

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2010

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 21, 2010**

**WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**

**001-32550**

**88-0365922**

(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One East Washington Street, Suite 1400, Phoenix, Arizona**

**85004**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(602) 389-3500**

**2700 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 21, 2010, Western Alliance Bancorporation (the Company) received notification from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation that the Consent Order with respect to the Company's Torrey Pines Bank subsidiary, dated November 16, 2009, was terminated as of October 20, 2010. As previously disclosed, the Consent Order related to certain alleged violations of law at Torrey Pines Bank's now discontinued credit card division.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**WESTERN ALLIANCE  
BANCORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

Date: October 22, 2010

By: /s/ Dale Gibbons  
Dale Gibbons  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer