

Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife

South Coast Region

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Project Title: Multi TD Cuyama and Round Springs Canyon Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-VEN-57669-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The project is located on the Cuyama River in unincorporated Ventura County. The project includes 14 locations southeast of Ventucopa, California, and west of State Route 33. Six of these locations are located on the Cuyama River at approximate center coordinate of latitude 34.784010, and longitude -119.443650, within Assessor's Parcel Number 001-0-170-150. Three additional locations are located on the Cuyama River at approximate center coordinate of latitude 34.75670, and longitude -119.42047, within Assessor's Parcel Number 001-0-190-040. Three more locations are located on the Cuyama River at approximate center coordinate of latitude 34.72941, and longitude -119.39601, within Assessor's Parcel Number 002-0-080-030. Two final locations are located on the Cuyama River at approximate center coordinate of latitude 34.711463, and longitude -119.383210, within Assessor's Parcel Numbers 002-0-080-110 and 002-0-080-230.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-57669-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 removing the top portion of four existing deteriorated utility poles and two anchors, installing 14 corrugated steel caissons, installing 12 new wooden utility poles, installing two new composite utility poles, installing 22 new anchors, and the pulling of wires to the new poles. Project activities will result in 1.472-acres of temporary impacts and 0.002-acre of permanent impacts to the Cuyama River channel. Access for the installation of the new pole requires 3,025 linear feet of overland travel, which requires the crushing of channel vegetation associated with vehicle and equipment travel. This crushing of channel vegetation includes temporary impacts to scale broom scrub, Sandbar willow thickets, and unvegetated riverbed. The project also includes the remediation of all project areas, 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)
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15303)

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. The project also consists of the construction of new small electrical utility facilities.

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