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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260
(Address)

Project Title: TD1662850 Pipes Wash Pole Replacement Project Section-2 (WDID NO. 7A363036001)

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison (SCE)

Project Location - Specific:
The Project (Section-2) is in an undeveloped desert canyon in unincorporated San Ber

Project Location - City: Yucca Valley Project Location - County: Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

SCE is continually repairing, maintaining, upgrading and replacing distribution facilities throughout its service territory. Ongoing operation and maintenance activities are necessary to ensure reliable service as mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission. The proposed Project involves removing and replacing two existing deteriorated wood poles (4660690E, 4660691E), installing one new wood pole (4967958E), and removing one existing wood pole and replacing it with a new pole in slightly different location (1742451E - the new pole will have the same number as the nearby removed pole). Caissons may need to be installed to protect wood poles from high water tables or for stabilization in sandy or rocky situations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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

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: _____
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15269, subdivisions (b) and (c) because the purpose of the Project is to make emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare. Additionally, under section 15269, subdivision (c), there is a statutory exemption for specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kai Dunn Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 776-8986

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: Kai Dunn Date: 12/16/2021 Title: Senior Water Resource Control Engineer

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____