

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Highland Bishop Transmission Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-MON-13310-R6)

**Project Location:** The project is located along Lee Lining Creek between approximately 3 and 5 miles east of the community of Lee Vining, along Tioga Road (CA-120) and Poole Power Plant Road in unincorporated area of Mono County, California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-MON-13310-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 removal and replacement of four structures consisting of nine existing deteriorated wood transmission poles, (4795784E/4795785E, 4795782E/4795783E, 1882207E/1882208E, and 1656871E/1656872E/1656873E) with nine lightweight steel-weathering poles. The project includes the trimming of two juvenile mountain willows (*Salix eastwoodiae*), and the removal of two juvenile quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) trees and two mountain willow shrubs for vehicle access. Project activities are anticipated to temporarily impact a maximum of 0.106 acres of resources subject to Fish and Game Code 1602.

**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 four deteriorated wood pole structures.

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