

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Multi TD Kern Preserve Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-KER-34996-R4)

Project Location (Kern County): The Project will occur at 11 locations within an unnamed tributary to South Fork Kern River northeast of the intersection of Sierra Way and Highway 178, approximately three miles northeast of the community of South Lake, State of California;

- Project 1 – Pole 1737368E: 35.667012, -118.30462
- Project 2 – Pole 4591245E: 35.661868, -118.31693
- Project 3 – Pole 895601E: 35.659078, -118.316968
- Project 4 – Pole 853607E: 35.665323, -118.304209
- Project 5 – Pole 853608E: 35.666369, -118.304529
- Project 6 – Pole 4649786E: 35.666885, -118.305754
- Project 7 – Pole 4038149E: 35.666784, -118.306618
- Project 8 – Pole 4593657E: 35.667431, -118.304684
- Project 9 – Pole 1209184E: 35.66203, -118.322887
- Project 10 – Pole 4778343E: 35.66190, -118.322908
- Project 11 – Pole 685416E: 35.661293, -118.322908

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-34996-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison Company.

Project activities include the removal and replacement of deteriorated wood poles and anchors at 11 locations. Nine poles will be replaced, one pole will be removed, one anchor will be removed, four anchors will be replaced, and one new anchor will be installed.

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes the maintenance of existing facilities 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-34996-R4.

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