

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Big Creek Powerhouse 1 Hooper Crossing Road Project (Amendment to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-36712-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located within San Joaquin River, at the Hooper Creek Diversion Access Road (crossing), approximately 50 miles northeast of the City of Fresno and 0.6 miles northeast of Florence Lake, Fresno County, State of California; Township 7 South, Range 27 East, Section 36, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Quad Florence Lake, MDB&M; Latitude 37.283137° North, Longitude -118.962416° West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed an Amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-36712-R4, issued to Southern California Edison.

The Agreement authorizes replacing the damaged concrete on the southwest side and repairing a large crack in the concrete along the northeast side of the existing concrete Hooper Crossing. The Amendment provides for different materials to be used for cofferdam construction.

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 different materials used to repair an existing concrete road used to access facilities. The Project will not result in an expansion of current use of the existing structure and will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-36712-R4.

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