Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: TD1682141, Blythe Walters Camp Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-IMP-36029-R6)

Project Location (Imperial County): The project is located at Vinagre Wash, tributary to the Colorado River, approximately 620 feet east of Walters Camp Road in Imperial County, California. Latitude: 33.224347. Longitude: -114.682829. Assessor's Parcel Number 030-170-003-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-IMP-36029-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 wooden pole (SCE Pole 1969523E) located in Vinagre Wash near the Colorado River. Excavation will occur within several feet of the current pole location. Truck access to the site will involve 680 feet of overland travel from Walters Camp Road. Up to 87 square feet of five-stamen tamarisk shrubs will be trimmed to facilitate pole replacement activities.

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.045 acre (50 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 Exemptio	n. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14,	section 15301(b)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves the replacement of an existing electric pole and associated structures. It does not involve expansion of existing or former use.

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