

# EMERGENCY PERMIT

## 23EMP-00007



**Countywide:**  
Subject to the requirements of Section 35.82.090 of the Santa Barbara County Land Use & Development Code.

**Montecito:**  
Subject to the requirements of Section 35.472.080 of the Santa Barbara County Montecito Land Use & Development Code

**Case Name:** SoCal Edison - Emergency Permit TROW Storm Recovery

**Case Number:** 23EMP-00007

**Site Address:** End of Tunnel Road

**APN:** 153-270-009, 153-270-013, 153-270-015, 153-270-016, 153-270-028

**Applicant/Agent Name:** Southern California Edison, Attn: Jason Carson

**Owner Name:** Southern California Edison via Easement

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ZONING PERMIT  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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## **PERMIT APPROVAL:**

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Therefore, this situation constitutes an emergency in accordance with the applicable Development Code indicated above and immediate action is warranted. As the required findings (listed below) can be made, the emergency work is hereby approved, subject to compliance with the attached conditions of approval. The project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c), which exempts “specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency” (see Attachment C). This permit is not valid until signed by the owner/applicant and subsequently issued by the Department upon verification that all conditions of approval requiring action prior to permit issuance are satisfied.

Sincerely,



Lisa Plowman, Director

APPROVAL DATE: May 19, 2023

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**OWNER/APPLICANT AGREEMENT:**

The undersigned permittee acknowledges receipt of this permit and agrees to abide by all terms and conditions of approval incorporated herein. The undersigned also acknowledges and agrees that:

- This Emergency Permit provides only temporary authorization for the proposed action and other applicable permits (such as a Conditional Use Permit, Coastal Development Permit, Land Use Permit, Building Permit) are required by law to validate the emergency work as permanent.
- Any evidence or findings contained herein, or upon which this permit relies, shall not constitute any limitation on the authority of the County to issue, grant, deny, rescind, or revoke this permit or any future permit(s) required for the activities described herein, or on the authority of the County to analyze, mitigate, or condition any future permit(s) required for the activities described herein.
- This permit does not authorize any work or construction activities outside of the scope of the project as indicated in the project description, conditions of approval and approved plans.
- This permit shall not be construed to authorize any violation of County ordinance or policy, or the violation of any State or Federal regulation.

Jason Jimenez on behalf of  
Southern California Edison

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*Jason J Jimenez*  
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5/31/2023

Print Name

Signature

Date

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**PERMIT ISSUANCE:**

*Chris Schmuckel*

*[Handwritten Signature]*

*6/1/23*

Print Name

Signature

Date



## BACKGROUND:

Southern California Edison (SCE) owns and maintains electrical towers along the Mission Canyon Catway, which are accessed via an existing access road and trail (Tunnel Trail) that begins at the end of Tunnel Road. The trail is a hiking and biking trail that is used to connect to other trails in the Santa Barbara foothills. In January and February 2023, strong winter storms with heavy rainfall caused slides, erosion, and road cuts on the trail and access road, which made the trail and access road impassable. SCE needs to access and conduct repairs on one of the electrical towers along the Mission Canyon Catway near Road Area 16, which is why the project must occur quickly.

Staff believes that this work is exempt from permits since it is considered repair and maintenance of an existing access road. However due to the nature of the emergency, scope of project, and need to maintain critical utility infrastructure, the applicant submitted the Emergency Permit request.

## FINDINGS OF APPROVAL

**A. Findings required for all Emergency Permits.** In compliance with Subsection 35.82.090.E.2 of the County Land Use and Development Code, prior to the approval or conditional approval of an application for an Emergency Permit the Director shall first make all of the following findings:

*a. An emergency exists and requires action more quickly than provided for by the customary procedures for permit processing.*

The Director finds that an emergency exists that requires action more quickly than provided by the standard permit processing procedures because Southern California Edison owns and maintains critical electrical infrastructure near Road Area 16 along the Mission Canyon Catway that needs to be repaired. The 2023 winter storms brought heavy rains to this area that resulted in rockfalls and slides, which made the access road to reach the electrical infrastructure impassable. The blocked roadway and unstable material create a dangerous condition for members of the public who use Tunnel Trail, and for SCE employees who need to use the access road to maintain their facilities.

