

CEQA Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Streambed Alteration Agreement for On-Ramp Santa Clara River Crossing Project (EPIMS-VEN-19609-R5)

Project Location (include county): The Project is located in the Santa Clara River, within the city of Ventura in the County of Ventura, State of California; Latitude 34.2672°N, Longitude -119.1582°W; Township 03 North, Range 23 West, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Saticoy, California; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 129-0-020-060.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-VEN-19609-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Southern California Edison. The Project is the installation of a temporary ramp into the Santa Clara River, vegetation removal within the Santa Clara River channel, and removal of one deteriorated wood H-frame structure (poles 4244682E and 4244683). The berm/ramp will be removed, and the area restored to pre-construction condition or better. All temporary disturbed areas will be returned to pre-construction contours. Activities will result in a maximum of 0.64 acres, or approximately 1363 linear feet, temporary impacts to stream bed, bank, channel, and linear extent of the stream.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5

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

Exempt Status:

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. The installation of the temporary ramp and berm provides access to an investor or publicly owned utility's power lines and structures required to provide power to the public. The transfer of the lines to equipment that has been upgraded to meet current safety standards, and the removal of the existing structure, will improve safety, reduce risk of wildfires, and reduce the risk of power outages. The repair, maintenance, and alteration of the existing facility will not cause an expansion in service or use.

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