

Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research
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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
South Coast Region
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Project Title: TD1468324 Saugus-Fillmore-Santa Clara-Wakefield Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-VEN-29404-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The project is located on Sespe Creek in unincorporated Ventura County. The project includes three locations that are west of Fillmore, California, and north of Old Telegraph Road on Sespe Creek at approximate center coordinates of: latitude 34.408425, longitude -118.929008; latitude 34.408869, longitude -118.931631; and latitude 34.408832, longitude -118.931368, within Assessor's Parcel Numbers 043-0-070-105, 043-0-110-105, 043-0-080-725, and 043-0-080-675.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-29404-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison (Permittee), as represented by Victoria Parsons.

The project consists of removing seven deteriorated wood poles comprising of three H-frames and a single wood pole, replacing them with three tubular steel poles (TSPs), and transferring the existing circuit lines to the new TSPs. The portion of this project covered under the Streambed Alteration Agreement is limited to the creation of a 500-foot-long temporary access route comprised of clean native fill placed within the channel of Sespe Creek, the removal of two wooden transmission H-frames and one singular wooden transmission pole, the installation of three new TSPs with supporting poured-in-place engineered footings, and the transfer and re-stringing of transmission lines. Access will require removal of channel vegetation including of native vegetation. Access and project activities will result in 0.528 acre of temporary impacts and 50 square feet of permanent impacts to Sespe Creek. The project also includes the remediation of all project areas, including the regrading of channel areas back to their pre-project contours, removal of project generated wastes, and the restoration of channel ecology and morphology upon completion of the project.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: Project includes the restoration and/or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged existing structure or facility to meet public health and safety standards.

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