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SUBJECT: ***Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108***
State Clearinghouse Number: 2010041031

Project Title: (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2026-001-06 (ITP))

Project Location (Riverside County): The project is located in unincorporated Riverside County, California, in addition to within the cities of Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, and Menifee. 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: This proposed project involves: 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 Southern California Edison'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 115 kV subtransmission lines between five existing 115/12 kV substations; and telecommunication improvements to connect the new facilities to Southern California Edison's telecommunication network.

The Project will result in impacts to 168.96 acres of Crotch's bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*) habitat including temporary impacts to 113.95 acres; the Project will permanently remove 55.01 acres of Crotch's bumble bee habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of Crotch's bumble bee, which is designated as a candidate endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under

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CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [☐ the lead agency / ☒ a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 11/3/2026 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [☐ will / ☒ 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. [☒ An environmental impact report / ☐ A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [☒ were / ☐ were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was / ☐ was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was / ☒ was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were / ☐ were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
   - ☐ Payment is submitted with this notice.
   - ☒ A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

☒ Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature *Date:* 11/3/2026

Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____