

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Lee Vining Substation Relocation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0177-R6)

**Project Location:** The project is located within Lee Vining Creek, tributary to Mono Lake, along U.S. Route 395, 0.2 miles south-southeast of the Community of Lee Vining in Mono County, State of California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0177-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 demolition and removal of the existing 115/55kV switchyard and construction of a new 115/55/16/2.5kV substation approximately 50 feet away to the east of Lee Vining Creek. The project involves building a new 12 kV switchrack on a terrace to the north of the new 115/55 kV switchrack and the installation of an eight-foot high security fence around the substation. Following the demolition and removal of the existing switchyard, SCE will revegetate that portion of the property with native species typical of the area and Lee Vining Creek, specifically.

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

**Exempt Status:** Class 1, § 15301 (b), Existing Facilities; § 15301 (d), Restoration or Rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is limited to the demolition and relocation of a substation.

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