



**GLENN BURDETTE**



**RADAKOVICH, SHAW & BLYTHE, LLP**

San Luis Obispo, CA -- Glenn Burdette, the Central Coast's leading certified public accounting firm, has announced plans to combine with Radakovich, Shaw & Blythe, a longtime full-service accounting firm headquartered in San Luis Obispo.

Radakovich, Shaw & Blythe (RS&B) principals Mike Radakovich, Ed Shaw, Anne Blythe and Bonnie Blanchard will join Glenn Burdette as principals. Glenn Burdette will retain RS&B offices on lower Higuera in SLO as "A Division of Glenn Burdette."

According to Glenn Burdette President and Managing Director Dan O'Hare, the merging of the two companies provides an ideal opportunity for each. "Glenn Burdette is eager to continue to grow our services, our market area and our clientele," said O'Hare. "By joining forces, we not only grow in size, but Glenn Burdette gains additional expertise in business valuation and litigation support, and RS&B assures its clients that they will be served for years to come. It's an exciting synergy."

RS&B's Mike Radakovich, who spent the early years of his career at the then Glenn, Burdette, Scheutze & Booker\* firm before venturing out in 1981 with RS&B co-founder Ed Shaw, shared O'Hare's enthusiasm. "We have been working on the transition for quite some time. My partners and I wanted to be certain our employees and the company we built were in good hands. We are."

Glenn Burdette was founded by Fred Glenn on March 15, 1965, in a small office on Marsh Street in San Luis Obispo. Over the next decade, Stephen Burdette, David Phillips, and David Bryson joined the firm and the name was changed to Glenn, Burdette, Phillips & Bryson. The name was simplified to Glenn Burdette in 2011.

The combined firms will have more than 80 employees located at offices in Paso Robles, Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo, representing private sector clients in agriculture, hospitality, estate and trust, real estate and construction, healthcare and other industries. Public sector clients include municipalities, special districts and other government bodies throughout California.

Glenn Burdette was the first CPA firm in California to form an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), where employees directly benefit from company success. RS&B employees will be extended ESOP benefits.

O'Hare says the two firms worked for months in refining the agreement and go-forward plan, and that it is on schedule to close November 1. "We all agreed that we needed to be ready to go before tax season starts in earnest after the holidays," said O'Hare.

*\*Glenn Burdette's firm name has changed several times since its founding in 1965, including Glenn, Burdette, Phillips & Bryson, and GBP&B Tax and Business Advisors*