

Notice of Exemption

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 Encroachment Permit # 06-24-6-US-1535

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison (SCE)

Project Location - Specific: On State Route 155 at Postmile R6.32

Project Location - City: Delano

Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Southern California Edison (SCE) project (TD1705171) for utility pole 1828231E (Loc 1) is located on the northerly side of westbound State Route 155 (SR-155) in Kern County at Post Mile (PM) R6.32. This location is between SR-155's intersection with Zerker Rd, PM R5.47 and Famoso Porterville Hwy, PM R6.55. Within the State right-of-way, the project proposes to replace an existing 45-foot Class 4 wood pole with a new 45-foot Class 1 wood pole at Loc 1. The proposed scope of work is necessary as the existing distribution pole has deteriorated, which presents a safety hazard due to the increased risk of structural failure that will compromise the support provided to the overhead conductors. The deteriorated pole will also be replaced with a higher-class pole which can better withstand the conductor loads of the attached pole lines. The existing and proposed pole is a joint pole; therefore, coordination will be necessary for the transfer of the tenant's utilities from the existing pole to the proposed pole. The anticipated excavation depth is 78 inches, the width is 24 inches, and the length is 2 feet. Caltrans would issue an encroachment permit to allow for the proposed work to occur 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 (SCE)

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: Section 15301 Class 1

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

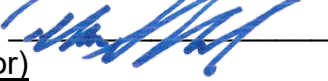
Phone number: (559) 981-7400

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: 03/06/2025 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.