

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Big Creek Hooper Diversion Debris Cleanout Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-29866-R4).

Project Location: The Project is located within Hooper Creek, approximately 0.6 miles east of the intersection of Hooper Diversion Road and Hopper Diversion Spur A Road, approximately 75 miles northeast of the city of Fresno and 4 miles east of the town of Mono Hot Springs, Fresno County, State of California; Township 7 South, Range 28 East, Section 19, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Quad Florence Lake, MDB&M; Latitude 37.305981° North, Longitude -118.950142° West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-FRE-29866-R4 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Southern California Edison.

The Project includes the removal of accumulated debris behind the Hooper Creek Diversion Dam (dam) that has been restricting low-level outlet valve (LLOV) operations. Flow from upstream will be diverted to create a dry working environment and maintain minimum instream flows (MIF) to Hooper Creek by rerouting flow to downstream of the dam at the existing Auxiliary Spillway.

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 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes activities involved in the maintenance of Hooper Creek Diversion Dam. The Project will not result in an expansion of current use of the existing facility and will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-29866-R4.

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