

**Notice of Exemption**



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**Project Title:** TD1549322 Bishop Sierra Underwood 12kV Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0273-R6)

**Project Location:** The project is located within an unnamed wetland, tributary to the Owens River, south of U.S. Route 395, in the City of Bishop, Inyo County, State of California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0273-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Southern California Edison (SCE). The project is limited to the removal and replacement of a deteriorated wood pole (SCE Pole 4087784E) with a new wood pole. The new pole hole will be dug by hand or by a hand-held 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 new pole will be set by helicopter and accessed by foot. A temporary 10-foot radius work area will be set around each pole for staging of equipment and soil disturbance, including excavation, side casting, and backfill.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**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 a deteriorated power pole.

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