

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

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**Project Title:** TD1662943 Shepherd Pole Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-33258-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project will occur at one location within an unnamed tributary to the Kern River approximately 0.5 miles southeast of the intersection of California Highway 178 and Kernville Road, located in the town of Lake Isabella, Kern County, State of California; Assessor's Parcel Number 485-080-28-00; Latitude 35.622978° North, Longitude -118.480600° West.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed an Amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-33258-R4, issued to Southern California Edison.

The Agreement authorizes the removal of one 40-foot-tall, 10-inch diameter wood utility pole (Pole 2253962E) and replacement with a new 45-foot-tall, 13.7-inch diameter composite pole. The pole location will be accessed on foot from Highway 178. The Amendment changes the method of pole installation to include placement by helicopter and to allow installation of a sonotube around the new pole.

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

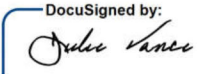
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Edison

**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 and increase permanent impacts 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-33258-R4.

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