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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**Project Title:** TD2195955 Pico Avenue Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project(Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-KER-61309-R4)

**Project Location (Fresno County):** The Project will occur at eight locations within Kelso Creek, southeast of the intersection of Pico Drive and Kelso Valley Road, approximately 7.8 miles south of the community of Weldon, Kern County, State of California:

- Pole 1849898E: 35.55487, -118.23719
- Pole 2230530E: 35.55701, -118.23708
- Pole 2230531E: 35.55712, -118.23817
- Pole 2230532E: 35.55727, -118.23953
- Pole 2230533E: 35.55739, -118.24065
- Pole 4180488E: 35.55547, -118.23831
- Pole 4180489E: 35.55639, -118.23823
- Pole 4872625E: 35.55555, -118.23712

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-KER-61309-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison Company.

The Project activities will occur at eight locations and include utility pole removal, new pole installation, anchor removal, new anchor installation, ground rod removal, and new ground rod installation.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:**  
Southern California Edison Company  
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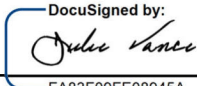
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**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project includes maintenance of structures within an existing power line facility, involving no expansion of existing use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-61309-R4.

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