Notice of Exemption

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Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

From:

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Project Title: TD1944678 Walker Basin Julia Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-41370-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur at one location within an unnamed tributary to Walker Basin Creek, approximately 0.15 miles northeast of the intersection of Walker Basin Road and Caliente Bodfish Road, approximately 15 miles north of the City of Tehachapi, Kern County, State of California; Assessor's Parcel Number 397-150-08; Latitude 35.385072° North, Longitude -118.553051° West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-41370-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Southern California Edison Company.

The Project activities include the removal and replacement of one 40-foot-long deteriorated wood pole (Pole 1536327E) and associated anchor with a new 45-foot wood pole and anchor. The pole will be accessed by overland truck travel on existing truck tracks from Caliente Bodfish Road. Heavy equipment and vehicles will be staged outside of the stream.

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, secti	ion 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes the minor alteration 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-41370-R4.

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