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In the Matter of: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION** )  
**OF THE PUENTE POWER PROJECT** )

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**INTERVENORS SIERRA CLUB LOS  
PADRES CHAPTER,  
ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION  
OF VENTURA COUNTY AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE  
CENTER SUBMISSION OF  
EVIDENCE OF RARE SPECIES  
FINDINGS AT PUENTE PROJECT  
SITE**

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## DECLARATION

OF

Brian G. Trautwein

I, Brian G. Trautwein, declare as follows:

1. I am an Environmental Analyst & Watershed Program Coordinator at the Environmental Defense Center (“EDC”). I am providing this Declaration in order to authenticate the attached photographs confirming the presence of two rare silvery legless lizards (*Anniella pulchra pulchra*) I observed while walking near and around the perimeter of the proposed Puente Power Project site in Oxnard, CA on May 5, 2017.
2. To the best of my knowledge, I stayed on public property at all times.
3. I walked around the Puente project site on three sides (south, west and north) to take photographs and make observations of the surrounding habitat.
4. Attached to this declaration are two photographs documenting two different silvery legless lizard specimens.
5. **Photograph #1**, attached as Exhibit A, shows a silvery legless lizard specimen in my hand that I discovered near the Project’s outfall access road, with orange survey flags nearby and the Mandalay Generating Station (“MGS”) in the background. I discovered this specimen in a small dune after gently raking approximately four inches deep, just west of the Project’s outfall area.
6. I marked the location of this observation as #1 on a map I created using Google Earth, attached as Exhibit B. The location is approximately 55 yards north of the outfall fence and 14.5 yards west of the outfall access road as shown on Exhibit B.
7. I also recorded a video of this legless lizard specimen before releasing it in the same location.
8. **Photograph #2**, attached as Exhibit C, shows my hand holding another silvery legless lizard specimen I discovered very near the northern MGS property fence, adjacent to the Puente project site boundary. I discovered and photographed this specimen just ten inches from the northern property line and fence, after lightly raking down into four inches of soil.

9. I marked the location of this observation as #2 on the attached Google Earth map in Exhibit B.
10. Soon thereafter, at approximately 3:20 pm on May 5, 2017, I showed the photographs to Larry Hunt, a local expert wildlife biologist with documented experience in identifying silvery legless lizards (*Anniella pulchra pulchra*). At approximately 3:30 pm on May 5, 2017, Mr. Hunt confirmed that the first of the two specimens I discovered and photographed was in fact a rare silvery legless lizard (*Anniella pulchra pulchra*). At 3:04 pm on May 8, 2017, Mr. Hunt confirmed that the second specimen I discovered and photographed was also a silvery legless lizard.
11. The information that I have described is accurate. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: May 12, 2017



Brian G. Trautwein

Executed at: Santa Barbara, CA



# Exhibit A







## Exhibit B



Anniella pulchra #1

Anniella pulchra #2



## Exhibit C



