

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: TD1749068 Palos Verdes Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-27845-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The project is located in Altamira Canyon Creek, within the city of Rancho Palos Verdes in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, Latitude 33.745592° N, Longitude -118.370771° W; and Latitude 34.216109° N, Longitude -119.252854° W; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 7572-016-022.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-27845-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Southern California Edison.

The project is limited to the trimming of vegetation and the removal of one dilapidated wood power pole and the installation of a new wood pole. The vegetation will be cleared from a 3-foot-wide path to access the dilapidated pole. The new pole will be set within 3 feet of the existing pole. The new pole will be placed within a pilot hole with the depth of 15 to 20 feet and a diameter of 3 feet. The new pole will be installed, and the dilapidated pole will be removed via helicopter. The project will temporarily impact 0.02 acres (163 linear feet) of vegetation from vegetation trimming to access the pole. All areas impacted from ground disturbing activities, including access routes, will be returned to pre-construction conditions.

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 alteration to topographical features.

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