

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Utah 12kV Relocation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0221-R6)

Project Location: The project is located within several unnamed tributaries to Mesquite Dry Lake, along National Park Road/Park Boulevard the California Riding and Hiking Trail, within Joshua Tree National Park, Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed an amendment to Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0221-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Southern California Edison. The project is limited to the abandonment and relocation of an existing buried 12 kilovolt (kV) distribution line. The amendment addresses changes to the project description, specifically, the shift from trench to the use of directional drilling. Impacts to Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources are reduced from 0.19 acre to 0.02 acre.

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

Exempt Status: Class 4, § 15304(f), Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will involve directional drilling and minor trenching and backfilling along a predominantly disturbed road shoulder. The removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees will be avoided, and the surface will be restored following project completion.

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