

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Santa Clara River at Santa Paula Airport Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-VEN-24590-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The Project is located within the Santa Clara River, in the County of Ventura, State of California; Latitude 34.348614, Longitude -119.052619; Latitude 34.362030, Longitude -119.00862; and Latitude 34.361197, Longitude -119.001310.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has extended Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-24590-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison (Permittee) as represented by Hazem Gabr.

The Project involves the maintenance of vegetation to a set distances from SCE power lines. The Project will take place along a portion of SCE's 16kV Petit, 220kV Moorpark-Santa Clara No. 1 & 2, and 16kV Balcom circuits. This extension changed the initial expiration date of the Streambed Alteration Agreement from February 24, 2024, to February 24, 2026. This extension also included conditions to the original Streambed Alteration Agreement in the form of revisions to the project's permanent impacts being lessened from 17.02 acres to 3.022 acres. This also resulted in the reduction to the required letter of credit amount associated with the mitigation of the project's permanent impacts. Staff contact information as also updated as part of the extension.

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 and Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why Project is exempt: The Project consists of the maintenance of vegetation to maintain set clearance distances with Southern California Edison's power lines. No expansion of use is proposed. The Project is exempt because it involves the maintenance of existing structures and/or facilities and involves fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation.

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