

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### American Riviera Bancorp Reports Quarterly Earnings

**Santa Barbara, California (April 22, 2022)** – American Riviera Bancorp (“Company”) (OTCQX: ARBV), holding company of American Riviera Bank (“Bank”), announced today unaudited net income of \$3.2 million (\$0.61 per share) for the three months ended March 31, 2022. This represents a 23% increase in net income from the \$2.6 million (\$0.50 per share) earned in the same reporting period in the prior year.

Core loans, excluding SBA PPP loans, have grown 17% or \$114.9 million over the last year since March 31, 2021. Core loans have grown 3% or \$22.9 million in the last quarter since December 31, 2021. PPP loan forgiveness has been efficiently handled for our small business clients, and only \$11.6 million of these 1.00% interest rate loans remained outstanding at March 31, 2022. In the last year, the Bank originated higher-yielding core loans at a volume which exceeded PPP forgiveness and repayments. The Bank maintained strong credit quality with no other real estate owned, no loans 90 days or more past due, and only \$2.8 million or 0.36% of total loans excluding PPP on non-accrual status, which are well supported by collateral.

The Bank continues to experience tremendous deposit growth with a 27% or \$263.2 million increase in total deposits over the last year since March 31, 2021. Non-interest-bearing demand deposits increased 19% or \$76.4 million over the last year. Deposit inflows from our clients have been the driving factor in the total assets of the Company increasing 26% or \$278.7 million since March 31, 2021 to a total of \$1.4 billion at March 31, 2022.

*Jeff DeVine, President and Chief Executive Officer noted, “2022 is off to a great start! The formation of American Riviera Bancorp this quarter and its issuance of \$18.0 million of 3.75% fixed to floating rate subordinated notes will bolster capital ratios at the Bank level and support our continued growth. SBA PPP loans have been replaced by higher-yielding core loans, and our sizeable balance sheet liquidity will generate increased interest income in a rising rate environment.”*

As of March 31, 2022, the Company and Bank continue to be well capitalized with Tier 1 Capital ratios of 11% and 13%, respectively. The tangible book value per share of American Riviera Bancorp common stock is \$16.33 at March 31, 2022.

#### Company Profile

American Riviera Bancorp (OTCQX: ARBV) is a registered bank holding company headquartered in Santa Barbara, California. American Riviera Bank, the 100% owned subsidiary of American Riviera Bancorp, is a full-service community bank focused on serving the lending and deposit needs of businesses and consumers on the Central Coast of California. The state-chartered bank opened for business on July 18, 2006, with the support of local shareholders. Full-service branches are located in Santa Barbara, Montecito, Goleta, San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles. The Bank provides commercial business, commercial real estate, residential mortgage, construction and Small Business Administration lending services as well as convenient online and mobile technology. For twelve consecutive years, the Bank has been recognized for strong financial performance by the Findley Reports, and has received the highest “Super Premier” rating from Findley every year since 2016. The Bank was rated “Outstanding” by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 2020 for its performance under the Community Reinvestment Act.

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**Balance Sheets (unaudited)***(dollars in thousands)*

	<b>Mar 31, 2022</b>	<b>Mar 31, 2021</b>	<b>One Year \$ Change</b>	<b>One Year % Change</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash & Due From Banks	\$ 320,683	\$ 187,886	\$ 132,797	71%
Securities	220,364	86,587	133,777	155%
Loans (excluding PPP)	776,395	661,520	114,875	17%
PPP Loans	11,633	119,429	(107,796)	-90%
Allowance For Loan Losses	(9,394)	(8,817)	(577)	7%
<b>Net Loans</b>	<b>778,634</b>	<b>772,132</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>1%</b>
Premises & Equipment	9,948	11,760	(1,812)	-15%
Goodwill and Other Intangibles	5,080	5,191	(111)	-2%
Other Assets	27,327	19,770	7,557	38%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,362,036</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,326</b>	<b>\$ 278,710</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Shareholders' Equity</b>				
Demand Deposits	\$ 481,619	\$ 405,264	\$ 76,355	19%
NOW Accounts	193,178	144,591	48,587	34%
Other Interest Bearing Deposits	571,595	433,310	138,285	32%
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>1,246,392</b>	<b>983,165</b>	<b>263,227</b>	<b>27%</b>
Borrowed Funds	18,000	5,000	13,000	260%
Other Liabilities	7,971	8,705	(734)	-8%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,272,363</b>	<b>996,870</b>	<b>275,493</b>	<b>28%</b>
Common Stock	56,554	55,821	733	1%
Retained Earnings	43,370	31,163	12,207	39%
Other Capital	(10,251)	(528)	(9,723)	1841%
<b>Total Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>89,673</b>	<b>86,456</b>	<b>3,217</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,362,036</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,326</b>	<b>\$ 278,710</b>	<b>26%</b>