*b. The action proposed is consistent with the policies of the Comprehensive Plan, including any applicable community or area plan and the requirements of this Development Code.*

The Director finds that the proposed project is consistent with the applicable policies of the Comprehensive Plan as described below with reference to applicable policies.

*Hillside and Watershed Protection Policy 1: Plans for development shall minimize cut and fill operations. Plans requiring excessive cutting and filling may be denied if it is determined that the development could be carried out with less alteration of the natural terrain.*

**Consistent:** The project is consistent with this policy because the project scope has

been limited to stay within the existing road prism, fill in roadway ruts, and remove the existing material that was deposited on the road, blocking access. The excess material will be processed onsite with a rock crusher and used to fill in the road ruts to the maximum extent feasible. No changes to the roadway grade are proposed. Excess material that is usable will be stockpiled onsite in the existing stockpile location. Excess material that is waste will be removed.

*Hillside and Watershed Protection Policy 2: All developments shall be designed to fit the site topography, soils, geology, hydrology, and any other existing conditions and be oriented so that grading and other site preparation is kept to an absolute minimum. Natural features, landforms, and native vegetation, such as trees, shall be preserved to the maximum extent feasible. Areas of the site which are not suited to development because of known soil, geologic, flood, erosion or other hazards shall remain in open space.*

**Consistent:** The proposed project is consistent with this policy because the project has been designed to stay within the existing road prism, minimizing the effect of the project on natural features. Grading is limited to filling in ruts, adding water bars, and doing minor repair of berms adjacent to existing drainages that were damaged during the storm. No additional grading is proposed outside of the road prism. No live trees are proposed for removal. Some trees that were pushed onto the access road via slides will be removed and other vegetation overhanging the roadway will be trimmed so as not to impede access. The project site does not have any known soil, geologic, flood, or erosion hazards and is already developed with an existing trail and access road. The project proposes to conduct maintenance on the access road so that it can be safely used by the public and SCE.

*Land Use Element Hillside and Watershed Protection Policy 7: Degradation of the water quality of groundwater basins, nearby streams, or wetlands shall not result from development of the site. Pollutants, such as chemicals, fuels, lubricants, raw sewage, and other harmful waste, shall not be discharged into or alongside coastal streams or wetland either during or after construction.*

**Consistent:** The proposed project is consistent with the policy to protect the water quality of groundwater basins, nearby streams, or wetlands from the potential project impacts because the project is implementing an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan that includes a number of storm water best management practices (BMPs). These BMPs include designating the laydown and equipment storage areas to prevent pollutants from vehicles from entering the groundwater basin or nearby creeks, and using silt fencing, straw waddles, and hydraulic mulch to prevent the flow of sediment from the project site. Street sweeping is proposed to prevent track-out of soil from the project site to Tunnel Road, which ultimately helps prevent the flow of sediment into storm water drains.

**c. *Public comment on the proposed emergency action has been reviewed.***

Staff received a phone call from Marc Chytilo, a resident of Mission Canyon. Mr. Chytilo asked questions, expressed concern about the cumulative effect of projects in

the area, and also asked about the closure of the trail during the project. Mr. Chytilo also submitted an email where he described five issues he had with the project including that the trail was closed during construction, that a number of other projects may occur in the area, concern about biological impacts from the project, concern about sedimentation and erosion, and concern that the project has expanded beyond the easement footprint. Staff also received a call from Lamara Heartwell, a neighbor in Mission Canyon, who asked that the project not be allowed to work on weekends as originally proposed. No other public comment has been received for this project at this time.

