For a discussion of risk factors relating to our business, please refer to Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, which is incorporated by reference herein and the following information.

*Changes in the premiums payable to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation could increase our costs and adversely affect our business.*

Deposits of First Northern Bank of Dixon are insured up to statutory limits by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or FDIC, and, accordingly, are subjected to deposit insurance assessments to maintain the Deposit Insurance Fund. In July 2006, the FDIC released a proposal that would create a new assessment system designed to more closely tie what banks pay for deposit insurance to the risks they pose and adopt a new base schedule of rates that the FDIC Board could adjust up or down, depending on the revenue needs of the insurance fund. This new assessment system, if adopted as proposed, could result in increased annual assessments and increase our costs.



**ITEM 2.****UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS****Repurchases of Equity Securities**

Under the Company's stock repurchase program, which was in effect during the second quarter ended June 30, 2006, and which expired on April 30, 2006, the Company was authorized to repurchase an aggregate of up to 3% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock over each rolling twelve-month period. On April 20, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a new stock repurchase program effective April 30, 2006 to replace the Company's previous stock purchase plan that expired on April 30, 2006. The new stock repurchase program, which will remain in effect until April 30, 2008, allows repurchases by the Company in an aggregate of up to 2 1/2% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock over each rolling twelve-month period. The Company repurchased 50,516 shares of the Company's outstanding common stock during the second quarter ended June 30, 2006.

The Company made the following purchases of its common stock during the quarter ended June 30, 2006:

Period	(a) Total number of shares purchased	(b) Average price paid per share	(c) Number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	(d) Maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
April 1 - April 30, 2006	24,004	\$ 28.56	24,004	11,096
May 1 - May 31, 2006	17,955	\$ 27.78	17,955	181,530
June 1 - June 30, 2006	8,557	\$ 26.95	8,557	172,973
Total	50,516	\$ 28.01	50,516	172,973

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

(a) The Company held its annual meeting of shareholders (the “Annual Meeting”) on April 27, 2006.

(b) Proxies for the Annual Meeting were solicited pursuant to the rules set forth in Regulation 14A promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. There was no solicitation in opposition to management’s nominees for directors as listed in the Company’s proxy statement for the Annual Meeting, and all of such nominees were elected.

(c) The vote for the nominated directors was as follows:

Nominee	For	Against /Withheld
Lori J. Aldrete	5,781,984	61,315
Frank J. Andrews, Jr.	5,762,659	80,640
John M. Carbahal	5,827,848	15,451
Gregory DuPratt	5,829,074	14,225
John F. Hamel	5,776,310	66,989
Diane P. Hamlyn	5,781,984	61,315
Foy S. McNaughton	5,775,446	67,853
Owen J. Onsum	5,820,900	22,399
David W. Schulze	5,829,074	14,225

The vote for ratifying the appointment of Moss Adams LLP as the Company’s independent auditors was as follows:

For	5,744,909
Against	73,334
Abstain	25,055
Broker Non-Vote	-0-

Approval of the First Northern Community Bancorp 2006 Stock Incentive Plan

For	4,408,071
Against	201,874
Abstain	50,386
Broker Non-Vote	-0-

Approval of the Amended First Northern Community Bancorp Employee Stock Purchase Plan

For	4,534,719
Against	61,043
Abstain	64,569
Broker Non-Vote	-0-





**ITEM 6.**

**EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibits</b>
10.1	First Northern Community Bancorp 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix A of the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for its 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders)
10.2	Amended First Northern Community Bancorp Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix B of the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for its 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders)
31.1	Certification of the Company's Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	Certification of the Company's Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

**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.

FIRST NORTHERN COMMUNITY BANCORP

Date

August 8, 2006

By: /s/ Louise A. Walker

Louise A. Walker, Sr. Executive Vice President / Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Duly Authorized Officer)

