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Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Mono

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans District 9
500 South Main St
Bishop, CA 93514

(Address)

Project Title: Southern California Edison Underground Power, Lee Vining

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison

Project Location - Specific:

On US Highway 395 in Mono County northwest of the State Route 120 intersection; south of the community of Lee Vining.

Project Location - City: Lee Vining Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Southern California Edison will receive a Highway Encroachment Permit from Caltrans to replace an above ground power system with an underground system. Trenching and boring will be the primary ground disturbing activities. Utility poles and cabinets will be removed and/or installed as needed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 9

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301. Class 1, Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


Existing power utilities are being replaced with no expansion of services as part of this project/permit. After a review of the project and location it has been determined that no known environmental resources will be impacted by this project. Ground surfaces will be restored to original elevations after construction.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Benjamin Downard Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-872-0657

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature:  Date: 4/7/2020 Title: Associate Env. Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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