

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
3602 Inland Empire Blvd., Suite C-220  
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County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Address)

Project Title: Geotechnical Investigations at Hidden Valley Wildlife Area For 230-kV Transmission Line

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison

Project Location - Specific:  
Near Julian Drive and Idyllwild Lane

Project Location - City: Riverside Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Carry out geotechnical field investigation for tower sites AX16, AX20 and AX21/D1 of the 230-kV Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP). The purpose of the geotechnical investigation is to provide design parameters for the foundation design and recommendations for civil design (including site grading and access roads) for the RTRP segment on the Property. The planned field work will last about three to five days. The proposed field activities include three exploratory hollow stem auger borings at six to eight inches in diameter and approximately 50 feet below ground surface. The proposed field activities include up to eight test pit locations. The test pits are proposed in locations for cut or fill slopes planned for access roads and maintenance pads. Each test pit will be advanced to depths of 5 to 10 feet below ground surface. The holes will be backfilled with native soil or bentonite mud as needed. No wells or permanent features will be installed. The beneficiaries of the investigation would be Southern California Edison and Riverside Public Utility by providing pre-construction data collection for the three structures and their access roads and maintenance pads.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4, Section 15304(f) and Class 6, Section 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

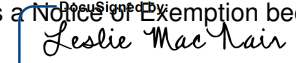
Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. Project also consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Leslie MacNair Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 909/466/8462

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 10/28/2021 Title: Regional Manager

▪ Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.      Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.