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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Multiple TD Whitewater Preserve Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-RIV-42195-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): Multiple TD Whitewater Preserve Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (project) is located on private land owned by The Wildlands Conservancy, including the Whitewater Preserve, and public land owned by the Bureau of Land Management along the Whitewater River approximately 4.10 miles north of Interstate 10 and the census-designated place of Whitewater, Riverside County, State of California; Latitude 33.988279, Longitude -116.655545.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-42195-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The project is limited to 10 pole replacements (poles 4827046E, 4611775E, GT131284, GT93710, 4507016E, 4827043E, 4207792E, 4876019E, 34289S, and 4259671E), six anchor replacements (poles 2228587E, 4827046E, 4611775E, 4890521E, and GT93710 (two anchor replacements)), three anchor installations (poles 4491938E, 4827046E, and 4259671E), three caisson replacements (poles 4827046E, 4611775E, and GT93710), three caisson installations (poles 4507016E, 4827043E, and 4207792E), three AG Block and Key installations (poles GT131284, 4876019E, and 34289S), and overhead work at pole 4491938E.

Project activities described above are anticipated to impact 0.51 acre of resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. [State code number]
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301(b and d))

Reasons why project is exempt: Project includes the restoration and/or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged existing structure or facility to meet public health and safety standards.

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