## Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Planning and Research <u>CEQA Submit</u> From: Department of Fish and Wildlife South Coast Region 3883 Ruffin Road San Diego, CA 92123 Nicole.Leatherman@wildlife.ca.gov

**Project Title:** TD1891865 Hermosa Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-VEN-33109-R5)

**Project Location (Ventura County):** The project is located in an unnamed tributary to San Antonio Creek, in the County of Ventura, State of California, Latitude 34.429015N, Longitude -119.259652W; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 033-0-070-120.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-33109-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The project is limited to the trimming of vegetation and the removal of one dilapidated wood power pole and the installation of a new wood pole. Two coast live oaks will be trimmed to access the pole. The new pole will be set within 5 feet of the existing pole. The new pole will be placed within a pilot hole with the depth of six to ten feet and a diameter of three feet using a helicopter. Native dirt and pea gravel will be used to backfill the pilot hole. The wires will be transferred from the old pole to the new pole and the dilapidated pole will be removed. The project will temporarily impact 0.01 acres (23 linear feet) of streambed from the installation of the pole and trimming of vegetation.

## Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

## Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison, Hazem Gabr

## **Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 1 addresses operation, maintenance, repair, or minor alteration of existing facilities or topographical features. Included in this exemption are existing facilities owned by a utility used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services. The replacement of the dilapidated pole will not expand use of the existing power delivery system in the immediate area and consists of minor alteration to topographical features.

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