

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

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: TD2241385 Twentynine Palms Highway Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison (SCE)

Project Location - Specific:

The Project is located about 2.5 miles Northeast of the city of Desert Hot Springs.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to remove and replace a wooden utility pole, and is part of SCE's continuing operation and maintenance activities which includes repairing, maintaining, upgrading, 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 conducting maintenance to an existing public facility by replacing an existing electrical pole without an expansion of use. Thus this project meets the exemption requirements under section 15301 "existing facilities".

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: Logan Raub Date: 7/16/2026 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: _____