

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Santa Clara River at Victoria Avenue Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-VEN-24159-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The Project is located within the Santa Clara River, in the County of Ventura, State of California; center coordinates of Latitude 34.230456, Longitude -119.256533, and Latitude 34.235288, Longitude -119.219433; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 138-0-080-065, 138-0-190-175, 138-0-190-335, 138-0-190-300.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has extended Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-24159-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 distance from Southern California Edison (SCE) owned and operated power lines. The Project will take place along a portion of SCE's of 66kV Mandalay San Miguel Circuit and a portion of SCE's 220kV Mandalay-Santa Clara No. 1, No. 2, No 3., and No. 4 Circuits. This extension changed the initial expiration date of the Streambed Alteration Agreement from February 24, 2024, to February 24, 2026, edited conditions to the original Streambed Alteration Agreement, and revised permanent impacts from 9.1 acres to 2.092 acres, with the addition of 0.260 acres of temporary impacts. 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 SCE'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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