

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CONTACT:

Jennifer Held, SVP, Marketing Director  
209.561.0277

### COMMUNITY WEST BANK HELPS SECURE \$500,000 TRIBAL NATIONS PROGRAM GRANT FOR FRESNO COUNTY'S BIG SANDY RANCHERIA IN AUBERRY

**FRESNO, CALIFORNIA – June 19, 2025** – James J. Kim, President and CEO of Community West Bank (Bank), is proud to announce that a \$500,000 grant was awarded to The Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California by the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLBank) of San Francisco in partnership the Bank. The grant is part of the FHLBank's Tribal Nations Program, launched in January 2024, which provides critical infrastructure funding to increase the supply of affordable housing for Native American communities.

"It is our honor to partner with the FHLBank of San Francisco to help address the critical need for affordable housing for members of the Big Sandy Rancheria," shared Kim. "Our Bank has long served the Auberry area, where the Rancheria is located. Fostering initiatives that strengthen this region, and the communities we serve throughout Central California, is at the heart of what we do."

The grant funding will support Big Sandy Rancheria's Supportive Housing Project, a 12-unit affordable housing development consisting of two, six-unit buildings with dedicated parking. The project will provide housing for members of the Big Sandy Rancheria who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The development will be located on tribal trust land in Fresno County.

"We truly appreciate Community West Bank's efforts in helping secure a grant under the FHLBank of San Francisco's Tribal Nations Program," said Tom Zizzo, Tribal Administrator for Big Sandy Rancheria. "Their dedication to our region and to addressing the need for affordable housing reflects a genuine commitment to improving the lives of families throughout Fresno County."

#### **About Community West Bank and Bancshares**

Community West Bancshares ("Company") (NASDAQ: CWBC) and its wholly owned subsidiary, Community West Bank ("Bank"), are headquartered in Fresno, California. The Company was established in 1979 with the vision to help businesses and communities by exceeding expectations at every opportunity, and opened its first Banking Center in January 1980. Today, the Bank operates full-service Banking Centers throughout Central California and maintains a variety of departments supporting Commercial Lending, Agribusiness, SBA, Residential Construction and Mortgage, Manufactured Housing, Private Banking and Treasury Management.

Members of the Company and Bank Board of Directors are: Daniel J. Doyle (Chairman), Robert H. Bartlein (Vice Chairman), James J. Kim (CEO of the Company and President and CEO of the Bank), Martin E. Plourd (President of the Company), Suzanne M. Chadwick, Daniel N. Cunningham, Tom L. Dobyms, F.T. "Tommy" Elliott IV, Robert J. Flautt, James W. Lokey, Andriana D. Majarian, Steven D. McDonald, Dorothea D. Silva, William S. Smittcamp and Kirk B. Stovesand. Louis C. McMurray is Director Emeritus.

More information about Community West Bancshares and Community West Bank can be found at [www.communitywestbank.com](http://www.communitywestbank.com).

## **About Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco**

The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco is a member-driven cooperative helping local lenders in Arizona, California and Nevada build strong communities, create opportunity and change lives for the better. The tools and resources we provide to our member financial institutions – commercial banks, credit unions, industrial loan companies, savings institutions, insurance companies and community development financial institutions – foster homeownership, expand access to quality housing, seed or sustain small businesses and revitalize whole neighborhoods. Together with our members and other partners, we are making the communities we serve more vibrant and resilient.

The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco sets aside 10% of its earnings each year to fund the AHP, with a portion of that funding allocated to two first-time homebuyers down payment assistance programs. Since 1990, the Bank has awarded over \$1.35 billion in grants to aid in the purchase, development and rehabilitation of over 154,600 units of quality affordable housing for lower-income households. The Bank's member financial institutions, working in partnership with community-based housing sponsors or developers, compete for AHP grants by submitting applications for specific projects. AHP-funded projects represent a wide range of strategies and solutions, from historic preservation and adaptive reuse to new construction and rehabilitation. Where AHP projects are developed, local economies also get a boost, as these projects create jobs, increase construction and consumer spending and generate new tax revenues.

###

## **Attachment**

Pictured: Vanessa Donangtavanh, Self Help Enterprises Representative; Chris Rodriguez, Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Council Member at Large; Matthew Munoz, Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Council Secretary; Jeannine Welton, VP Banking Center Manager, CWB; Stefani Woods, SVP Market Manager, CWB; Elizabeth Hutchins, Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Council, Chairwoman; Joel Marvin; Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Council, Vice-Chairman; Patricia Soto, Big Sandy Rancheria, Finance Manager and Leann Anguiano, Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Council, Treasurer.