

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Big Creek Powerhouse No. 1 Culvert Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-36376-R4).

Project Location: The Project is located within an unnamed tributary to Big Creek, approximately 0.10 miles southeast of the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Spruce Avenue, along an access road to Big Creek Powerhouse No. 1 in the community of Big Creek, Fresno County, State of California; Township 8 South, Range 25 East, Section 28, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Quad Huntington Lake, MDB&M; Latitude 37.203893° North, Longitude -119.241663° West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-FRE-36376-R4 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Southern California Edison.

The Project will include the removal and replacement of a culvert and associated structures within an access road to Big Creek Powerhouse No. 1. To maintain a dry work area, the site will be dewatered and the stream will be diverted around the work area. The work will take up to 45 days to complete.

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 removal and replacement of an existing culvert use to provide access to Big Creek Powerhouse No. 1. 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-36376-R4.

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