

Notice of Exemption



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Project Title: TD1478313 Horsethief II Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (project) (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-249-R6)

Project Location (include county): The project is located within Horsethief Canyon south of Silverwood Lake, tributary to the Mojave River. The project is located south of State Highway 138, approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Silverwood Lake, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; United States Geological Survey Silverwood Lake, California 7.5-minute quadrangle; Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Section 25; Latitude 34.314539°N, Longitude -117.359226°W and Latitude 34.311798°N, Longitude -117359322°W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-249-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code. The project includes the removal and replacement of two deteriorated wood poles, SCE Poles 4515808E and 4515811E with new wood poles. The new pole holes will be dug by hand or by a machine auger within a 3-foot radius of the old pole with standard depths ranging between 6 and 10 feet and a diameter of 2 to 3 feet. The area of soil disturbance, excavation, side casting and backfill would be limited to approximately 10 feet around each pole. Pole 4515808E will be set by helicopter with a general work area of 10 feet surrounding the pole. Construction personnel will access the work area by foot and will carry in any equipment necessary for the replacement of Pole 4515808E. Pole 4515811E will have a general 25-foot temporary work area for the staging and operation of construction vehicles and equipment. Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact a maximum of 0.06 acre (70 linear feet) of resources subject to Fish and Game Code 1600, including 0.01 acre of rubber rabbitbrush scrub and 0.05 acre of disturbed hairy yerba santa habitat.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption. Class 1 § 15301 (b), Existing Facilities

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is limited to the removal and replacement of deteriorated power poles.

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