

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: TD1935176 Loftus Canyon Road Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-VEN-54017-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The project is located on the Santa Clara River in unincorporated Ventura County. The project is located east of Santa Paula, California, and north of South Mountain Road at approximate center coordinate of latitude 34.358129, and longitude -119.003211, within Assessor Parcel Numbers 046-0-250-120 and 046-0-250-170.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-54017-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 trimming and crushing to facilitate access, the replacement of Pole 925609E in kind with a new wooden pole, the transferring of lines to the newly placed pole, and the remediation of project areas. Access for the project requires the use of 300 linear feet of earthen agricultural roads, in addition to 20 linear feet of construction within the bed, banks, and channel of the Santa Clara River, both of which require trimming and crushing of riparian vegetation. Vegetation impacts include 0.07-acre of temporary impacts to arroyo willow thickets, ruderal vegetation, and *Arundo donax* stands, in addition to trimming one 17-foot-tall arrow willow for 20-percent of its canopy. 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)

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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