

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Department of Transportation, District 6  
1352 West Olive Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Caltrans D6 SCE Encroachment Permit # 06-24-6-US-1391

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison

Project Location - Specific: State Route 168 between post miles 44.67 and 44.367.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated, Shaver Lake Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will issue an encroachment permit to allow the applicant, Southern California Edison (SCE) to access Caltrans right-of-way (ROW) and replace an existing utility pole on State Route 168 between post miles 44.67 and 44.367 south of the community of Ockenden. The utility pole (4322619E) is located on the westerly side of westbound State Route 168 in Fresno County at Post Mile (PM) 44.67. This location is between State Route 168 intersection with Bretz Mill Rd, PM 44.35 and Musick Dr, PM 44.78. Within the State right-of-way, the project proposes to replace an existing 40-foot Class 4 composite pole with a new 55-foot Class 3 wood pole. Outside the State right-of-way, the project proposes to replace an existing guy-anchor and a down guy wire. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (06-24-6-US-1391) for the work within State right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 6

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status (**check one**):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) Class 1 - Operation, repair maintenance,


permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structure, facilities, mechanical support, or topographic features involving negligible or no expansion or existing or former use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Pedram Mafi

Phone number: (559) 981-7400

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  
 Yes       No

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2/26/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.