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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: TD1478467 - TD1478474 Hilton Whisky Creeks Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No., EPIMS-MOO-63135-R6)

Project Location (Mono County): The TD1478467 - TD1478474 Hilton Whisky Creeks Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Project) is located at three locations along Hilton and Whiskey Creeks, on privately-owned lands within unincorporated Mono County, California; approximate center coordinates: latitude 37.56815, longitude -118.75315; latitude 37.56804, longitude -118.75264; and latitude 37.56583, longitude -118.74004; Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 060-130-014, and 060-370-003. The project is located approximately 0.5-mile south of U.S. Route 395 in the community of Crowley Lake.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No., EPIMS-MOO-63135-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The Project is limited to removing and replacing three wood utility poles (Poles 1827430E, 424181S, and 524503S) with new wood poles and replacing one anchor at Pole 1827430E. Equipment to be used helicopter, a bucket truck, a truck-mounted auger, personnel and support vehicles, and hand tools.

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.0197-acre of resources 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:

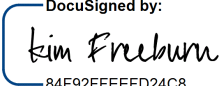
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Exempt Status:

- ☐ 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: On March 25, 2026, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301 Existing Facilities. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1 (a), the Lead Agency is responsible for determining whether the Project is exempt from CEQA and that determination shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including Responsible Agencies. As a result, CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, is bound by the Lead Agency's determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

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