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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER NO. 2004-0004-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS DEEMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BE OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION, TD1896835 ROAD 248 PROJECT (WDID#5C54CR00152), TULARE COUNTY**

On 18 December 2024, Southern California Edison (Applicant) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed the enrollment materials and finds the TD1896835 Road 248 Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. The Applicant may proceed with the Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of [Order 2004-0004-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/water\\_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf)) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's Adopted Orders webpage.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. The Applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The 0.19-acre Project consists of excavation activity for pole and anchor replacements. For pole replacement, the new wood pole will be set by truck. The new hole will be dug by a truck auger within a three-foot radius of the old pole. Pole 1294583E will be installed within a new, 36-inch diameter, corrugated plastic caisson. Standard excavation depths range between six and ten feet with a diameter of two to three feet,

resulting in approximately 2.62 cubic yards of native soil material temporarily stored adjacent to the hole. New ground rods will be placed in the excavated pole hole. The area of soil disturbance (i.e., excavation, side casting, and backfill) would be limited to approximately ten feet around the pole, as well as a general 25-foot temporary work area around the pole for the staging and operation of construction vehicles and equipment. The caisson will be encased in 1.94 cubic yards of concrete slurry with a 6-inch concrete cap extending above the ground’s surface and partially backfilled with 0.68 cubic yards of native soil. The pole will be accessed by an existing, unpaved road from Road 248.

For anchor replacement, the existing anchor located 33 feet east of Pole 1294583E will be dug out by hand and replaced-in-place by a larger anchor rod. Excavated materials will be side cast on a tarpaulin. The excavated materials will be re-used to bury the new anchor and the surface recontoured to match existing grade. The anchor hole will be excavated to a depth of nine feet, with two feet by two feet dimensions for install. This excavation will result in approximately 1.33 cubic yards of native soil material. Installation will be completed using hand tools (e.g., shovels). No imported soil or fill materials will be required for the replacement. Once the new anchor is installed, a guy line (cable) will be attached to the anchor rod and pole. All temporary disturbed areas will be returned to pre-construction contours, and all construction materials will be removed.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition. Temporarily impacted areas shall be restored to pre-Project condition.

**Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts**

| Aquatic Resources Type | Acres | Cubic Yards | Linear Feet |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Stream Channel         | 0.008 | ---         | 70          |

**Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts**

| Aquatic Resources Type | Acres | Cubic Yards | Linear Feet |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Stream Channel         | 0.001 | ---         | 4           |

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project is at 20192 Road 248, Strathmore, CA 93267. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 36.156389 degrees North and longitude 119.017778 degrees West.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

The proposed commencement date is 6 February 2025, and the proposed completion date is 6 February 2030.

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

A fee of \$4,212.00 was received on 9 December 2024.

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) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

**TERMINATION OF COVERAGE:**

Upon completion of the Project, the Applicant shall submit a complete Notice of Termination (NOT) requesting to be un-enrolled under Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. Attachment 2 to the Order contains the NOT form.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Ernesto P. Garcia by phone at (559) 445-6281 or by email at [Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov).

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