

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Location (San Bernardino 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 amended 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 amended project involves installing 12 concrete and/or rip-rap aprons along Flowline No.1. Concrete (mixed off-site) and rip-rap will be flown to each location by helicopter. Each of the 12 concrete aprons will be approximately 10 feet by 18 feet in length total, approximately 180 square feet. The uphill portion of the apron will be a 10 ft by 5 ft layer of grouted rip-rap one foot thick. The downhill portion of the apron will be a similar sized layer of grouted rip-rap. The mid portion of the apron would be an eight-inch layer of concrete 8 ft by 10 ft - this portion would be directly over the buried HDPE pipes. In addition to the original 0.086 acres of permanent impacts to the San Gorgonio Flowline, updated project activities will create 0.054 acres of permanent impact bringing the total amount of permanent impacts to 0.14 acres

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

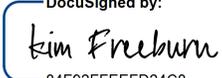
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
 Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 (c).

Reasons why project is exempt: The amended project is limited to protecting the repaired structures at existing facilities from damage caused by the Apple fire in 2020.

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