

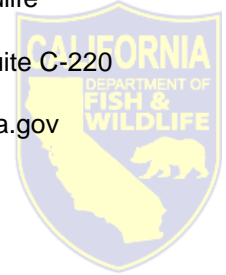
Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Bishop Intake 2 Embankment Repair Project (Notification of Lake and Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-INY-45548-R6).

Project Location (Inyo County): The project is located along the inner/upstream banks of the Bishop Intake No. 2 reservoir and approximately 500 feet of the Middle Fork Bishop Creek upstream and 200 feet downstream of the reservoir. The project is approximately 16 miles southwest of the city of Bishop, Inyo County, California (37.247394, -118.582353). The dam is owned and operated by Southern California Edison under the Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project, licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) under Project Number P-1394. The project is located on United States Forest Service lands managed by the Inyo National Forest.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-INY-45548-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The project is limited to conducting repairs to the inner/upstream slopes of the reservoir embankments by the following components: placing soil-cement slope repairs, rip-rap reinstallation, spot repairs, and repairs to the auxiliary spillway base. Incidental vegetation trimming along the unpaved access road will be need to allow safe vehicle access.

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.396 acres and permanently impact 0.048 acres of resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1602.

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: Class 1, section 15301; The project is exempt because it includes the maintenance and repair of existing structures. In addition, the Project will involve restoring deteriorated structures. All work will be performed with mechanical equipment.

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