

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: TD1652332 San Francisquito Canyon II Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project - 2022 (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-LAN-23887-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The project is located in Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles County, California. The project is located south of San Francisquito Canyon Road in San Francisquito Creek's Baird Canyon at approximate center coordinate Latitude 34.566946, Longitude -118.472149.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-23887-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 installation of two new wooden poles, 4959826E and 4959827E, the installation of one new wooden pole, 4189844E, and associated sonotubes. The sonotubes are seven-foot-long by 24-inch-diameter column molds (reinforced cardboard tubes) that will be installed and filled with soil and crushed rock to anchor each pole. Pole 4959826E would be approximately 50 feet tall, Pole 4959827E approximately 45 feet tall, and Pole 4189844E would be replaced in-kind. Once each new pole is stabilized, the crew will use two boom trucks to access the top portions of the poles and pull wire from nearby structures through the new poles. Installation of these poles will reduce wildfire risk and help maintain reliable service. This amendment changed the project description from being an initial two new pole installation project, to being limited to the single replacement of an existing 45-foot-tall wooden utility pole, Pole 4189844E, that would be removed and replaced with a 50-foot-tall pole by hand and helicopter. Changes included revisions to the temporary impacts of the project that they be reduced to approximately 0.007 acres, and 0.0001 acres of permanent impacts, of streambed habitat comprising of buckwheat scrub and mustard fields which accompany 22.5 linear feet of San Francisquito Creek.

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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