

**Public Notice – 401 Certification/Dredged Or Fill Waste Discharge Requirements
Application**

Date:

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Applicant:

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Project Name:

Southern California Edison TD1817371, TD1817372, and TD1882154 Yucca Valley
Pioneertown Pole Replacement Project, Located in the incorporated town of Yucca
Valley, San Bernardino County, California

WDID No. 7A363047001, RM 454388, Place ID 890406

Receiving Water:

Chaparrosa wash to Pipes wash, unnamed dry wash tributary to Chaparrosa wash, and
unnamed dry wash tributary to another unnamed dry wash.

Location:

City or Area:

Located in the incorporated town of Yucca Valley and Pioneertown, San Bernardino
County, California

Latitude/Longitude:

34.1387871°N, -116.4688055°W

Section, Township, Range:

Section 17, 20, 21, and 28, Township 1 North, Range 5 East

Project Description:

SCE is continually repairing, maintaining, upgrading, and replacing distribution facilities
throughout its service territory. Ongoing operation and maintenance activities are
necessary to ensure reliable service, as mandated by the California Public Utilities
Commission. The Study Area includes areas within 50-feet of each Project pole and
areas within 25-feet of the proposed access centerline. The comprehensive Project
objectives for TD1817371, TD1817372, and TD 1882154E are deteriorated pole
replacement for all pole locations. Added to that objective, for TD181731, there will be
two anchor replacements for pole 2009911E.

The Project may result in 0.027 acre and 126 linear feet of temporary impacts to
RWQCB jurisdictional waters of the State, within an isolated watershed not under the

jurisdiction of the USACE. To reduce jurisdictional impacts, the area of soil disturbance (i.e., excavation, side casting and backfill) will be limited to general 10-foot buffers around 8 of the pole replacements (poles 2009912E, 4636134E, 4661208E, 4661209E, 2009932E, 2009934E, 2009935E, and 1779586E). For these poles, the temporary work areas for the staging and operation of construction equipment will be restricted to the 10-foot work area buffer associated with the direct ground disturbances of temporary impacts from excavation and side casting.

For the Project, all poles will be accessed by truck. All existing poles will be removed by truck and all new poles will be set by truck. All new pole holes will be dug by truck-mounted mechanical auger and will be installed with an associated sono tube. The truck-mounted mechanical auger and associated sono tube will reach over the berm from the east to remove existing pole 1779586E and install new pole 1779586E. Some of the poles can be accessed from bare ground dirt roads, whereas other poles will require some overland travel. Rubber-wheeled vehicles will be used to facilitate overland travel to poles that cannot be access by bare ground dirt access roads. No vegetation trimming is proposed for the scope of work at all Project pole locations. Upon Project completion, the disturbed area will be returned to pre-existing contours.

Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:

June 1, 2023 – June 1, 2028

US Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Number(s):

n/a

Action:

Pending

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