

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** (Public Agency): Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100

Palm Desert, CA 92260

(Address)

Project Title: Multi TD Annandale Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison (SCE)

Project Location - Specific:

The Project site is located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands approximately

Project Location - City: Desert Hot Springs Project Location - County: Riverside County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project purpose is to remove and replace multiple wood utility poles, and is a part of SCE's continuing operation and maintenance activities which includes repairing, maintaining, upgrading, and replacing distribution facilities to ensure reliable service, as mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission. This Project has been identified as a high fire project being conducted pursuant to a Wildfire Mitigation Plan developed to increase the pace and scale of utility work to prevent, combat, and respond to wildfires affecting utility service territories.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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

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: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project consists of the repair and maintenance of existing public facilities that will not result in an expansion of use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Logan Raub Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 776-8966

**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:  Date: 07/30/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_