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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: TD2222411 Westlake Blvd Eleanor Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-VEN-56908-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The project is located on Lake Eleanor Creek in Thousand Oaks, California. The project is located west of Westlake Boulevard at approximate center coordinate of latitude 34.13875, and longitude -118.85009, within Assessor's Parcel Number 695-0-220-085.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-56908-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison (Permittee), as represented by Warnetta Logan.

The project consists of vegetation trimming and trampling to facilitate access to Pole 1848419E, and the replacement of Pole 1848419E and its associated rock-filled corrugated steel caisson. Project activities will result in 0.014-acre of temporary impacts, and less than three square feet of permanent impacts, to California sycamore woodlands and disturbed vegetation. Project site access will require traversing approximately 55 feet of Lake Eleanor Creek's bed, banks, and channel, which includes crews accessing the project location on foot, equipment and vehicle operation, and operation of hand tools. Project activities will require crushing and trampling of herbaceous and subshrub vegetation and trimming of two California sycamore trees to facilitate access, as well as ground disturbance associated with the pole and caisson replacement processes. The project also includes the restoration of all project areas, including the regrading of channel areas back to their pre-project contours where applicable, removal of project generated wastes, and the restoration of channel ecology and morphology upon completion of the project.

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The amendment approved on September 22, 2026 modifies the Project Description to include the use of four four-feet-wide by eight-feet-long steel plates to facilitate access over Lake Eleanor Creek and updates to CDFW staff contact information. No additional impacts will result from the amended project. No additional restoration will be required from the amended project.

The second amendment modifies the restriction for nighttime work to allow nighttime work if lane closures prevent daytime construction. It also adds protections to limit nighttime lighting impacts to wildlife. No additional impacts will result from the second amendment and no additional restoration will be required.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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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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