**Balance Sheets (unaudited)***(dollars in thousands)*

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>	December 31, 2021	September 30, 2021	June 30, 2021	March, 31 2021
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash & Due From Banks	\$ 320,683	\$ 292,111	\$ 262,965	\$ 233,502	\$ 187,886
Securities	220,364	191,543	146,937	110,403	86,587
Loans (excluding PPP)	776,395	753,494	728,316	701,399	661,520
PPP Loans	11,633	39,996	50,966	76,093	119,429
Allowance For Loan Losses	(9,394)	(9,383)	(9,376)	(9,373)	(8,817)
<b>Net Loans</b>	<b>778,634</b>	<b>784,107</b>	<b>769,906</b>	<b>768,119</b>	<b>772,132</b>
Premises & Equipment	9,948	10,429	10,848	11,330	11,760
Goodwill and Other Intangibles	5,080	5,075	5,135	5,166	5,191
Other Assets	27,327	23,275	22,371	21,749	19,770
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,362,036</b>	<b>\$ 1,306,540</b>	<b>\$ 1,218,162</b>	<b>\$ 1,150,269</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,326</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Shareholders' Equity</b>					
Demand Deposits	\$ 481,619	\$ 470,763	\$ 435,489	\$ 428,577	\$ 405,264
NOW Accounts	193,178	181,546	177,952	170,029	144,591
Other Interest Bearing Deposits	571,595	549,781	502,237	452,867	433,310
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>1,246,392</b>	<b>1,202,090</b>	<b>1,115,678</b>	<b>1,051,473</b>	<b>983,165</b>
Borrowed Funds	18,000	-	-	-	5,000
Other Liabilities	7,971	8,177	8,665	7,986	8,705
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,272,363</b>	<b>1,210,267</b>	<b>1,124,343</b>	<b>1,059,459</b>	<b>996,870</b>
Common Stock	56,554	56,564	56,302	56,146	55,821
Retained Earnings	43,370	40,432	37,685	34,735	31,163
Other Capital	(10,251)	(723)	(168)	(71)	(528)
<b>Total Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>89,673</b>	<b>96,273</b>	<b>93,819</b>	<b>90,810</b>	<b>86,456</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,362,036</b>	<b>\$ 1,306,540</b>	<b>\$ 1,218,162</b>	<b>\$ 1,150,269</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,326</b>

**Statement of Income (unaudited)***(dollars in thousands, except per share data)*

	Quarter Ended		
	Mar 31, 2022	Mar 31, 2021	Change
<b>Interest Income</b>			
Interest and Fees on Loans	\$ 8,600	\$ 7,874	9%
Fees on PPP Loans	913	946	3%
Net Fair Value Amortization Income	7	43	-84%
Interest on Securities	842	271	211%
Interest on Fed Funds	-	-	n/a
Interest on Due From Banks	142	60	137%
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<u>10,504</u>	<u>9,194</u>	<u>14%</u>
<b>Interest Expense</b>			
Interest Expense on Deposits	210	263	-20%
Interest Expense on Borrowings	67	-	n/a
<b>Total Interest Expense</b>	<u>277</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>5%</u>
<b>Net Interest Income</b>	10,227	8,931	15%
Provision for Loan Losses	-	338	-100%
<b>Net Interest Income After Provision</b>	<u>10,227</u>	<u>8,593</u>	<u>19%</u>
<b>Non-Interest Income</b>			
Service Charges, Commissions and Fees	670	653	3%
Other Non-Interest Income	494	173	186%
<b>Total Non-Interest Income</b>	<u>1,164</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>41%</u>
<b>Non-Interest Expense</b>			
Salaries and Employee Benefits	4,310	3,706	16%
Occupancy and Equipment	755	590	28%
Other Non-Interest Expense	1,895	1,530	24%
<b>Total Non-Interest Expense</b>	<u>6,960</u>	<u>5,826</u>	<u>19%</u>
Net Income Before Provision for Taxes	4,431	3,593	23%
Provision for Taxes	1,276	1,033	24%
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>\$ 3,155</u>	<u>\$ 2,560</u>	<u>23%</u>
Shares (end of period)	5,178,965	5,127,895	1%
Earnings Per Share - Basic	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.50	22%
Return on Average Assets	1.00%	1.07%	-7%
Return on Average Equity	15.58%	12.34%	26%
Net Interest Margin	3.22%	3.78%	-15%

