

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

An application for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858, subdivision (a) requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application, but the typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

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Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
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RECEIVED: September 18, 2015
PROJECT: Eastern Sierra Hydroelectric Power Projects Ongoing Operations and Maintenance
APPLICANT: Southern California Edison Company
CONTACT: Ms. Crystal West
COUNTIES: Mono and Inyo
PUBLIC NOTICE: January 21, 2016
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has applied for water quality certification for the Eastern Sierra Hydroelectric Power Projects Ongoing Operations and Maintenance (O&M Project).

SCE operates four hydroelectric power projects along the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada in Inyo and Mono Counties, California. These four hydroelectric power projects include: Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] No. 1394); Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1389); Lee Vining Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1388); and Lundy Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1390). The four hydroelectric power projects are situated as far north as Mill Creek (near the Town of Lee Vining on State Highway 395) to Bishop Creek (approximately two miles west of the City of Bishop on State Highway 168), within of Inyo and Mono Counties. SCE proposes to conduct routine maintenance at the following 17 sites:

Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Facilities

1. Green Creek Diversion Dam
2. South Fork Bishop Creek - South Lake Dam
3. McGee Diversion Birch McGee
4. Birch Creek Diversion Intake 2
5. Bishop Creek South Fork Diversion Dam
6. Powerhouse No. 2 and Intake 3
7. Powerhouse No. 3 and Intake 4

8. Powerhouse No. 4 and Intake 5
9. Powerhouse No. 5 and Intake 6
10. Powerhouse No. 6
11. Abelour Ditch

Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project Facilities

12. Agnew Lake Dam
13. Gem Lake Dam

Lee Vining Hydroelectric Project Facilities

14. Glacier Creek below Tioga Lake Dam
15. Rhinedollar Lake Dam

Lundy Hydroelectric Project Facilities

16. Lundy Lake Dam and Mill Creek below Lundy Lake
17. Lundy Powerhouse Tailrace and Return Ditch

The O&M Project will require issuance of a nationwide permit by the United States Army Corps of Engineers under section 404 of the CWA.