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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: TD2182594 La Cruz Wildfire Management Plan Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No., EPIMS-RIV-63038-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The TD2182594 La Cruz Wildfire Management Plan Project (Project) is located along an unnamed tributary to the Santa Margarita River approximately 432 feet north of La Cruz Drive, and 1.3 miles southwest of the City of Temecula, Riverside County, State of California; Latitude 33.49404, Longitude - 117.20242.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No., EPIMS-RIV-63038-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The Project is limited to the removal of one 45-foot-tall wood utility pole (Pole 2065706E). The pole will be partially excavated at its base by hand and cut at least three feet below grade, with the base of the pole abandoned in place.

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.006-acre of areas subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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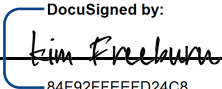
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Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. [State code number]
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301(b and d))

Reasons why project is exempt: Project includes the restoration and/or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged existing structure or facility to meet public health and safety standards.

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