

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: TD1798988 Capistrano Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-RIV-44442-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The TD1798988 Capistrano Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (project) is located on private lands along unnamed creeks that are tributary to the Santa Margarita River approximately 3 miles west of the city of Temecula, Riverside County, State of California; Latitude 33.509688, Longitude -117.204771.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-44442-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The project is limited to removing and replacing six wood utility poles (Poles 4150857E, 4150586E, 2065775E 2065776E, 4166518E, and 4166517E); installing an anchor block and key at Pole 4150857E; removing and replacing one anchor rod and plate at Poles 4166522E and 4166518E; removing and replacing one anchor guy wire at Pole 4166519E; installing one new anchor rod and plate at Poles 4166518E and 4166517E. All wood pole replacements will be replaced with new wood poles except for Poles 4150857E and 4166517E, which will be replaced with composite poles. The amended project involves a change to avoidance and minimization measure 2.13 (i.e., survey methodology for Crotch's bumble bee).

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.05 acre and permanently impact 0.002 acre 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

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. [State code number]
 Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301(b and d))

Reasons why project is exempt: Project includes the restoration and/or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged existing structure or facility to meet public health and safety standards.

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