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Subject: NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF STATE WATER BOARD CERTIFICATION OF THE 2017 NATIONWIDE PERMITS – TD618098 VISTA-COLTON-WHEEL 66KV DETERIORATED POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Dear Mr. Gabr,

Enclosed please find a Notice of Applicability (NOA) authorized by State Water Resources Control Board Deputy Director for the Division of Water Quality, Karen Mogus. This NOA is issued to Southern California Edison for the TD618098 Vista-Colton-Wheel 66kV Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Project). The State Water Board Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits (General Order) is included as part of this NOA in Attachment A of the Enclosures. Attachment B of the General Order includes the General Order's Reporting and Monitoring Requirements.

This NOA is issued in response to an application submitted by Southern California Edison for proposed Project discharge to waters of the state, to ensure that the water quality standards are met for all waters of the state impacted by the Project. You may proceed with your Project according to the terms and conditions of the enclosed NOA and General Order.

If you require further assistance, please contact me by phone at (916) 341-5462 or by email at Brendan.Reed@waterboards.ca.gov. You may also contact Jessica Nadolski, Chief of the Wetland Permitting and Enforcement Unit, by phone at (916) 341-5290, or by email at Jessica.Nadolski@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brendan Reed".

Brendan Reed, Environmental Scientist
Division of Water Quality

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Enclosures (2): NOA for the TD618098 Vista-Colton-Wheel 66kV Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Project)

Attachment A: State Water Board Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits (General Order)

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Reg. Measure ID: 419886
WDID: SB18010IN

Program Type: Fill/Excavation

Project Type: Overhead Power Development

Project: TD618098 Vista-Colton-Wheel 66kV Deteriorated Pole Replacement

Applicant: Southern California Edison

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For further assistance, please call State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Staff listed above or (916) 341-5478 and ask to speak with the Water Quality Certification Unit Supervisor.

Attachment A State Water Board Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits (General Order)

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I. Action

This document serves as a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for enrollment under the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits (SWRCB ID SB17001GN; hereafter referred to as the General Order and included in this NOA as Attachment A) at the request of Southern California Edison (Applicant). On November 5th, 2018, the State Water Board received a complete Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting authorization for the Applicant’s TD618098 Vista-Colton-Wheel 66kV Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Project). After reviewing the NOI, the State Water Board has determined that the Project meets General Order requirements.

II. Project Purpose

As described in the Project NOI and supplemental information (hereafter referred to as the Application), which is incorporated herein by reference, the purpose of the Project is to remove one deteriorated wood distribution pole and replace it with a new wood distribution pole of the same size.

III. Project Location

The Project is located within the Santa Ana River channel approximately 2,100 feet east of the South La Cadena Drive bridge, in Colton, San Bernardino County, California. The Project coordinates are 34.04611°, -117.324308°.

IV. Receiving Waters information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are listed in Table 1. These waters are regulated in accordance with the applicable water quality control plan (Basin Plan) for the region and other plans and policies of the California Water Boards, which may be accessed online at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/.

Table 1: Receiving Water Information

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resource Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant
1	Santa Ana River	Stream Channel	801.27	Santa Ana River, Reach 4	GWR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, WILD, RARE, SPWN	Indicator Bacteria

V. Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 2.

Aquatic Resource Type	Temporary Impact ²			Permanent Impact					
				Physical Loss of Area			Degradation of Ecological Condition Only		
	Acres	CY	LF	Acres	CY	LF	Acres	CY	LF
Stream Channel	0.045		50						

VI. Description of Indirect Impacts to Waters of the State

The State Water Board recognizes the potential for indirect impacts to waters of the state associated with the Project. Potential indirect adverse effects include but are not limited to: increased sediment loading to streams from riparian and/or upland areas used for access or staging areas, possibility of introducing invasive species into the Project areas, and changing timing of runoff delivery to streams in the Project area. The Project, as designed, will not have significant indirect impacts to waters of the state. This determination is based on the most recent access route and avoidance measures that were submitted in the supplemental document titled '*Biological Resource Habitat Assessment and Avoidance Measures Deteriorated Pole Program, Vista-Colton-Wheel 66kV Pole Replacement, San Bernardino County, California*'.

VII. Avoidance and Minimization

In order to avoid and minimize impacts to waters of the state and their designated beneficial uses, the Applicant will follow the avoidance and minimization measures as proposed in their Application, specifically the document titled '*Biological Resource Habitat Assessment and Avoidance Measures Deteriorated Pole Program, Vista-Colton-Wheel 66kV Pole Replacement, San Bernardino County, California*'. Where there are conflicting avoidance and minimization measures in the original NOI and the supplemental biological assessment document (listed above), the more detailed and stringent measure shall prevail; these measures are generally found in the supplemental biological assessment document.

VIII. Mitigation for Temporary Impacts

All temporarily affected areas will be restored to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities in compliance with the General Order and according to the restoration plan submitted by the Applicant in the Application.

IX. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

¹ Cubic Yards (CY); Linear Feet (LF)

² Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.

The State Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301. Additionally, the State Water Board finds that no exceptions to the exemptions apply to the activities approved by this NOA.

X. Certification Fees

A fee payment of \$1500 was received by the State Water Board on March 5, 2018. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), and was calculated as category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87).

XI. Authorization

To comply with State law, this Project must proceed as described in the Application, which includes supplemental documents, submitted to the State Water Board by the Applicant and in accordance with the conditions in the General Order. Coverage under the General Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified. The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the General Order.

The Applicant should become familiar with the contents of the General Order (Attachment A). A copy of the General Order and its attachments can also be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/hwp_go.pdf.

XII. Reporting and Notification Requirements

The Applicant shall submit an Annual Report each year on January 15 until a Notice of Project Complete is issued to the Applicant. Notices and reporting shall be provided to the State Water Board according to section XIII.A, "Notification Requirements," of the General Order.


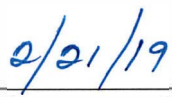
Electronic Document Submittal: The Applicant must submit all reports and information required under this Certification according to the Report Submittal Instructions found in Attachment B, "Reporting and Notification Requirements," of the General Order. Each electronic document must be submitted as a single file, in Portable Document Format (PDF), and converted to text searchable format using Optical Character Recognition (OCR). Documents over 50 megabytes (MB) will not be accepted via email and must be placed on a disc and delivered to the addresses listed above.

XIII. Water Quality Certification

I hereby issue this Notice of Applicability for the TD618098 Vista-Colton-Wheel 66kV Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project, certifying that as long as all of the conditions listed in the General Order are met, any discharge from the referenced Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Clean Water Act sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards).

The State Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) at the State Clearinghouse within five (5) working days of issuance of this NOA. This discharge is also regulated pursuant to State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ which authorizes Water Quality Certifications to serve as Waste Discharge Requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.).

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all NOA actions are contingent on: (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the conditions of the General Order and the attachments to the General Order; and, (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of Statewide Water Quality Control Plans and Policies, and the Regional Water Boards' Water Quality Control Plans and Policies.

 _____ Karen Mogus, Deputy Director Division of Water Quality	 _____ Date
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Attachment A State Water Board Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits (General Order)