

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA. 95812-3044

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

Project Title: Tioga Lake Dam Outlet and Grizzly Repair Project (Project)

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison Company

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 Company'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 conduct repairs to the concrete surrounding the Tioga Dam outlet pipe and the grates on the steel trash rack (i.e., grizzly). SCE will conduct needed repairs and install a geomembrane liner on the surface of the upstream side of the dam in the immediate vicinity of the outlet works.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison Company

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

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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: *Thomas Hauer* Date: 6/3/16 Title: Executive Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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