

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** TD1756558 Leather Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No.EPIMS-KER-32827-R4).

**Project Location:** The Project will occur at one location within Sand Creek approximately 400 feet southeast of the intersection of Equestrian Drive and Sand Canyon Road, approximately 5 miles northeast of the city of Tehachapi, Kern County, State of California; Assessor's Parcel Number 224-640-03-00-7; Latitude 35.17669° North, Longitude -118.33590° West

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-KER-32303-R4 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Southern California Edison.

The proposed Project involves removing one 45-foot tall, 12-inch diameter wood utility pole (Pole 706449E) and replacing with a new 50-foot tall, 13.4-inch diameter wood pole. The pole will be accessed by overland truck travel from Equestrian Drive. The crew will stage the truck adjacent to the streambed and the truck will not enter the streambed to perform the pole replacement.

**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(b); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project includes the maintenance of an existing facility of a publicly-owned utility used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services with no expansion of use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-32827-R4.

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