

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** TD2070167 Soledad Canyon Road Grid Resiliency Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-52926-R5)

**Project Location (Los Angeles County):** The project is located at two locations on the Santa Clara River within Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County. The project locations are north of Soledad Canyon Road at approximate center coordinates of latitude 34.416602, longitude -118.524373, and latitude 34.418170, longitude -118.524281, within Assessor Parcel Numbers 2849-001-900 and 2849-001-901.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-52926-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, the installation of one new screw anchor and the replacement of one existing plate anchor at Pole 1059470E, the replacement of three plate anchors with screw anchors at Pole 1059471E, the transferring of guy lines, and the remediation of project areas. Access for the project requires 5,765 feet of vehicle travel on the Santa Clara River’s riverbed which will result in channel vegetation being crushed by a rubber-tired utility truck. Temporary impacts include 7.327 acres total of temporary impacts, which 6.507 acres of unvegetated streambed and 0.079 acre of scale broom scrub will be impacted by access. The remaining 0.107-acre area of temporary impacts would be associated with the anchor replacement, which consists of 0.093-acre of scale broom scrub, and 0.014-acre of Fremont cottonwood forest and woodlands. Two multi-stemmed Fremont cottonwood trees (Diameter at breast heights of 16, 21, and 22 inches; and eight, 16, and 19 inches respectively) will be trimmed for 40-percent of their canopies. 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 public utility structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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