

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: SCE Western Joshua Tree Emergency Vegetation Management Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-060-06 (ITP))

Project Location: The SCE Western Joshua Tree Emergency Vegetation Management Project (Project) locations consist of hazard western Joshua trees within the Permittee’s electrical transmission and distribution facilities and their rights-of-way within San Bernardino County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-060-06 (ITP), pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison (SCE).

The Project includes vegetation removal to maintain and repair SCE transmission and distribution lines and facilities. Project activities include the trimming of four (4) western Joshua trees and removal of five (5) dead/dying western Joshua trees that have fallen or are about to fall within the SCE transmission and distribution lines and facilities creating an imminent threat to public safety by creating a fire hazard.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)
- Categorical Exemption. Type – [Class (1-33)]; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section ([15301-15333])

Reasons why project is exempt: See Attachment.

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