

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: TD1684075 Mountain Highway Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-TUL-33084-R4)

Project Location (Tulare County): The Project will occur at two locations (Pole 853564E and Pole 853563E) within an unnamed tributary to the Kern River approximately 400 feet east of Highway 99, approximately 3 miles north of the town of Kernville, Tulare County, State of California; Assessor's Parcel Number 328-020-013; Pole 853564E: Latitude 35.80527° North, Longitude -118.451328° West; Pole 853563E: Longitude 35.80486° North, Longitude -118.451136° West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed the Amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TUL-33084-R4, issued to Southern California Edison.

The Agreement authorizes removal of two 40-foot tall, 10-inch diameter deteriorated wood poles (853564E and 853563E) and replacing with two 45-foot tall, 13-inch diameter wood poles on the Intake 12kV circuit. In addition, one 1.25-inch width anchor associated with Pole 853563E will be replaced, and a second 1.25-inch width anchor will be installed. The Amendment changes pole installation and delivery methods.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

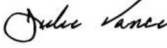
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

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 a change in methods to maintain 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-TUL-33084-R4.

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