

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: TD1549139 Santa Clara River Grid Resiliency Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS- VEN-25513-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The project is located on the Santa Clara River in unincorporated Ventura County. The project is located east of Fillmore, California, at the junctions of Fairview and Frey Canyons on the Santa Clara River at approximate center coordinate of latitude 34.388774689, longitude -118.8631015234 within Assessor's Parcel Numbers 055-0-260-210, and 055-0-260-175.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-25513-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison (Permittee), as represented by Hazem Gabr.

The project consists of the replacement of an 85-foot-tall wooden H-frame structure, consisting of poles 4375285E and 4375286E, and their associated two steel-supported concrete caissons which support and operate on the Buckhorn 16-kilovolt line. Each of the steel-supported concrete caissons are poured in place and measure approximately thirty-seven feet deep by three feet wide. Replacement of the H-frame structure requires the temporary displacement and excavation of approximately 251 cubic yards of native soils. Access for the replacement of the H-frame structure requires 2,149 feet of overland travel, which requires the removal of channel vegetation to create a 14-foot-wide path within the Santa Clara River to allow for vehicle and equipment access. The project also includes the remediation of all project areas, including the regrading of channel areas back to their pre-project contours, removal of project related wastes and equipment, and the restoration of channel ecology and morphology upon completion of the project.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction

Reasons why project is exempt: The project 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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