

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From (Public Agency):
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Attention: Bryan Muro
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Project Title: Huntington Lake Dam No. 1 Auxiliary Spillway Repairs Project (Project)

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison (SCE)

Project Location – Specific: The Project is located on Huntington Lake Dam No. 1's Auxiliary Spillway which impounds water from Huntington Lake. Water from Huntington Lake is released into Big Creek, a tributary to the South Fork San Joaquin River. The Project is located approximately 75 miles northeast of the city of Fresno in Fresno County. Coordinates at the center of the auxiliary spillway are 37.23337°N, -119.21519°W.

Project Location – Nearest City: Fresno

Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of the Project is to repair and resurface damaged concrete areas along the Spillway to address leakage concerns identified in by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Division of Dam Safety in 2021 and 2022 inspection reports. The Project involves four main activities: (1) the hydro-demolition or manual removal of concrete surfaces along the Spillway; (2) concrete surface repairs; (3) toe repairs on the downstream side of the Spillway; and (4) expansion joint repairs along the crest of the Spillway. Equipment and construction materials will be removed from the work area each night and stored in designated upland staging areas. All disturbed areas will be restored to pre-Project contours.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SCE

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities, section 15301.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project proposes to repair and resurface concrete on the existing auxiliary spillway and repairs along the spillway's existing toe and expansion joints. The State Water Board determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1, existing facilities (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, § 15301).

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

Contact Person: Bryan Muro

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Rajad Mustafa Title: Senior Water Resource Control Engineer Date: 5/23/2024

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.