

Notice of Exemption

To be filed after project approval

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: CITY OF LA MESA
Community Development Department
8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, CA 91942

Attn. CEQA / Fish & Wildlife Notices
San Diego County Clerk
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260
San Diego, CA 92101
MS A33

Project Title: Project 2021-18 (Chase Bank Rebuild)

Project Applicant: Chase Bank, 24085 El Toro Road, Floor 2, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Project Location - Specific: 4791 Spring Street, La Mesa, CA 91942

Project Location - City: La Mesa Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Project applicant and beneficiary Chase Bank proposes to construct a 4,120-square-foot retail bank building on a 0.62-acre commercial site in the downtown village area of La Mesa. The new facility replaces a similarly sized and situated retail bank that was lost to fire in 2020. The scope of work includes closing one of three curb openings and installing new landscaping and storm water facilities. The site is zoned CD-D (Downtown Commercial/Urban Design Overlay) and the Planned Land Use is Downtown Commercial. The site development plan was approved by the Design Review Board and by administrative decision and ratified by the City Council on January 11, 2022. APN 494-402-20-00.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of La Mesa

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project (applicant): Chase Bank, c/o Steve Bashe, 949-458-2072, 24085 El Toro Road, Floor 2, Laguna Hills, CA 92653


Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268]
 Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
 Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c)]
 Categorical Exemption. State Type and section number: Class 2, CEQA Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15302, which exempts replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The project meets the criteria for the exception and none of the exceptions in Section 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Allyson Kinnard Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 619-667-1196

If filed by applicant: 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 01-12-22 Title: Associate Planner
 Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: N/A
 Signed by Applicant