

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

Office of Planning and Research

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**From:**

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South Coast Region

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**Project Title:** TD 1869205 Arroyo Conejo Trail Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-VEN-45318-R5)

**Project Location (Ventura County):** The project is located on Arroyo Conejo, a tributary to Calleguas Creek in Ventura County. The project is located within the city limits of Thousand Oaks, California, and north of Rancho Conejo Boulevard at approximate center coordinate of latitude 34.2075953, and longitude -118.9209084, within Assessor's Parcel Numbers 667-0-012-024.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-45318-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison (Permittee), as represented by Victoria Parsons.

The project consists of vegetation crushing and trimming to facilitate access to Pole 1515278E, and the replacement of Pole 1515278E in-kind using a helicopter and hand crews. Access to the pole requires hand crews to travel 0.4 miles on Arroyo Conejo Trail, which requires the crushing of channel vegetation and trimming around the pole, consisting of riparian trees, to facilitate crew access and allow for overhead helicopter operations in order to conduct pole replacement activities. Channel vegetation crushed and trimmed as part of the project includes temporary impacts to arroyo willow thickets and coast live oak woodland and forest, including trimming of one California sycamore and two coast live oaks. The project also includes the restoration of areas temporarily impacted by the project, including the regrading of channel areas back to their pre-project contours, removal of project generated wastes, and the restoration of channel ecology and morphology upon completion of the project.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing private owned utility structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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