Notice of Determination

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21108

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Project Title: Alberhill System Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-62652-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The project is located at 12 locations within several ephemeral and intermittent streams and wetlands tributaries to the Santa Ana River and Temescal Wash, spanning hundreds of parcels. The project's northern extent is located north of the Interstate 15/Temescal Canyon Road intersection in Lake Elsinore, continues southeast, and terminates north of the intersection of Newport Road/Murrieta Road in Menifee. The project's approximate center coordinate and central Assessor's Parcel Number are Latitude 33.705427, Longitude 117.372047, and 389-100-030, respectively.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-62652-R6, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 to Southern California Edison (SCE).

The project is limited to: the construction of the new 1,120 megavolt-ampere, 500/115 kilovolt (kV) Alberhill Substation by the Valley South 115 kV System; the construction of two new 500 kV transmission line segments to connect the proposed Alberhill Substation to SCE's existing Serrano-Valley 500 kV Transmission Line; the construction of a new 115 kV subtransmission line approximately three miles in length; modifications to four existing

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115 kV subtransmission lines between five existing 115/12 kV substations; and telecommunication improvements to connect the new facilities to SCE's telecommunication network. Equipment to be used includes: bucket trucks, excavators with augers, backhoes, bobcat skid steers, forklifts, boom and crane trucks, helicopters, splicing rigs, two-drum straw line pullers, compressor trailers, rough terrain cranes, rough terrain forklifts, drill rigs, road graders, track types, dozers, and drum type compactors.

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.98-acre, and permanently impact 0.9-acre, of resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 11/3/2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made as a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: DocuSigned by: Kim Freeburn 84F92FFEEFD24C8... *Date:* 11/3/2026

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