

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Big Creek Dam 7 Fishwater Generator Room Repairs Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-38255-R4).

Project Location: The Project is located within the San Joaquin River and Redinger Lake at Dam 7, on the west side of Redinger Lake, on the south side of Redinger Lake Road, approximately 55 miles northeast of the City of Fresno, Fresno County, State of California; Township 9 South, Range 23 East, Section 15, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Quad Cascadel Point, MDB&M; Latitude 37.144795° North, Longitude -119.451804° West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-FRE-38255-R4 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Southern California Edison.

The Project will include diversion and dewatering activities to create and maintain a dry work area for repairs in the Dam 7 fishwater generator room. All repair work will be completed in the fishwater generator room, located on the downstream side of Dam 7, and will have no impacts to the San Joaquin River. To complete the repairs water will be pumped out of the fishwater generator room and the tailwater area will be lowered to access equipment. Flow will be maintained downstream of Dam 7 by diverting water around the work area from upstream of the Dam 7 to below the work area.

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 Dam 7 located on the San Joaquin River. 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-38255-R4.

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