

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: TD1721125 Gonzales Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-VEN-25955-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The project is located east of McGrath Lake, off Harbor Boulevard, in the County of Ventura, State of California; Latitude 34.216737° N, Longitude -119.253969° W; and Latitude 34.216109° N, Longitude -119.252854° W; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 138-0-080-070.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-25955-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Southern California Edison.

The project is limited to the removal of one dilapidated wood power pole and the installation of a new wood pole and Sonotube located in wetlands near McGrath Lake, 4.5 miles west of Oxnard, California (see Figure 1). The new pole and Sonotube will be set within 3 feet of the existing pole. Dewatering of the excavation site is included if groundwater is encountered during excavation work. The project will include temporary impact up to 65 cubic yards of soil from overland travel and excavation for the pole replacement, temporarily impact 0.045 acres of vegetation from overland travel and vegetation trimming to access the pole, and permanently impact of 3.14 square feet (0.00007 acres) from vegetation clearance around the pole. All areas impacted from ground disturbing activities, including access routes, will be returned to pre-construction condition.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE


Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison, Hazem Gabr

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 addresses operation, maintenance, repair, or minor alteration of existing facilities or topographical features. Included in this exemption are existing facilities owned by a utility used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services. The replacement of the dilapidated pole will not expand use of the existing power delivery system in the immediate area and consists of minor alternation to topographical features.

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