

Notice of Exemption

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Office of Planning and Research
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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
South Coast Region
3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123



Project Title: Adelanto-Toluca Transmission Line 1 Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-46317-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The project is located at 45 different creek crossings along Forest Road 4N35 in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. The Project site spans Township 3 North, Range 13 West, in Sections 32, 33, 34, 23, 26, and 27 of the *Acton* and *Agua Dulce* United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Series quadrangles. The coordinates of the start of grading near Tower 46-3 at the northeast are 34° 24'53.30" N, 118° 11'39.93" W. The coordinates of the start of grading near Tower 50-2 at the southwest are 34° 23'14.60" N, 118° 15'06.63" W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-46317-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Los Angeles County Department of Water and Power.

The Project proposes to repair the 3.82-mile portion of the ADL-TOL L1 damaged by the Station Fire. Repair work consists of replacing the conductors and patching the damaged conductor portion of the line. Seven staging areas will be developed to house equipment for replacing the damaged conductors. The reconductoring work will require three existing suspension type towers to be converted to have dead-end arms. The access road will also require grading to enable access for construction crews and equipment. Equipment planned for the road grading work includes: utility body truck, loader, stake-side trailer, backhoe, mower, grader, skip loader, cat D6, stake bed truck, 10-yard dump truck, and trailer tanker axel. Work would be limited to the area between Tower 46-3 on the northeast and the North Fork Station at Tower 50-2 on the southwest. For areas not within previously disturbed areas, the work areas will need to be level and cleared of vegetation. A dozer or grader would be used to establish the work area. Vegetation will either be crushed or mowed. Bucket trucks will be used to access damaged portions of the conductor. The Project is accessed by the Bureau of Power and Light Road, otherwise known as Forest Road 4N32. All road work will occur within the current limits of disturbance.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301(b) and 15302(d)

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

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