# Five Quarter Statements of Income (unaudited)

(dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended				
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	September 30, 2021	June 30, 2021	March 31, 2021
<b>Interest Income</b>					
Interest and Fees on Loans	\$ 8,600	\$ 8,557	\$ 8,342	\$ 8,840	\$ 7,874
Fees on PPP Loans	913	517	978	1,412	946
Net Fair Value Amortization Income	7	25	419	19	43
Interest on Securities	842	645	447	311	271
Interest on Fed Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on Due From Banks	142	139	120	72	60
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>10,504</b>	<b>9,883</b>	<b>10,306</b>	<b>10,654</b>	<b>9,194</b>
<b>Interest Expense</b>					
Interest Expense on Deposits	210	207	220	259	263
Interest Expense on Borrowings	67	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Interest Expense</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>263</b>
<b>Net Interest Income</b>	<b>10,227</b>	<b>9,676</b>	<b>10,086</b>	<b>10,395</b>	<b>8,931</b>
Provision for Loan Losses	-	-	-	-	338
<b>Net Interest Income After Provision</b>	<b>10,227</b>	<b>9,676</b>	<b>10,086</b>	<b>10,395</b>	<b>8,593</b>
<b>Non-Interest Income</b>					
Service Charges, Commissions and Fees	670	705	601	664	653
Other Non-Interest Income	494	138	342	309	173
<b>Total Non-Interest Income</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>826</b>
<b>Non-Interest Expense</b>					
Salaries and Employee Benefits	4,310	4,003	4,469	3,829	3,706
Occupancy and Equipment	755	747	756	778	590
Other Non-Interest Expense	1,895	1,991	1,769	1,792	1,530
<b>Total Non-Interest Expense</b>	<b>6,960</b>	<b>6,741</b>	<b>6,994</b>	<b>6,399</b>	<b>5,826</b>
Net Income Before Provision for Taxes	4,431	3,778	4,035	4,969	3,593
Provision for Taxes	1,276	1,031	1,085	1,397	1,033
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,155</b>	<b>\$ 2,747</b>	<b>\$ 2,950</b>	<b>\$ 3,572</b>	<b>\$ 2,560</b>
Shares (end of period)	5,178,965	5,134,993	5,130,937	5,132,809	5,127,895
Earnings Per Share - Basic	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.50

**Selected Financial Highlights (unaudited)**  
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	At or for the Three Months Ended				
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	September 30, 2021	June 30, 2021	March 31, 2021
<b>Income and performance ratios:</b>					
Net Income	\$ 3,155	\$ 2,747	\$ 2,950	\$ 3,572	\$ 2,560
Earnings per share - basic	0.61	0.53	0.58	0.70	0.50
Return on average assets	1.00%	0.84%	0.98%	1.31%	1.07%
Return on average equity	15.58%	11.20%	12.45%	16.14%	12.34%
Net interest margin	3.22%	3.12%	3.54%	3.97%	3.78%
Efficiency ratio <sup>(c)</sup>	60.48%	64.51%	63.80%	56.25%	59.06%

**Asset quality:**

Allowance for loan and lease losses	\$ 9,394	\$ 9,383	\$ 9,376	\$ 9,373	\$ 8,817
Nonperforming assets	2,776	2,870	3,349	3,413	3,588
Allowance for loan and lease losses / total loans and leases	1.19%	1.18%	1.20%	1.21%	1.13%
Allowance for loan and lease losses / total loans and leases (excluding PPP loans) <sup>(a)</sup>	1.21%	1.25%	1.29%	1.34%	1.33%
Net charge-offs / average loans and leases (annualized)	-0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.28%	-0.01%
Texas ratio <sup>(b)</sup>	2.95%	2.85%	3.41%	3.59%	3.98%

**Capital ratios for American Riviera Bank <sup>(d)</sup>:**

Tier 1 risk-based capital	12.65%	11.02%	11.09%	11.18%	11.30%
Total risk-based capital	13.74%	12.16%	12.28%	12.43%	12.55%
Tier 1 leverage ratio	8.40%	7.23%	7.59%	7.90%	8.21%

**Capital ratios for American Riviera Bancorp <sup>(d)</sup>:**

Tier 1 risk-based capital	10.82%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total risk-based capital	11.91%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tier 1 leverage ratio	7.27%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Equity and share related:**

Common equity	\$ 89,673	96,273	93,819	90,810	\$ 86,456
Book value per share	17.31	18.75	18.28	17.69	16.86
Tangible book value per share	16.33	17.76	17.28	16.69	15.85
Tangible book value per share, excluding AOCI	18.31	17.90	17.34	16.72	15.97
Stock closing price per share	20.58	20.29	19.20	19.22	18.50
Number of shares issued and outstanding	5,178.97	5,134.99	5,130.94	5,132.81	5,127.90

**Notes:**

(a) PPP loans are 100% guaranteed by the Small Business Administration.

(b) The sum of Nonperforming assets and Other Real Estate Owned, divided by the sum of Total Shareholder Equity and Total Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses (less Preferred Stock and Intangible Assets).

(c) Annualized Operating Expense excluding Loan Loss Provisions minus Annualized Extraordinary Expense, divided by Annualized Interest Income including Loan Fees minus Annualized Interest Expense plus Annualized Non-Interest Income minus Annualized Extraordinary Income, expressed as a percentage.

(d) Current period capital ratios are preliminary