

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
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From: State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Project Title: Eastern Sierra Hydroelectric Power Project in Inyo and Mono Counties

Project Location:

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) operates four hydroelectric facilities along the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. SCE proposes to conduct routine maintenance at 15 different sites (Project) at the hydroelectric facilities, which include the Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project in Inyo County; and the Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project, Lee Vining Creek Hydroelectric Project and Lundy Hydroelectric Project in Mono County. Three hydroelectric projects are located west/southwest of Mono Lake and the fourth is located approximately 60 miles southeast of the lake.

Project Location – City: (not applicable)

Project Location – County: Inyo and Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project activities consist primarily of routine maintenance, such as removal of sediment, debris, and vegetative growth, structures and facilities repair. Other activities include a boat dock repair and installation of an acoustical velocity meter flow cell and motor operated valve. Many of the activities will require draining impoundments, installation of coffer dams, placement of sand bags, or bypassing water around or through the sites. The activities are proposed to be completed within one day to three weeks and should be conducted during summer 2010.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison Company

Exempt Status (check one)

- Ministerial;
- Declared Emergency;
- Emergency Project;
- Categorical Exemption:** Class 1 - Existing Facilities (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, § 15301); Class 4 - Minor Alteration to Land (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304).
- Statutory Exemption:

Reason why project is exempt:

The proposed activities do not involve an expansion of land use and meet the categorical exemptions for existing facilities and minor alterations of land as defined under sections 15301 and 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act. The California Department of Fish and Game similarly concluded that a section 15301 categorical exemption was appropriate for routine maintenance activities for the Project on October 20, 2008.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Whalen Toy

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-5408

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?

Signature: ORIGINAL SIGNED BY Date: June 16, 2010 Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Signed by Public Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant

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