

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** TD1643344 Little Horsethief Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SBR-21523-R6)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located in an unnamed tributary of the West Fork Mojave River on private land 0.75 miles south of U.S. Highway 138, and approximately 9.5 miles southwest of Hesperia in San Bernardino County, California, at coordinates 34.310544° N, 117.387647° W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SBR-21523-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The proposed project involves the removal and replacement of one deteriorated wood pole (Pole 4515765E) with a new wood pole. The new pole will be set by helicopter. The new hole will be dug by hand or by a hand-held machine auger within a 3-foot radius of the old pole. Standard excavation depth ranges between 6 and 10 feet with a diameter of 2 to 3 feet. A temporary 10-foot work area buffer for staging of equipment and soil disturbance (i.e., excavation, side casting and backfill) will be set around the pole. The pole will be accessed by foot from the east via a foot trail from Little Horsethief Canyon Rd (34.31025°N, 117.3866°W).

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Edison

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 (b), Existing Facilities

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is limited to the removal and replacement of deteriorated wood poles.

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