

## Notice of Exemption

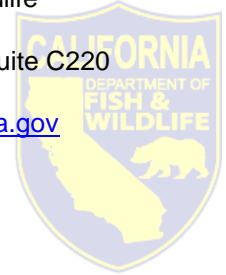
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**Project Title:** TD1835818, Rushmore Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-RIV-37505-R6)

**Project Location (Riverside County):** The project is located in the San Geronio River, south of Interstate 10 and east of Cabazon in Riverside, California. Latitude: 33.918758, Longitude: -116.719717. Accessor's Parcel Number 520-140-019.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-37505-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison Company.

The project is limited to removing and replacing one wood utility pole (SCE Pole 2266508E) with a new wood pole and caisson. The project will be accessed along existing dirt roads and no trimming or removal of trees is anticipated. Equipment staging in the form of drive and crush and side-casting activities is anticipated to impact Scale Broom Scrub vegetation.

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.152 acres (80 linear feet) of resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Edison Company

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301(b)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project involves maintenance of existing electric poles and associated structures. It does not involve expansion of existing or former use.

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