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**First Northern Community Bancorp – 4th Quarter Earnings Report**  
**Board Declares 6% Stock Dividend**

**Dixon, California;** First Northern Community Bancorp (FNRN), holding company for First Northern Bank, today announced record earnings for the fourth quarter of 2005. Net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2005 was \$2.26 million, up 14.72% from the \$1.97 million earned in the same period in 2004. Diluted earnings per share for the quarter of \$0.27 was up 17.39%, compared to the \$0.23 per diluted share earned a year ago.

Year-to-date net income as of December 31, 2005 was \$8.69 million, up 29.51% from the \$6.71 million earned in the same fiscal period last year. Diluted earnings per share for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005 of \$1.04 was up 35.06% from the \$0.77 reported last year. Annualized Return on Average Assets for the period ended December 31, 2005 was 1.35%, compared to 1.14% for the same period in 2004. Annualized Return on Beginning Core Equity was 17.06%, compared to 14.87% one year ago.

*Total assets at December 31, 2005 were \$660.6 million, an increase of \$31.9 million, or 5.1% over year-end 2004. Total deposits of \$581.8 million increased \$24.6 million or 4.4% compared to December 31, 2004 figures. During that same period, total net loans increased \$28.5 million, or 6.6%, to \$460.5 million.*

At their regular meeting on January 26, 2006, the Board of Directors of First Northern Community Bancorp declared a 6% stock dividend, payable March 31, 2006 to shareholders of record as of February 28, 2006. All income per share amounts have been adjusted to give retroactive effect to the stock dividend and a 2 for 1 stock split effective May 10, 2005. This dividend represents the 41st consecutive year the Company has paid a stock dividend.

Owen “John” Onsum, President and CEO stated, “The more normalized interest rate environment has certainly had a positive effect on our margins. Another contributing factor to our success in 2005, was the implementation of a new line of checking account products for both business and retail clients. The response to our new products has been remarkable; new account activity has more than tripled. And, we

were very pleased to see our stock was listed in the East Bay Business Times' 2005 Top 25 List for Best Performing Stocks in the East Bay region.”

First Northern Bank, an independent community bank headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer and parts of El Dorado Counties. First Northern currently has 11 branches located in Dixon, Davis, West Sacramento, Fairfield, Vacaville, Winters, Woodland, Suisun City, Downtown Sacramento and most recently in Roseville. The Bank has real estate lending offices in Davis, Woodland, Vacaville, Roseville and El Dorado Hills, and has an SBA Loan Office and full service Trust Department in Sacramento. First Northern also offers non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services at each branch location. First Northern Bank's stock is listed on the OTC Bulletin Board under the ticker symbol "FNRN". The Bank can be found on the Web at [www.thatsmybank.com](http://www.thatsmybank.com).

#### *Forward-Looking Statements*

*This press release may include certain "forward-looking statements" about First Northern Community Bancorp (the "Company"). These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances. Actual results may differ materially from these expectations due to changes in global political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory factors. More detailed information about these risk factors is contained in the Company's most recent reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, each as it may be amended from time to time, which identify important risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. The financial information contained in this release should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q. The Company undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date on which they are made. For further information regarding the Company, please read the Company's reports filed with the SEC and available at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).*