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**Community Valley Bank Has Hired Karen Ayala as its
Vice President of Agriculture and Commercial Lending**

El Centro, CA (Thursday, December 8, 2011) -- Community Valley Bank (OTCBB: CMUV) announced today that Karen Ayala has joined the bank as its Vice President of Agriculture and Commercial Lending.

Ms. Ayala comes to Community Valley Bank (CVB) with 20 years of experience in Agriculture lending. While serving in bank management and leadership roles, at both national and local banks, Ms. Ayala has managed multi-million dollar portfolios. Most recently she served as a Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager of the Agri-Business Division at a local branch of an international bank.

“CVB is more than pleased to announce the addition of Karen to our lending team. She brings a whole new set of strengths to our lending team and with her on board CVB is in position to offer a new line of lending products, agricultural loans,” said Bob Hahn, President and CEO of Community Valley Bank. “She already embraces what CVB aspires to, which is positively contributing to our Valley.”

Ms. Ayala holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business Management from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. She has continued her education with job-related training and classes, including Financial and Credit Analysis of Farm Businesses, Legal Issues in Lending, Appraisal Requirements, and Preventing Discrimination to name a few. Additionally, she is a licensed California Real Estate agent.

Ms. Ayala has been the Brawley Cattle Call Western Poetry Roundup Co-Chair since 2003. She volunteers with the Imperial County Historical Society, Brawley Boys & Girls Club Trees of the Community, and the 4-H. She has served as the treasurer of the Imperial Valley CowBelles, a Horse Project Leader for the Magnolia 4-H Club and as an Imperial County 4-H All Star Youth Advisor.

About Community Valley Bank: Community Valley Bank (www.yourcvb.com) is the Imperial Valley’s ONLY locally owned and locally headquartered bank. CVB was chartered as a state bank for Imperial Valley businesses on October 1, 2007, and has two locations, 1443 Main Street in El Centro and 310 Main Street in Brawley, California. All investor related inquiries should be directed to our Chief Financial Officer at (760) 352-1889. CVB is an FDIC member.

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