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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA. 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of Fresno
2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721

From (Public Agency):
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Project Title: Florence Lake Dam Geomembrane Installation and Infrastructure Repair Project (Project)
Project Applicant: Southern California Edison
Project Location - Specific: The Project area is located in the Sierra Nevada mountain range, approximately 80 miles east of the city of Fresno. The Project is located on the South Fork San Joaquin River, within the Sierra National Forest, in Fresno County, California.

Project Location - City: Not Applicable **Project Location – County:** Fresno
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Florence Lake is part of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Big Creek 2A, 8, and Eastwood Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project Number 67, for which FERC issued an operating license on August 9, 1978. SCE proposes to install a geomembrane liner on two sections of the Florence Lake Dam. In addition to the geomembrane installation, repairs to the plinth, low-level outlet structure, slide gates, and Ward Tunnel intake will be undertaken. Maintenance of the Ward Tunnel minimum pool weir will be conducted as needed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison
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, §15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The Existing Facilities exemption applies because the Project is limited to repairs, maintenance, and alterations to an existing dam, as defined by California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines §15301.

Contact Person: Meiling Roddam **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 341-5369

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: Thomas Howard Date: 2/10/17 Title: Executive Director

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant ☒ Signed by Responsible Agency

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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.