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## 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, SCE EMERGENCY BIG CREEK CANYON ROAD CULVERT & HEADWALL REPAIR PROJECT (WDID# 5B10CR00129), FRESNO COUNTY**

On 20 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 SCE Emergency Big Creek Canyon Road Culvert & Headwall Repair (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 is taking place within 0.06 acre 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](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 be conducted 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 20 June 2023, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

## SCE Emergency Big Creek Canyon Road Culvert &amp; Headwall Repair

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Project consists of repair, replacement, and localized hardening improvements of culverts compromised in the recent atmospheric river events and large storms (from December through March). Approximately 12 miles of the Canyon Road suffered extensive damage and approximately 51 crossing locations require either culvert replacement, culvert repair, and/or installation of a new headwall or replacement of existing damaged headwall due to extensive erosion, direct rock strikes, and debris flows/slumping occurred with the recent atmospheric rivers coupled with the post-Creek Fire landscape. Repairs will remediate hazardous road conditions, including cracking, slumping, and sink holes in the road where culverts have been undermined and water is flowing outside of the culvert below the road. Replacement of pre-existing headwalls will also help to prevent major blow outs of material and further road or culvert failure. Prior stacked rock wall headwalls are proposed to be replaced with poured concrete headwalls similar to what exists on the road in other locations. No new culverts or any road widening is proposed for this work.

The Project will permanently impact 0.04 acre and temporarily impact 0.02 acre of waters of the United States.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project is located at various locations along Canyon Road in the Big Creek Canyon near the community of Big Creek, CA.

Western Extent: Latitude: 37.21716 North and Longitude: -119.3315 West

Eastern Extent: Latitude: 37.19099 North and Longitude: -119.27247 West

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

The Project started construction on 21 June 2023 and will continue through October 2023.

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

An application fee of \$2,734.00 was received on 27 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](mailto:Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov).



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