

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Poole Power Plant Road Vegetation Management Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MOO-24595-R6)

Project Location (Mono County): The routine maintenance project (project) is located in Reverse Creek along Poole Power Plant Road within the Inyo National Forest, approximately 4 miles east of Lee Vining in Mono County, California. The project is located at 37.941861°N, -119.191701°W and at 37.930262°N, -119.166527° W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MOO-24595-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The routine maintenance project involves vegetation management including trimming and removal of trees and vegetation, as needed, to maintain fire abatement clearance within an approximate 2.3 acres of streambed along a portion of Lee Vining-Poole 115kiloVolt Circuit (transmission) along Poole Power Plant Road. Permittee will also remove all vegetation within a 10-foot radius of SCE's utility poles.

Up to 0.10 acre of complete vegetation removal and 0.10 acre of vegetation trimming are authorized per year.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
 Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1 and 4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301(h) and 15304)

Reasons why project is exempt: Project includes maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth. The project also includes fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce volume of flammable vegetation.

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