

Michael Sell

Treasurer, EconAlliance Board of Directors
Senior Vice President, Pacific Western Bank



Mr. Michael Sell has been a Banker on the Central Coast for over 25 years. Born in Wisconsin and raised in Iowa, Midwestern values and work ethic have been the cornerstone for his success in life. His career in banking began in processing and bookkeeping for a bank in Iowa. After a few visits to see family on the Central Coast, Michael knew this was the place he wanted to live and moved to the Central Coast in 1987. He worked his way up through the ranks of the operational side of banking and in 1992 starting in lending. His career path has made him unusually well rounded with the various components

that make up a bank. Michael has a master's equivalent in Banking from Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington with a focus on Marketing and Relationship Management. He has a Business Administration Degree from Allan Hancock College.

A two-time "Kiwanian of the Year," Michael is a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria. He was also awarded, George F. Hixson Fellowship, the highest Kiwanis international award for a volunteer in 2005. He served two terms as President of the United Way of Central Coast, an organization that in 1995 and 1997 named Michael "Volunteer of the Year." He has volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club, YMCA and American Heart Association, Area Agency on Aging in addition to many other local organizations. He continues to be an active Kiwanian.

Michael and his wife, Wendy Thies Sell, former anchorwoman with KSBY-TV live with their two daughters, Sienna and Sonnet in Santa Maria. As a Board Member, Michael wants to help provide future opportunity for his children to succeed and continue to live on the Central Coast when they become adults.