



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR ENROLLMENT UNDER STATE WATER BOARD GENERAL ORDER FOR THE CORPS' 2026 NATIONWIDE PERMITS (ORDER NO. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC)

Effective Date: Upon Deputy Director's Signature

Program Type: Fill/Excavation

Project Type: Wildfire Mitigation

Project: TD2246440 Transfer Tufa CCP Grid Resiliency Project
Regulatory Measure ID: 464809
WDID: SB26016IN

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I. Summary

This Notice of Applicability for enrollment under the State Water Board Nationwide Permits General Order (Order No. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC; SWRCB ID SB25036GN; hereafter referred to as the General Order) is issued at the request of Southern California Edison (Applicant). The General Order can be accessed at [the Clean Water Act Section 401 - Certification and Wetlands Program, General Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2026) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2026). On May 17, 2026, the State Water Board received a complete Notice of Intent requesting authorization for the Applicant's TD2246440 Transfer Tufa CCP Grid Resiliency Project (Project). After reviewing the Notice of Intent, the State Water Board has determined that the Project meets General Order requirements for Nationwide Permit 57: Electric Utility Line and Telecommunications Activities.

II. Project Description

As described in the Project Notice of Intent and supplemental information (hereafter referred to as the Application), which is incorporated herein by reference, the Project purpose is to replace two existing utility wood poles with new poles and two-foot diameter plastic sonotubes. The site will be accessed by foot from McPherson Road. Construction within waters will temporarily and permanently impact a wetland.

III. Project Location

The Project is located in an unincorporated area northwest of Lee Vining, in Mono, County, California. The Project coordinates are 38.000205°N and 119.14952°W.

IV. Receiving Waters Information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, Victorville Office (Lahontan Water Board). Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are listed in Table 1.

A. Table 1: Receiving Water Information

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resource Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters
4973021E 4972473E	Unnamed	Wetland	601.00	Mono Lake

V. Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 2.

B. Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity to Wetlands

Temporary Impact ¹	Permanent Impact - Physical Loss of Area	Permanent Impact - Degradation of Ecological Condition Only
0.02 acres 40 linear feet	0.001 acres 4 linear feet	0 acres 0 linear feet

VI. Water Quality Control Plan Waste Discharge Prohibitions

The Basin Plan contains waste discharge prohibitions for certain hydrologic units within its regional boundaries. The Project has the potential to discharge soil and construction waste to surface waters of the Mono 601.00 hydrologic unit and thus violate the discharge prohibitions for the Mono 601.00 hydrologic unit, as specified in Basin Plan Chapter 4.1, Waste Discharge Prohibitions. The Lahontan Water Board may grant exemptions to the discharge prohibition for the Mono 601.00 hydrologic unit, provided that the Lahontan Water Board finds that the exemption criteria specified in Chapter 4 1 of the Basin Plan are satisfied.

As stated above, discharges from the Project are prohibited under the General Order unless the Applicant requests and obtains an exemption to the applicable prohibitions from the Lahontan Water Board for the Project. General Order coverage is not valid unless accompanied by an exemption to discharge prohibitions in writing from the Lahontan Water Board.

¹ Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.

To apply for an exemption from the Lahontan Water Board, please call (530) 542-5400 and ask to speak to the contact for the North Basin Regulatory Unit. You may also apply for an exemption through email at Lahontan@WaterBoards.ca.gov.

Information Needed for Required Exemption

Lahontan Water Board Resolution No. R6T-2015-0038 delegates to the Lahontan Water Board Executive Officer the discretionary authority to grant an exemption to Basin Plan waste discharge prohibitions when the Basin Plan exemption conditions are met. The Applicant must demonstrate to the Lahontan Water Board Executive Officer that the Project meets the conditions in the Basin Plan for granting an exemption. If an exemption is proposed to be granted, a public notice will be posted on the Lahontan Water Board website and distributed through an interested-persons mailing list, allowing at least 10 days for comments to be submitted. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Lahontan Water Board Executive Officer will make a written determination whether to grant an exemption to the above-cited waste discharge prohibition(s).

VII. Conditions

A. Mitigation for Temporary and Permanent Impacts

- i. All temporarily affected areas will be restored to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities in compliance with the General Order and according to the restoration plan submitted by the Applicant in the Application.
- ii. By January 30, 2027, the Applicant shall submit a mitigation plan to the State Water Board in accordance with section VI.F.6.e.i of the General Order. By June 1, 2027, the applicant shall submit proof of credit purchase offsetting the previous year's permanent impacts in accordance with section VI.F.6.e.i.2 of the General Order.
- iii. Total required Project compensatory mitigation information for permanent physical loss of area shall be greater than or equal to the Project's permanent impact totals listed in Table 2, above, in the form of mitigation bank or in-lieu fee credit purchases in quantities consistent with the mitigation ratios provided in section VI.F.6.e.i.2 of the General Order.

B. Reporting and Notification Requirements

The Applicant shall submit an Annual Report each year on January 15 until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Applicant. Notices and reporting shall be provided to the State Water Board according to section VI.D, "Application for Coverage and Termination," of the General Order. The Applicant shall submit Report Types 2, Commencement of Construction, and 3, Notice of Project Completion, as described in Attachment B, "Report and Notification Requirements." The Applicant must

also submit Report Types 4 through 9 if the Project encounters the conditions described in these Report Types.

The Applicant must submit all reports and information required under this Certification according to the Report Submittal Instructions found in Attachment B, "Report and Notification Requirements," of the General Order.

VIII. California Environmental Quality Act

The State Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301. Additionally, the State Water Board finds that no exceptions to the exemptions apply to the activities approved by this Notice of Applicability.

IX. Fees

The Project is being implemented as part of the Applicant's Wildfire Mitigation Plan. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3) and falls under Category H – Wildfire Mitigation by Electrical Corporations, Electric Utilities, and Electrical Cooperatives.

X. Public Notice

The State Water Board provided public notice of the Application from March 27, 2026, to April 17, 2026. The State Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

XI. Authorization

The Project may proceed only as described in the Application submitted to the State Water Board and in accordance with the conditions in State Water Board General Order No. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC and this Notice of Applicability. Coverage under the General Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified. I hereby issue this Notice of Applicability for the TD2246440 Transfer Tufa CCP Grid Resiliency Project.

June 4, 2026
Date

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