

Notice of Exemption

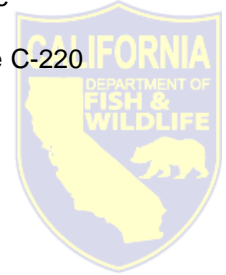
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Project Title: Wyman Creek at Wyman Creek Road Vegetation Management Project – Routine Maintenance Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-INY-24598-R6.

Project Location (include county): The routine maintenance project (project) is located approximately 7.3 miles northwest of Deep Springs within the Inyo National Forest in Inyo County, California. The project is broken into two distinct areas (A and B). Area A is located at 37.431735°N, -118.094135°W and Area B at 37.431248°N, -118.099956°W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-INY-24598-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison represented by Hazem Gabr.

The project involves vegetation management including trimming and removal of trees and vegetation, as needed, to maintain fire abatement clearance within portion of SCE's Control-Silver Peak-Zack- 55 kilovolt (kV) Circuit along Wyman Creek Road 7.3 miles northwest of Deep Springs. Trimming actions will include removal of annual growth or old growth materials that are within the regulatory required setbacks and removal of a 10-foot radius of vegetation growth with a branch diameter less than 4 inches around SCE's utility poles (pole brushing). Removal actions include full removal of the crown and most or all of the trunk with the stump and root system abandoned intact in the ground. Stumps will be treated with Garlon 3A herbicide "paint" to prevent/slow resprouting where necessary and will be applied by a trained herbicide applicator under the guidance of a qualified applicators license.

Project activities described above may impact up to 1.0 acres of streambed including sandbar willow and Woods' rose scrub habitat. Up to 0.10 acre of removal and 0.10 acre of trimming of less than 25% of the shrub/tree canopy are authorized per year for the term of the Agreement.

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 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt because it includes vegetation management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

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