Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Title: TD1729764 Domenigoni Ditch Trenching Project (Notification of Lake and Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-RIV-45839-R6).

Project Location (Riverside County): The project is located in an unnamed tributary to Salt Creek, north of Newport Road and Domenigoni Parkway, approximately 1.5 miles east of Interstate 215 within the City of Menifee, Riverside County, California; Latitude: 33.686932, Longitude: -117.145532. The Project is located within the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (WRC MSHCP).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-45839-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The project is limited to trenching a 65-foot-long ditch to install an underground distribution conduit structure that would connect to the adjacent substation. The ditch will be 24 inches wide and 52 inches deep. A quantity of two, 6-inch conduits and four, 5-inch conduits will be encased in concrete. In total, the encased conduit structure will measure 19.5 inches in width and 22 inches in height. The native soil excavated for the ditch will be used to backfill the ditch. Vegetation trimming or removal will be limited to an area approximately 25 feet (12.5 feet on either side of the ditch line) by 23 feet (the width of the ditch top of bank).

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.01 acres and permanently impact 0.001 acres 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: So	outhern California Edison
Exempt Status:	
☐ Statutory Exemption.	
□ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; Ca	lifornia Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301
Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1, section 15 maintenance and repair of existing structures. In addit All work will be performed with mechanical equipment	tion, the Project will involve restoring deteriorated structures.
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