

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** TD1751944 Highway 178 Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SBR-46416-R6)

**Project Location (San Bernardino County):** The TD1751944 Highway 178 Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (project) is located on lands owned by the Department of Defense along an unnamed tributary to Salt Wells Valley Dry Lake approximately 8.5 miles northeast of the City of Ridgecrest, San Bernardino County, State of California; Latitude 35.645360, Longitude -117.523977.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SBR-46416-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The project is limited to removing and replacing one wood utility pole (Pole 1646725E) with a new wood pole.

Project activities described above are anticipated to impact 0.003 acres of resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Edison

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. [State code number]  
 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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