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**Tamalpais Bank Names
Richard L. Lewis
As Chief Information Officer**

**Veteran IT Professional Joins
From Mechanics Bank**

San Rafael, CA—January 21, 2009— Richard L. Lewis, a 15-year technology executive, today was named chief information officer by [Tamalpais Bank](#), reporting to Mark Garwood.

Lewis comes to Tamalpais Bank from The Mechanics Bank, which has 33 offices and branches in Northern California and where he was most recently Senior Vice-President/Senior IT Manager.

In his new position, Lewis will have primary strategic and implementation responsibility for all information systems and emerging technologies at Tamalpais Bank and Tamalpais Wealth Advisors, the operating subsidiaries of Tamalpais Bancorp.

“His prior banking experience,” said Mark Garwood, Tamalpais Bank Chairman/CEO/President, “combined with his strong technical foundation and management skills will allow him to refine and execute our current IT strategy and ensure that those efforts are aligned with the Bank’s goals.”

Garwood added, “As we continue our expansion of services to the business community, “it is important that we add talent and management with senior level experience at larger institutions. Rich brings the right mix of hands-on skills and strategic vision to help us as we develop our systems to better serve our customers.”

A graduate of California State University, Fresno, he holds a BA in Economics and an MS in Computer Science from the institution. He resides with his family in Petaluma.

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Tamalpais Bancorp, through its wholly owned subsidiaries Tamalpais Bank and Tamalpais Wealth Advisors, offers business and consumer banking through its seven Marin County full service branches, and wealth advisory services to high net worth families and institutional clients. The Company had \$704 million in assets and \$282 million in assets under management as of December 31, 2008. Shares of the Company's common stock are traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market System under the symbol TAMB.

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