

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Eastwood Visitor Information Site Rehabilitation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0075-R4).

Project Location: The Project is located just upstream of Huntington Lake along Rancheria Creek and the Portal Powerhouse Discharge Channel, approximately 250 feet northeast of the State Route 168 bridge in unincorporated Fresno County, State of California; Section 5, Township 8 South, Range 26 East, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Quad Map Kaiser Peak, MDB&M; Latitude 37.256 North, Longitude -119.1598 West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0075-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The Project includes activities related to rehabilitation of the Eastwood Visitor Information Site as required by a Settlement Agreement and USDA-FS 4(e); conditions developed during the Big Creek Alternative Licensing Process (ALP) for the Big Creek Nos. 1 and 2 Project which is currently undergoing relicensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The rehabilitation includes the replacement of a culvert and outfall reinforcement, as well as the FERC required bank stabilization needed to repair damaged and undercut portions of the banks along the Portal Powerhouse Discharge Channel to prevent erosion and improve public safety.

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 (b); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes the maintenance of an existing facility of a publicly-owned utility used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services with no expansion of use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0075-R4.

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