Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife Central Region 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, California 93710



State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Big Creek Dam No. 4 Low-Level Outlet Repair and Dam Resurfacing Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-35246-R4).

Project Location: The Project is located within the Big Creek (upstream and downstream of Dam No. 4) and Pitman Creek, located approximately 0.1 miles southwest of the intersection of Spruce Avenue and Huntington Lake Road, approximately 31 miles northeast of the city of Fresno, Fresno County, State of California; Township 8 South, Range 25 East, Section 28, United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quad Huntington Lake, MDB&M; Latitude 37.203455° North, Longitude -119.241388° West and Latitude 37.203625° North, Longitude -119.236323° West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-FRE-35246-R4 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Southern California Edison.

The project includes two main activities: repairs to the existing Low Level Outlet (LLO) system, resurfacing the downstream face of Dam No. 4, and construction of a valve house shelter. It is anticipated that the LLO Replacement will occur first, and concrete repairs/resurfacing second.

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 Reg.	ulations, title 14, section 15301
Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes activities involved in the maintenance and upgrade of Big Creek Dam No. 4. 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-35246-R4.	
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