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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: TD2159513 Trona 178 Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No., EPIMS-SBR-48046-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The TD2159513 Trona 178 Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Project) is located along unnamed tributaries to Salt Wells Valley Dry Lake, on lands owned by the Bureau of Land Management, within unincorporated San Bernardino County, California. The project is approximately 1.5 miles southeast of the State Route 178/Trona Road intersection and approximately 9.5 miles east of the City of Ridgecrest. The Project's approximate center coordinate is located at Latitude 35.635058, Longitude -117.488219.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No., EPIMS-SBR-48046-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The Project is limited to removing and replacing four wood utility poles (Poles A1533167AE/A1533167BE and A1533175AE/A1533175BE) associated with two H-frame structures. Equipment to be used includes a boom truck with a pole auger and hand tools.

Project activities described above are anticipated to impact 0.027-acre of resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

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Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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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: Project includes the restoration and/or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged existing structure or facility to meet public health and safety standards.

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