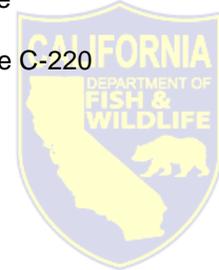


Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: I-10 at Chuckwalla Mountains Agreement for Routine Maintenance

Project Location (include county): The Project is located within an unnamed stream along a large, broad alluvial floodplain, north of the Chuckwalla Mountain Foothills, tributary to Palen Lake in the County of Riverside, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-26401-R6 (Agreement), pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison (SCE). The project consists of limited routine trimming and removal of vegetation, as needed, to maintain fire abatement clearance along SCE's 500kV Devers-Red Bluff No. 1 and No. 2 Circuit (transmission) between the Red Bluff Substation and Summit Road.

Project activities described above are anticipated to occur within a 84.66-acre area, however, only 0.10 acre of removal and 0.10 acre of trimming of less than 25% of the shrub/tree canopy are authorized in the Agreement per year for the 5-year Agreement term. Therefore, total impacts of 1.00 acre of stream and associated habitat are authorized within this 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 1 and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 (h and i)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt under Class 1 and 4 because it involves routine maintenance, trimming, and removal of trees and vegetation along SCE utility transmission and distribution lines and will reduce the volume of flammable vegetation within 30 feet of structures.

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