

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County of Mono  
P.O. Box 237  
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**From (Public Agency):**  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

**Project Title:** Tioga Lake Dams Geomembrane Installation Project (Project)

**Project Applicant:** Southern California Edison

**Project Location - Specific:** The Project area is located on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, approximately eight miles north of Tioga Pass (State Route 120). The Project is located on Lee Vining Creek, within the Inyo National Forest, in Mono County, California.

**Project Location - City:** N/A

**Project Location - County:** Mono

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Tioga Lake is part of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Lee Vining Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project Number 1388, for which FERC issued a new operating license on February 4, 1997. SCE proposes to install geomembrane liners on the Main Dam and Auxiliary Dam of Tioga Lake. In addition to the geomembrane installation, plinth repairs, outlet structure repair, and foundation grouting may be undertaken. Installation of the geomembrane is expected to extend the effective life span of the structures by up to thirty years.

**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 facility exemption applies because SCE's upgrade project is limited to repairs and alterations to existing dams as defined by California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines §15301.

### Lead Agency

**Contact Person:** Oscar Biondi

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 323-9397

### 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:  Date: 7/31/2014 Title: Executive Director

- Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

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