

## Notice of Exemption

<b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	<b>From:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife <b>Wildlife Conservation Board</b> P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090
<b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A	<b>Attention:</b> Sadie J. Smith

**Project Title:** Hidden Valley Wildlife Area Utility Easement

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 163-290-006, 163-290-008, 163-300-008, 155-464-009, 163-300-009, 163-300-010, 163-290-003

**Project Location – City:** Riverside

**Project Location – County:** Riverside

**CEQA Region:** S. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 The Project is selling a utility easement over California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Hidden Valley Wildlife Area to Southern California Edison (SCE) for the purpose of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP), jointly planned by SCE and the City of Riverside’s Municipal Utility Department (RPU). Project will help maintain reliability for current project demand for electricity in the City of Riverside. Project is outside of any designated critical habitat. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2019190.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** John P. Walsh, Deputy Executive Director, WCB

**Exempt Status: (Check One)**

Ministerial (Sec. 15268):  
 Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:  
 Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:  
 Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: 15305 Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations  
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:  
 Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**  
 This project will result in a minor alteration in land use to allow for utility lines in an area with an average slope of less than 20% and will not result in changes in land use or density.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** John P. Walsh

**Area Code/Telephone Extension:** (916) 539-8016

**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, (by this notice)  No

**Signature:** DocuSigned by: John Walsh **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 5/29/2026

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code	<b>SCH #:</b> <b>Posted Date:</b> <b>Date Received for Filing at OPR:</b>
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