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**First Northern Community Bancorp Reports Third Quarter 2017 Earnings**  
**Record Net Income of \$2.8 Million for Quarter**  
**Third Quarter Diluted Earnings per Share Up 38.9%**  
**Total Net Loans up 7.5% from prior year**

**Dixon, California**—First Northern Community Bancorp (the “Company,” ticker symbol FNRN: OTCQB), holding company for First Northern Bank (“First Northern” or the “Bank”), today announced earnings through the third quarter of 2017. Louise Walker, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, “The Company reported net income of \$7.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, up 36.2% compared to net income of \$5.8 million reported for the same period last year. These results include a pre-tax gain in the first quarter of \$1.2 million related to the sale-leaseback of land and building that is partially occupied by our Auburn Branch. Diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was \$0.70, up 34.6% compared to diluted earnings per share of \$0.52 for the same period last year.”

Net income for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 was \$2.8 million, up 40.0% compared to net income of \$2.0 million reported for the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share for the three months ended September 30, 2017 was \$0.25, up 38.9% compared to diluted earnings per share of \$0.18 for the same period last year.

Total assets at September 30, 2017 were \$1.19 billion, an increase of \$73.8 million, or 6.6%, compared to September 30, 2016. Total deposits were \$1.08 billion, an increase of \$64.3 million, or 6.3%, compared to September 30, 2016. During the same period, total net loans (including loans held-for-sale) increased \$48.5 million, or 7.5%, to \$694.9 million. The Company continued to be “well capitalized” under regulatory definitions, exceeding the 10% total risk-based capital ratio threshold at September 30, 2017.

Further commenting on the Company’s financial results, Walker stated, “Our third quarter performance set a new Company record for quarterly earnings. This

performance was driven in part by increases in net interest income, investment & brokerage services income, and mortgage-related income. In addition, our credit quality metrics continued to be strong; as of September 30, 2017, our ratio of non-performing assets to total assets remained exceptionally low at 0.3%. We believe this ratio is a reflection of the strength of our regional economy and the diversification within our loan portfolio. But it is the people side of our business, our exceptional team of bankers and the relationships they've built that make our strong performance possible. They are passionate about community banking and sharing with others what differentiates First Northern Bank from the competition. Their experience allows them the ability to keep a healthy balance between developing new relationships while deepening existing ones."

First Northern Bank is an independent community bank that specializes in relationship banking. The Bank, headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, and Contra Costa County, as well as the west slope of El Dorado County. Experts are available in small-business, commercial, real estate and agribusiness lending, as well as mortgage loans. The Bank is an SBA Preferred Lender. Non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services are available at every branch location, including Auburn, Davis, Dixon, Fairfield, Roseville, Sacramento, Vacaville, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland. The Bank has a full-service Trust Department in Sacramento and a commercial lending office in Walnut Creek. Real estate mortgage and small-business loan officers are available by appointment in any of the Bank's 10 branches. First Northern is rated as a Veribanc "Blue Ribbon" Bank for the earnings period ended June 30, 2017 ([www.veribanc.com](http://www.veribanc.com)). The Bank can be found on the Web at [www.thatsmybank.com](http://www.thatsmybank.com), on [Facebook](#) and on [LinkedIn](#).

#### *Forward-Looking Statements*

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