

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Havasu-Landing-Whipple 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-16078-R6)

Project Location (include county): The Havasu-Landing-Whipple 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project (project) is located within unnamed intermittent and ephemeral washes that are tributaries to the Colorado River, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.478498, Longitude -114.417135; Assessor's Parcel Number 0649-111-03-1104. The project is located within the Mojave Desert and runs parallel to the western shore of Lake Havasu. The project will be conducted along 11 miles of the Havasu-Landing-Whipple 66-kV subtransmission line. The northern end of the project begins at Havasu Lake Landing Substation and proceeds southeast towards the Havasu Substation.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SBR-16078-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 the replacement of an aging and damaged infrastructure along 11 miles of the Havasu-Landing-Whipple 66-kV subtransmission line prior to in-service failure. This includes upgrading the alignment by replacing existing wood poles, in some cases with more durable tubular steel poles (TSPs), and by reconductoring the subtransmission line. Activities subject to Fish and Game Code section 1602 include the removal and replacement of 11 deteriorated poles, associated infrastructure (i.e., guy wires/anchors), and cable along the subtransmission alignment.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption. Class 1 § 15301, Existing Facilities and Maintenance

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1, section 15301; The project is exempt because it includes the operation, repair, and maintenance of existing facilities of investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power.

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