## EMERGENCY PERMIT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. This Emergency Permit is based upon and limited to compliance with the project description, and the conditions of approval set forth below. Any deviations from the project description or conditions must be reviewed and approved by the County for conformity with this approval. Deviations without the above-described approval will constitute a violation of permit approval. If it is determined that project activity is occurring in violation of any or all of the following conditions, the Director may revoke this permit and all authorization for development. The decision of the Director to revoke the Emergency Permit may be appealed to the Planning Commission.

The project description is as follows:

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2. An application(s) for the required permits necessary to validate the emergency work as permanent shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department no later than 30 days following the issuance of this Emergency Permit. The permits required for the proposed emergency work include a Land Use Permit pursuant to Section 35.82.110 of the County Land Use Development Code.
3. Any materials required for a completed application, as identified in the initial review of the original application required pursuant to Condition No. 2 above, shall be submitted within 90 days after written notification of the application deficiencies is provided to the applicant. This time period may be extended by the Director.
4. Only that emergency work specifically requested and deemed an emergency for the specific property mentioned is authorized. Any additional emergency work requires separate authorization from the Director. The work authorized by this permit must be commenced within 30 days of the date of issuance of the emergency permit.
5. This permit does not preclude the necessity to obtain authorization and/or permits from other Departments or agencies.
6. The Director may order the work authorized under this emergency permit to stop immediately if it is determined that unanticipated and substantial adverse environmental effects may occur with continued construction.
7. **Aest-09 Construction Clean-Up:** The applicant shall clear the project site of all excess construction debris and clean up the site to keep it safe for pedestrians before opening to the

public on the weekends. In addition, food waste shall be removed from the site daily. Prior to final inspection all construction and building materials shall be cleaned up. **TIMING:** Debris clearance shall occur prior to Final Inspection Clearance.

**MONITORING:** P&D compliance monitoring staff shall site inspect prior to Final Inspection Clearance.

8. **Air-01 Dust Control:** The Applicant shall comply with the following dust control components at all times including weekends and holidays:
- a. Dust generated by the development activities shall be kept to a minimum with a goal of retaining dust on the site.
  - b. During clearing, grading, earth moving, excavation, or transportation of cut or fill materials, use water trucks or sprinkler systems to prevent dust from leaving the site and to create a crust after each day's activities cease.
  - c. During construction, use water trucks or sprinkler systems to keep all areas of vehicle movement damp enough to prevent dust from leaving the site.
  - d. Wet down the construction area after work is completed for the day and whenever wind exceeds 15 mph.
  - e. Order increased watering as necessary to prevent transport of dust off-site.
  - f. Cover soil stockpiled for more than two days or treat with soil binders to prevent dust generation. Reapply as needed.
  - g. If the site is graded and left undeveloped for over four weeks, the Owner/Applicant shall immediately:
    - i. Seed and water to re-vegetate graded areas; and/or
    - ii. Spread soil binders; and/or
    - iii. Employ any other method(s) deemed appropriate by P&D or APCD.

**PLAN REQUIREMENTS:** These dust control requirements shall be noted on all grading and building plans.

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS:** The contractor or builder shall provide P&D monitoring staff and APCD with the name and contact information for an assigned onsite dust control monitor(s) who has the responsibility to:

- a. Assure all dust control requirements are complied with including those covering weekends and holidays.
- b. Order increased watering as necessary to prevent transport of dust offsite.
- c. Attend the pre-construction meeting.

**TIMING:** The dust monitor shall be designated prior to issuance of permit. The dust control components apply from the beginning of any grading or construction throughout all development activities until Final Inspection Clearance is issued.

**MONITORING:** P&D processing planner shall ensure measures are on plans. P&D grading inspectors shall spot check; Grading shall ensure compliance onsite. APCD inspectors shall respond to nuisance complaints.

