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**Marty Hartsock of Farmers & Merchants Bank to Receive
HB Chamber of Commerce ATHENA Award**

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif., Jan. 25, 2011 – Marty Hartsock, vice president and branch manager at [Farmers & Merchants Bank](#), will be honored with the prestigious ATHENA Award from the [Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce](#) for her dedication to opening paths for women in the Surf City community on Jan. 27. [ATHENA Award](#) recipients are women around the country who demonstrate excellence, initiative and creativity in their careers, contribute time and energy to improving the lives of women in their communities and actively assist other women in realizing their full leadership potential.

“Marty has exemplified the behind-the-scenes commitment, character and counsel to women that embodies the true spirit of the ATHENA Award,” said Dennis Gallagher, chairman of the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce.

As an active member in the Chamber for more than 7 years and manager at the Huntington Beach F&M office for 8 years, Hartsock is an integral part of the community. In addition to serving on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, Hartsock serves as a mentor to students at Ocean View High School and is a proactive partner of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) in Orange County.

“My role at F&M has provided me with a wonderful opportunity to connect people and encourage women to pursue their dreams and achieve their goals,” said Hartsock. “This award

comes as a complete surprise and I am humbled and honored to be recognized for assisting women in this great community.”

Hartsock plays an instrumental role at F&M, assisting the Bank in its growth as a proactive leader in serving the community, a value that has been at the foundation of F&M’s business philosophy since its inception more than 100 years ago. She will be honored at the Chamber’s annual dinner in Huntington Beach at the end of January, with F&M serving as a sponsor of two tables.

“At F&M, we value employees like Marty who exhibit generosity of spirit and place community outreach as a high priority,” said F&M CEO Henry Walker. “We would like to extend our congratulations to Marty and commend her for reflecting the values of the Bank in all that she does.”

Athena Awards are presented in more than 500 communities in the United States, Canada, China, Russia, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom since the program’s inception in 1982. The ATHENA Award Program honors exceptional leaders and seeks to inspire others to achieve excellence in their professional and personal lives.

About Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach

Founded in Long Beach in 1907 by C.J. Walker, Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach has 22 branches in L.A. and Orange counties. The Bank specializes in commercial and small business banking along with business loan programs up to \$35 million. Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach is a California state chartered bank with deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”). For more information about F&M, please call the media contacts listed above or visit the website, www.fmb.com.

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