

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From (Public Agency):
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Attention: Bryan Muro
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Project Title: Mono-Bear Siphon Pipe Repair Project (Project)

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison Company (SCE)

Project Location – Specific: The Project is located on Chinquapin Creek, a tributary to the South Fork San Joaquin River, approximately 54 miles northeast of the city of Fresno in Fresno County.

Project Location – Nearest City: Fresno

Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: SCE is proposing to repair and stabilize the 52-foot-long segment of the Mono Bear Siphon Pipe (Siphon) that crosses Chinquapin Creek. The Siphon is a conveyance pipeline within the Big Creek Nos. 2A, 8, and Eastwood Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 67). The Project involves three main activities: (1) installation of temporary shoring to support the Siphon during repairs; (2) Siphon recoating; and (3) installation of new supports for the recoated Siphon.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SCE

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities, section 15301; Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, section 15302; and Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, section 15304.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project proposes to repair the Mono Bear Siphon Pipe. The Project also includes minor grading and riprap installation below the pipe. The State Water Board determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, § 15301), Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, § 15302), and Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, § 15304).

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

Contact Person: Bryan Muro

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Parker Thaler Title: Environmental Program Manager I Date: 3/24/23

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant