

Notice of Exemption

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County of Orange

From: Caltrans District 12
1750 E. Fourth St. Suite 100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: Encroachment Permit 2-26-6-US-0443

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison

Project Location - Specific: SR-90 PM R5.26

Project Location - City: Brea

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The applicant, Southern California Edison (SCE), under Encroachment Permit 12-26-6-US-0443, is proposing to replace one deteriorated transmission utility pole (4027225E) on State Route 90 (SR-90, Imperial Highway), a principal arterial in the City of Brea, in Orange County. This work is part of SCEs deteriorated pole infrastructure replacement program, under Work Order TD2398649. The purpose of the project is to maintain safe and reliable electrical service. The need for the project is that the existing pole is deteriorated and poses a risk to safe and reliable electrical service. The proposed replacement pole will be installed hard set northwest its existing location, on the sidewalk along the westbound direction of SR-90, at postmile (PM) R5.26 and 3 feet (ft) from the edge of traveled way (ETW) within the State right-of-way. The project is financed with private funds, and the work that will occur within the Caltrans ROW is less than 1 acre. No new right-of-way is required.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

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

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: 15301 Class 1(d)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project proposes the approval of utility installations along or across a transportation facility and is exempt under CEQA 15301 Class 1(d).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Smita Deshpande

Phone number: 949-279-8704

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: *Smita Deshpande* Date: 07/14/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.