

# Mystery surrounds closure of Bank of the West

Aug. 1 marks the second consecutive day the South Lake Tahoe Bank of the West branch has been closed for unspecified reasons.

According to the Tahoe City branch, the South Lake office will reopen on Wednesday. It was closed for “environmental reasons,” according to Tahoe City. The woman said she could not say anything else.

A sign went up on the South Shore door sometime July 31 saying an emergency forced the closure. But it’s not known if the public should be worried.

With that said, El Dorado County, which handles public health and environmental health issues, said it has nothing to do with the closure. The South Lake Tahoe police and fire departments are also not aware of any activity to force the closure.

The phone at the South Shore office doesn’t let callers leave a message. The Tahoe City branch said to call the 800 number. A person in North Dakota was reached who had no idea what was going on.

The ATM and night drop are still available.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*