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## State Water Resources Control Board

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### NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR ENROLLMENT UNDER STATE WATER BOARD GENERAL ORDER FOR THE CORPS' 2026 NATIONWIDE PERMITS (ORDER NO. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC)

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**Effective Date:** Upon Deputy Director's Signature

**Program Type:** Fill/Excavation

**Project Type:** Overhead Utility

**Project:** TD1478467\_TD1478474 Hilton Whiskey Creeks  
Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project  
Regulatory Measure ID: 464245  
WDID: SB26011IN

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For further assistance, please call the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Staff listed above or (916) 322-7781 and ask to speak with the Wetlands Permitting and Enforcement II Unit Supervisor.

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## **I. Summary**

This Notice of Applicability for enrollment under the State Water Board Nationwide Permits General Order (Order No. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC; SWRCB ID SB25036GN; hereafter referred to as the General Order) is issued at the request of Southern California Edison (Applicant). The General Order can be accessed at [the Clean Water Act Section 401 - Certification and Wetlands Program, General Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2026) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr\\_2026](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2026)). On February 19, 2026 the State Water Board received a complete Notice of Intent requesting authorization for the Applicant's TD1478467\_TD1478474 Hilton Whiskey Creeks Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Project). After reviewing the Notice of Intent, the State Water Board has determined that the Project meets General Order requirements for Nationwide Permit 57: Electric Utility Line and Telecommunications Activities.

## **II. Project Description**

As described in the Project Notice of Intent and supplemental information (hereafter referred to as the Application), which is incorporated herein by reference, the Project purpose is to remove and replace three deteriorated wood distribution poles (Poles 524503S, 424181S and 1827430E) with new wood poles. The area of soil disturbance (e.g., excavation, side casting and backfill) will be limited to approximately 10 feet around each pole, as well as a general 10-foot radius temporary work area for staging and operation of construction equipment.

## **III. Project Location**

The Project is located approximately 1.5 miles from the census designated place of Crowley Lake in unincorporated Mono County, California. The Project coordinates are 37.568025°N, 118.752644°W.

## **IV. Receiving Waters Information**

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, Victorville Office (Lahontan Water Board). Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are listed in Table 1.

**A. Table 1: Receiving Water Information**

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resource Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters
Pole 524503S	Unnamed	Wetland	603.10	Crowley Lake
Pole 424181S	Hilton Creek	Wetland	603.10	Crowley Lake
Pole 1827430E	Hilton Creek	Wetland	603.10	Crowley Lake

**V. Direct Impacts to Waters of the State**

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 2.

**B. Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity to Wetlands**

Temporary Impact <sup>1</sup>	Permanent Impact - Physical Loss of Area	Permanent Impact - Degradation of Ecological Condition Only
0.019 acres 60 linear feet	0 acres 0 linear feet	0 acres 0 linear feet

**VI. Conditions**

**A. Mitigation for Temporary Impacts**

All temporarily affected areas will be restored to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities in compliance with the General Order and according to the restoration plan submitted by the Applicant in the Application.

**B. Reporting and Notification Requirements**

Notices and reporting shall be provided to the State Water Board according to section VI.D, "Application for Coverage and Termination," of the General Order.

The Applicant shall submit Report Types 2, Commencement of Construction, and 3, Notice of Project Completion as described in Attachment B, "Report and Notification

<sup>1</sup> Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.

Requirements” of the General Order. The Applicant must also submit Report Types 4 through 9 if the Project encounters the conditions described in these Report Types. The Applicant must submit all reports and information required under this Certification according to the Report Submittal Instructions found in Attachment B, “Report and Notification Requirements,” of the General Order.

## VII. California Environmental Quality Act

The State Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301. Additionally, the State Water Board finds that no exceptions to the exemptions apply to the activities approved by this Notice of Applicability.

## VIII. Fees

The Project is being implemented as part of the Applicant’s Wildfire Mitigation Plan. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3) and falls under Category H – Wildfire Mitigation by Electrical Corporations, Electric Utilities, and Electrical Cooperatives.

## IX. Public Notice


The State Water Board provided public notice of the Application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from February 20, 2026 to March 13, 2026. The State Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

## X. Authorization

The Project may proceed only as described in the Application submitted to the State Water Board and in accordance with the conditions in State Water Board General Order No. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC and this Notice of Applicability. Coverage under the General Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified. I hereby issue this Notice of Applicability for the TD1478467\_TD1478474 Hilton Whiskey Creeks Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project.

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Phillip Crader, Deputy Director  
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