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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: TD1675192 McGrath Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project – 2023 (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-VEN-37038-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The project is located in the City of Ventura, Ventura County, California. The project is located west of Norther Harbor Boulevard in the Santa Clara River at approximate center coordinate Latitude 34.231511, Longitude -119.256561.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS- VEN-37038-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison (Permittee) as represented by Victoria Parsons.

The original project is limited to the replacement of one wooden pole, 1561767 E, the installation of one new steel supported poured-in-place cement caisson to brace the replaced pole, and the replacement of an existing anchor. The steel supported caisson will be placed approximately 21 feet deep and within three feet of the original pole's location. Pole 1561767E would be replaced in-kind, height, and diameter. The 2024 amendment changed the project description from not allowing native vegetation trimming to allowing for vegetation trimming for equipment access along an existing dirt access road. Changes included revisions to the temporary impacts of the project that they be limited to approximately 0.186 acres of streambed habitat comprising of Gooding's black willow/red willow forest and woodland which accompany 773 linear feet of the Santa Clara River.

This amendment modifies the project description to include the use of a crane to remove the old utility pole and set the new utility pole. The crane will be staged and operated from

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North Harbor Boulevard. The amendment also allows for night work for activities related to crane operation and staging. No additional impacts will result from the amended project.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public utility structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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