

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: TD1239872 Searles 115kV Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0115-R6)

Project Location: The project is located within an unnamed tributary to Searles Dry Lake, along Trona Road (US-178), between Ridgecrest and Searles Valley, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0115-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Southern California Edison. The project is limited to the removal and replacement of two existing H-frame transmission structures at the location described above. Personnel, vehicles, and equipment will access the structures by traveling on existing, unpaved roads that intersect Trona Road. Project implementation will result in disturbance to 0.1064 acre of Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status: Class 1, § 15301 (b), Existing Facilities; Class 2, § 15302 (c), Replacement or Reconstruction.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is located on an existing utility right-of-way and involves maintenance of the existing facility, specifically, the replacement of existing H-frame transmission structures.

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