## **Notice of Exemption**

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

## From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife Inland Deserts Region 3602 Inland Empire Blvd, Suite C-220 Ontario, CA 91764



**Project Title:** TD1642822 San Jacinto Chardonnay Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-RIV-28239-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The TD1642822 San Jacinto Chardonnay Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (project) is located within an unnamed tributary to Santa Gertrudis Creek, in Riverside County, State of California; Latitude 33.553694, Longitude -116.994634; within Section 21 of Township 7 South, Range 1 West, on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Sage, California 7.5-minute quadrangle map; Assessor's Parcel Number 924-220-005. The project is located on private lands, approximately 25 feet east of De Portola Road, approximately 580 feet southwest of Glen Oaks Road, and 3.1 miles southeast of Skinner Reservoir in the unincorporated town of Sage.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-28239-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison as represented by Hazem Gabr.

The project is limited to removing and replacing one deteriorated wood pole (Pole 1895120E) within a stream. The new pole will be set by truck approximately 3 feet south of the current pole location. The new hole will be dug by hand or by a machine auger. Standard excavation depths range between 6 and 10 feet with a diameter of 2 to 3 feet. The area of soil disturbance (i.e., excavation, side casting and backfill) will be limited to approximately 10 feet around the pole, as well as a general 25-foot temporary work area around the pole for the staging and operation of construction vehicles and equipment. The pole will be accessed from the southeastern shoulder of De Portola Road. Replacement of the pole will necessitate riparian tree trimming of up to 50% of the canopy of six mature coast live oaks with diameter of breast height (dbh) ranging from 3.6 to 28.1 inches.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

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Exempt Status:	
☐ Statutory Exemption.	
□ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 153	301 (b)
<b>Reasons why project is exempt:</b> The project is limited to the removal and replacement of one existing pole. The project does not involve any further alteration of the existing facility or expansion of existing use.	

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