

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 6
1352 West Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Caltrans D6 SCE Encroachment Permit #06-24-6-US-1579

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison (SCE)

Project Location - Specific: State Route 190 between postmiles 22.603 and 22.934 in Tulare County

Project Location - City: Springville Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Proposed Project is located on the SUCCESS 12 kilovolt (kV) distribution line in the City of Porterville, Tulare County, California. The Proposed Project consists of work on or around seven (7) structures, including replacing two (2) wood distribution poles, and installing or replacing four (4) ground rods and four (4) plate anchors, overhead wires, and vegetation trimming. The two (2) poles being replaced via helicopter would require sonotubes to be installed for stability during setting. The Proposed Project is located along State Route 190 between postmiles 22.603 and 22.934 for approximately 0.23 miles and along Head Quarters Drive, approximately 0.16 miles from its intersection with State Route 190. Ground disturbance for removing poles would involve digging 12 inches around the existing pole and digging to a depth of 2-6 feet to remove the pole. Ground disturbance for removing a ground rod would involve unearthing around the ground rod by 24-inch and to a depth of 18-inch from the top of the ground rod. Ground disturbance for installing and replacing plate anchors would involve excavating a hole approximately 24-inch to 36-inch in diameter and 8-feet to 11-feet deep. Work activities would generally take place within a 50-foot buffer around the pole. The work area is accessible via the roadside of State Route 190. Overland travel would consist of approximately 229 feet from the roadway to reach Pole 4816820E. Vegetation trimming would be expected at four (4) of the distribution poles. Pole replacement work would require the use of hand tools, with the addition of a jack hammer as needed for specific tasks. A truck-mounted auger would be used for work done on Pole 4816820E (PM 22.72) while poles 4822348E (PM 22.774) and 6662T (PM 22.934) would be replaced using a helicopter. Crew to replace overhead wires from pole 4842288E (PM 22.603) to pole 4842283E (PM 22.657) and from pole 4926475E (PM 22.707) to pole 4816820E (PM 22.72). Traffic and pedestrian control may be required. Caltrans would issue an

encroachment permit (06-24-6-US-1579) to allow for the proposed work to occur within State right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 6

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison (SCE)

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: Section 15301 Class 1
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) Class 1 - Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Pedram Mafi Phone number: (559) 981-7400

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: 06/12/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.