

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** San Gorgonio Flowline No. 1 Repair Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SBR-21610-R6).

**Project Location (include county):** The San Gorgonio Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 344-023) (project) facilities are located in the Whitewater River and San Gorgonio River Watersheds, which are located in the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, on the southern flanks of Mount San Gorgonio within the San Bernardino Mountains, State of California; Latitude 34.062089, Longitude - 116.819006. The entire Project lies within Southern California Edison’s FERC right-of-way.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SBR-21610-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The project includes the repair of three facilities: South Fork Sandbox, Black Wheel Creek Spanning Pipeline, and San Gorgonio Lower Flowline No. 1. The South Fork Sandbox will be rebuilt at approximately the same dimensions and will connect to two 18-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipes that will carry water from the Sandbox to Lower Flowline No. 1. The Black Wheel Creek Spanning Pipeline will be removed and replaced with two 18-inch steel pipes, in the same location. San Gorgonio Lower Flowline No. 1 will be repaired where the flowline extends from the South Fork Sandbox to the Raywood Flat Turnout. The concrete flow line will be kept in place, but its water conveyance function will be replaced with dual 18-inch HDPE pipes.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Edison

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2, § 15302 (c), Replacement or Reconstruction.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is limited to the repair and replacement of existing damaged structures, in the same location, and with the same function and capacity.

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