9. **Bio-1c Unexpected Damage and Mitigation:** In the event of unexpected damage or removal of native trees, this mitigation shall include but is not limited to posting of a performance security and hiring an outside consulting biologist or arborist to assess damage and recommend mitigation. Damaged trees shall be mitigated on a minimum 10:1 ratio with final

ratios and locations to be approved by P&D. If it becomes necessary to remove a tree not planned for removal, if feasible, the tree shall be boxed and replanted. If a P&D approved arborist certifies that it is not feasible to replant the tree, it shall be replaced on a 10:1 basis with trees with 1-gallon or larger size saplings grown from locally obtained seed.

10. **Bio-SP1 Tree Protection.** All grading and ground disturbance shall occur outside the critical root zone of all native oak trees, unless the grading is within the road prism of the existing access road. No fill material shall be stockpiled (including temporary stockpiles) within the critical root zone of any native oak trees  
TIMING: This condition shall be implemented throughout construction.  
MONITORING: P&D staff shall monitor and ensure compliance with the condition.
11. **CulRes-09 Stop Work at Encounter:** The Applicant and/or their agents, representatives or contractors shall stop or redirect work immediately in the event archaeological remains are encountered during grading, construction, landscaping or other construction-related activity. The Applicant shall immediately contact P&D staff, and retain a P&D approved archaeologist and Native American representative to evaluate the significance of the find in compliance with the provisions of the County Archaeological Guidelines and conduct appropriate mitigation funded by the Applicant.  
PLAN REQUIREMENTS: This condition shall be printed on all zoning and grading plans.  
MONITORING: P&D permit processing planner shall check plans prior to issuance of the Permit and P&D compliance monitoring staff shall spot check in the field throughout grading and construction.
12. **Geo-02 Erosion and Sediment Control Plan:** Where required by the latest edition of the California Green Code and/or Chapter 14 of the Santa Barbara County Code, a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) and/or an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) shall be implemented as part of the project. Grading and erosion and sediment control plans shall be designed to minimize erosion during construction and shall be implemented for the duration of the grading period and until re-graded areas have been stabilized by structures, long-term erosion control measures or permanent landscaping. The Owner/Applicant shall submit the SWPPP, SWMP or ESCP) using Best Management Practices (BMP) designed to stabilize the site, protect natural watercourses/creeks, prevent erosion, convey storm water runoff to existing drainage systems keeping contaminants and sediments onsite. The SWPPP or ESCP shall be a part of the Grading Plan submittal and will be reviewed for its technical merits by P&D. Information on Erosion Control requirements can be found on the County web site re: Grading Ordinance Chapter 14 (<http://sbcountyplanning.org/building/grading.cfm>) refer to Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Requirements; and in the California Green Code for SWPPP (projects < 1 acre) and/or SWMP requirements.  
PLAN REQUIREMENTS: The grading and SWPPP, SWMP and/or ESCP shall be submitted for review and approved by P&D prior to approval of land use clearances. The plan shall be designed to address erosion, sediment and pollution control during all phases of development of the site until all disturbed areas are permanently stabilized.



**TIMING:** The SWPPP requirements shall be implemented prior to the commencement of grading and throughout the year. The ESCP/SWMP requirements shall be implemented between November 1st and April 15th of each year, except pollution control measures shall be implemented year round.

**MONITORING:** P&D staff shall perform site inspections throughout the construction phase.

13. **Noise-02 Construction Hours.** The Applicant, including all contractors and subcontractors shall limit construction activity, including equipment maintenance and site preparation, to the hours between 7:00 AM and 6:30 PM with the 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM hour including non-noise generating construction activities only. The project proposes to work 12 days on and 2 days off until the project is complete (with days off being on a Saturday and Sunday). No work shall occur and the Tunnel Trail shall be open to the public during Memorial Day Weekend (May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023). Any subsequent amendment to the Comprehensive General Plan, applicable Community or Specific Plan, or Zoning Code noise standard upon which these construction hours are based shall supersede the hours stated herein.

