

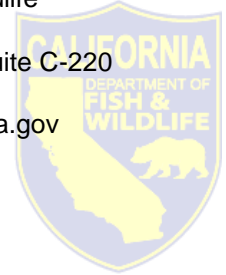
Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Sabrina Service Spillway Retrofit Project (Notification of Lake and Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-INY-45119-R6).

Project Location (Inyo County): The project is located at the Sabrina Lake Dam on Middle Fork Bishop Creek, a tributary to the Owens River, in Inyo County, California (37.212003, -118.610853). The project is located at the end of Highway 160W in Bishop. 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 lands managed by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service within the Inyo National Forest. The Lake Sabrina Trail/Access Service Road, which will be used to access the Project area, is outside of the FERC boundary.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-INY-45119-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The project is limited to repairing the concrete heel block on the upstream face of the Lake Sabrina service spillway to address stability concerns necessary to comply with the requirements of the FERC and Division of Safety of Dams. To facilitate the repairs, dewatering, potholing, installation of a temporary access bridge and work platform, removal of existing rip-rap, and repair/reinforcement of the service spillway will occur.

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.15 acres (168 linear feet) and permanently impact 0.009 acres (40 linear feet) 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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