

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Inland Deserts Region  
3602 Inland Empire Blvd, Suite C-220  
Ontario, CA 91764



**Project Title:** Control-Silver Peak 55 KV Road Maintenance Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MOO-28253-R6)

**Project Location (Mono County):** The Control-Silver Peak 55 KV Road Maintenance Project (project) is located is located along Wyman Creek, in Mono County, State of California; Latitude 37.432582, Longitude -118.18559; Assessors Parcel Number [APN] 260-300-120-000. The Project is characterized by an approximate linear 35-mile east-west trending extent, which traverses the White Mountains, and an approximate 13-mile north-south trending extent bearing north from Bishop, California both comprised of winding roads totaling 87 miles.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MOO-28253-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison as represented by Hazem Gabr.

The project is limited to maintenance and repair activities within the boundaries of the SCE right-of-way (ROW) along an approximate 87 miles of access roads, and includes vegetation management (brushing, trimming, and mowing) using hand tools and heavy equipment, and road maintenance (blading, grading, excavation, compaction) likely including the removal of obstructions and slide debris, slump repair, and the re-establishment of earthen berms and water bars all with the use of heavy equipment. Road widths can vary depending on the voltage of the line and the type of vehicles that need to access the structures. Standard road width is typically 14 to 18 feet. The Project work will be limited to the work area, defined as an 18-foot-wide corridor centered on the roads (the road prism) and up to 5 feet on each side beyond the edge of the road for minor vegetation trimming. This Agreement authorizes either all project activities being completed at once and cannot be repeated or up to 20% of impacts per year. No excavation of roots or stumps will occur.

**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; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 (h), detailing maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project involves routine maintenance, trimming, and removal of trees and vegetation along SCE utility transmission and distribution lines pursuant to Section 15301 (h). The project does not involve any further alteration of the existing facility or expansion of existing or former use.

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Kim Freeburn, Environmental Program Manager

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