

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: 500 South Main Street
Bishop CA. 93514

Project Title: US 395 Southern California Edison Tree Removal

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison

Project Location - Specific: US Highway 395 Post Mile 55

Project Location - City: Lee Vining Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Southern California Edison (SCE) is proposing to remove a row of genus Populus trees that burned in the 2025 Inn Fire. The trees now pose a threat to SCE transmission and distribution facilities that run parallel to Hwy 395 north of Lee Vining, CA. The trees to be removed 3 genus Populus with diameter breast height (DBH) of 10", 7", 12" and a height of 39', 29', 39'.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Dept of Transportation

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

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Immediate removal is necessary to prevent potential power outages, infrastructure damage, and wildfire ignition risks. Because the work is needed to prevent or mitigate an emergency and to protect public infrastructure and essential services, it meets the criteria for exemption as an emergency action under CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: _____

Phone number: _____

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: Heather Elder Date: 07/25/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

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.