

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** TD1675192 McGrath Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project – 2023 (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-VEN-37038-R5)

**Project Location (Ventura County):** The project is located in the City of Ventura, Ventura County, California. The project is located west of Norther Harbor Boulevard in the Santa Clara River at approximate center coordinate Latitude 34.231511, Longitude -119.256561.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS- VEN-37038-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison (Permittee) as represented by Hazem Gabr.

The project is limited to the replacement of one wooden pole, 1561767 E, the installation of one new steel supported poured-in-place cement caisson to brace the replaced pole, and the replacement of an existing anchor. The steel supported caisson will be placed approximately 21 feet deep and within three feet of the original pole’s location. Pole 1561767E would be replaced in-kind, height, and diameter. This amendment changed the project description from not allowing native vegetation trimming to allowing for vegetation trimming for equipment access along an existing dirt access road. Changes included revisions to the temporary impacts of the project that they be limited to approximately 0.186 acres of streambed habitat comprising of Gooding’s black willow/red willow forest and woodland which accompany 773 linear feet of the Santa Clara River.

**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, section (15301)  
Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15302)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of the operation, repair, and minor alteration of an existing private structure (private utility line) involving negligible expansion of existing or former use. The project also consists of the replacement of an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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