

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Huntington Lake Dam No. 1 Low-Level Outlet Valves Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-31312-R4).

Project Location: The Project is located on southwest side Huntington Lake at Big Creek Dam Number 1, approximately three miles northeast of the town of Big Creek and 65 miles northeast of the City of Fresno in Fresno County, State of California; Township 8 South, Range 25 East, Section 14, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Quad Map Huntington Lake, MDB&M; Latitude 37.234194° North, Longitude -119.212944° West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-FRE-31312-R4 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Southern California Edison.

Project activities include the repair and replacement of key components of the low-level outlet valve system at Big Creek Dam No. 1. The proposed repairs will address compliance with Department of Water Resources California Division of Safety of Dams regulations, operational reliability, and public safety. Project construction is anticipated to require two construction seasons between May 1 and November 30 (Work Season). Activities in Work Area 1 and 3 will occur in Work Season 1 and activities in Work Area 2 and 4 will occur in Work Season 2. The longest phase of the work will be removal of accumulated debris and sediment from around the slide gates at the upstream base of the dam which will be completed during Work Season 2.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

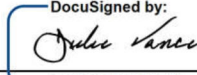
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1(b); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301.

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes the maintenance of an existing facility of a publicly-owned utility used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services with no expansion of use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-31312-R4.

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