

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: N/A

From: (Public Agency): State Water Board

1001 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Highland Transmission Wild Fire Mitigation Pole Replacement Program, Lee Vining-Poole

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison

Project Location - Specific:

Four different locations along Poole Power Plant Road, within approximately 3.25 miles of its intersection with California Highway 120, in Lee Vining, Mono County, California (approx. center: 37.937192°N, 119.182639°W)

Project Location - City: Lee Vining

Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to replace nine existing deteriorated wood transmission poles, consisting of four structures with nine lightweight steel-weathering (LWS-w) poles. Project impacts will come from overland access, and pole excavation and replacement.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Existing Facilities (15301)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is located on an existing electricity line right of way and involves removal and replacement of existing electrical poles. No expansion of use is proposed and no exceptions to the exemption apply.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Alex Lopez

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 327-5620

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Phillip Crader

Digitally signed by Phillip Crader
Date: 2024.07.02 12:48:28 -0700

Date: _____

Title: Deputy Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____