## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title**: Menifee Cajalco Road TD1649660 Pole Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-RIV-13392-R6)

**Project Location:** The project is located within an unnamed tributary along Cajalco Road, approximately 90 feet south of the road shoulder and 4.2 miles west of Interstate 215. The project is approximately 2.5 miles south of the City of Riverside within the unincorporated community of Mead Valley, Riverside County, California, at coordinates 33.8368840°N, 117.3223376°W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-RIV-13392-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Southern California Edison. The project is limited to the removal and replacement of eight deteriorated wood poles (Poles 2307368E, 213264S, 2307369E, 213263S, 213262S, 2307372E, 2352327E, and 2352328E) and overhead repair work on one pole (Pole 2307373E). Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.406 acres of resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1602, including 0.05 acres of mulefat thickets, 0.19 acres of Goodding's willow-red Willow riparian woodland and forest, and 0.05 acres of salt grass flats. Additionally, the project impacts include the trimming of one large black willow and 7 red willow trees.

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 eight deteriorated wood pole structures.

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