
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, BIG CREEK EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR PROJECT (WDID# 5B10CR00127), FRESNO COUNTY

On 8 June 2023, Southern California Edison (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 9 October 2018 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit 8 (General Certification Order) for the Big Creek Emergency Road Repair Project (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under this General Certification Order. The proposed activity will take place within 0.86 acre/1,388 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8, Emergency Repair and Protection Activities, subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the Nationwide Permit ("Special Conditions"). This Notice of Applicability is being issued under the General Certification Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the [General Certification Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 8 June 2023, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Project consists of emergency repairs of existing Southern California Edison roads to allow access to electrical towers and facilities. Approximately 42.4 miles of existing access roads have been damaged by recent winter storms. Repairs will remediate hazardous road conditions and allow safe access to facilities. Emergency repairs from storm damage may include:

- 1) Vegetation removal and clearing downed tree and boulder obstructions.
- 2) Blading to remove slides and slumps.
- 3) Grading to repair blowouts, erosion, and rutting.
- 4) Re-compacting and reinforcing undermined roads.
- 5) Cleaning and repairing ditches, turnouts, and spur roads.
- 6) Re-establishing berms, water bars, side drains, and water crossings.
- 7) Returning drain inlets and overside drains to a functional state.
- 8) Leveling and re-compacting road surfaces to remove potholes, ruts, and other unsafe surface irregularities.
- 9) Repairing and returning into service culverts, McCarthy drains, walls, and over road protection features.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.86 acre/1,388 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at various water crossing on forest roads and Southern California Edison access roads, just west of the town of Shaver Lake.

Start: Latitude: 37.199917 and Longitude: -119.308906

End: Latitude: 37.100453 and Longitude: -119.369756

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The approximate timeframe of Project construction is June 2023 through October 2023.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,734.00 was received on 9 June 2023.

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 F - Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Brandon Salazar at (559) 445-6287 or at Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.



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