**TIMING:** This condition shall be maintained throughout construction.

**MONITORING:** Grading inspectors and permit compliance staff shall spot check and respond to complaints.

14. **Parking-02 Onsite Construction Parking.** All construction-related vehicles, equipment staging and storage areas shall be located onsite and outside of the road and highway right of way with limited overflow parking of workers personal vehicles allowed in the P&D approved locations offsite as shown in the Parking Plan. The Owner/Applicant shall provide all construction personnel with a written notice of this requirement and a description of approved parking, staging and storage areas. The notice shall also include the name and phone number of the Owner/Applicant's designee responsible for enforcement of this restriction.

**TIMING:** This restriction shall be maintained throughout construction.

**MONITORING:** P&D permit compliance staff shall confirm the availability of designated onsite areas during construction, and as required, shall require re-distribution of updated notices and/or refer complaints regarding offsite parking to appropriate agencies.

15. **WatConv-01 Sediment and Contamination Containment:** The Owner/Applicant shall prevent water contamination during construction by implementing the following construction site measures:

1. All entrances/exits to the construction site shall be stabilized using methods designed to reduce transport of sediment off site. Stabilizing measures may include but are not limited to use of gravel pads, steel rumble plates, temporary paving, etc. Any sediment or other materials tracked off site shall be removed the same day as they are tracked using dry cleaning methods. Entrances/exits shall be maintained until graded areas have been stabilized by structures, long-term erosion control measures or landscaping.



2. Store, handle and dispose of construction materials and waste such as paint, mortar, concrete slurry, fuels, etc. in a manner which minimizes the potential for storm water contamination.

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: The Applicant shall ensure all above construction site measures are printed as notes on plans.

TIMING: Stabilizing measures shall be in place prior to commencement of construction. Other measures shall be in place throughout construction.

MONITORING: The Applicant shall demonstrate compliance with these measures to P&D compliance monitoring staff as requested during construction.

16. **Rules-05 Acceptance of Conditions:** The Owner/Applicant's acceptance of this permit and/or commencement of use, construction and/or operations under this permit shall be deemed acceptance of all conditions of this permit by the Owner/Applicant.
17. **Rules-23 Processing Fees Required:** Prior to issuance of the Land Use Permit, the Owner/Applicant shall pay all applicable P&D permit processing fees in full as required by County ordinances and resolutions.
18. **Rules-33 Indemnity and Separation:** The Applicant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County or its agents or officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers or employees, to attack, set aside, void, or annul, in whole or in part, the County's approval of this project.
19. **Rules-37 Time Extensions – All Projects:** The Applicant may request a time extension prior to the expiration of the permit or entitlement for development. The review authority with jurisdiction over the project may, upon good cause shown, grant a time extension in compliance with County rules and regulations, which include reflecting changed circumstances and ensuring compliance with CEQA. If the Owner / Applicant requests a time extension for this permit, the permit may be revised to include updated language to standard conditions and/or mitigation measures and additional conditions and/or mitigation measures which reflect changed circumstances or additional identified project impacts.

Attachments:

- A. Site Plan
- B. CEQA Exemption

cc: Supervisor Williams, First District  
Travis Seawards, P&D Deputy Director  
Alex Tuttle, Supervising Planner, P&D  
Chris Schmuckal, P&D Planner



























## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Chris Schmuckal, Planner, Planning & Development

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

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**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Edison

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section:** Section 15269(c), Emergency Projects

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(s) exempts “specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.” Emergency action is warranted in this case because heavy rainfall in January and February 2023 cause slides, and rutting which made the Tunnel Trail access road impassable. Immediate repair of the access way is needed in order to reestablish safe use of the access road for trail users and for Southern California Edison to conduct inspections and maintenance on critical electrical infrastructure and maintain reliable power in the community.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Chris Schmuckal, Planner

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**Phone #:** (805) 568-3510    **Department/Division Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acceptance Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution:** Hearing Support Staff

**Date Filed by County Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_



