

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 #06-25-6-US-0009

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison (SCE)

Project Location - Specific: State Route 190 between postmiles 22.934 and 24.061 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 kV distribution line in the City of Porterville, Tulare, California. The Proposed Project consists of replacing five (5) wood distribution poles and three (3) plate anchors, installing two (2) new plate anchors and removing one (1) anchor rod with plate. The four (4) poles being replaced via helicopter will require sonotubes to be installed. Proposed Project is located along Highway 190 between postmiles 22.934 and 24.061, approximately 0.44 miles north of Head Quarters Drive. Ground disturbance for removing poles involves digging 12 inches around the existing pole and digging to a depth of 2-6 feet to remove the pole. Ground disturbance for installing and replacing plate anchors involves 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 Highway 190. Vegetation trimming is also expected at four (4) of the distribution poles. Traffic and pedestrian control may be required. Access will be from an existing maintained paved/dirt road; a helicopter set is required for poles: 4973630E, 4816974E, 2162991E, and 4822456E. Traffic and pedestrian control may be required. Caltrans would issue an encroachment permit (06-25-6-US-0009) 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

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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.