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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: TD2241385 Twentynine Palms Highway Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No., EPIMS- RIV-63452-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The TD2241385 Twentynine Palms Highway Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Project) is located along Mission Creek, on privately-owned lands within unincorporated Riverside County, California; latitude 33.99971, longitude -116.58036; Assessor's Parcel Number: 671-170-022, 671-170-023, and 671-190-001. The project is approximately 0.4-mile southwest of the State Route 62/North Indian Canyon Drive intersection and approximately five miles northwest of the City of Desert Hot Springs.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No., EPIMS-RIV-63452-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The Project is limited to removing and replacing one wood utility pole (Pole 1685543E) with a new wood pole, installation of a new caisson at Pole 1685543E, and road grading. Equipment to be used includes hand tools, backhoe, line truck, bucket truck, foreman truck, candy wagon, motor grader or backhoe loader, and trailer.

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.801-acre and permanently impact less than 0.001-acre of resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

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September 18, 2026

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

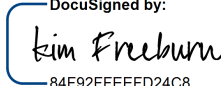
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Exempt Status:

- ☐ 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 July 6, 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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