

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

A request for a water quality certification (certification) for the Kaweah Project (Project) was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). Certifications are issued under section 401 of the Clean Water Act. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. The typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Chase Hildeburn:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	June 5, 2020
PROJECT:	Kaweah Project
APPLICANT:	Southern California Edison Company
CONTACT:	Wayne Allen
COUNTY:	Tulare County
PUBLIC NOTICE:	August 25, 2020
PROJECT STATUS:	Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has requested a water quality certification for the Kaweah Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 298. The Project is located on the Kaweah River and East Fork Kaweah River near the town of Three Rivers, CA. The Project consists of three developments: Kaweah No. 1, Kaweah No. 2, and Kaweah No. 3, which commenced operation in June 1899, February 1905, and May 1913, respectively. The Project has limited storage capacity and is operated in a “run-of-river” mode. The total generating capacity is 8.85 megawatts. Water diverted for hydroelectric generation is transported through a connecting flowline and penstock to each powerhouse and then returned to the river through the powerhouse tailrace.

The Project is located on private lands and public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Portions of the Kaweah No. 1 and No. 3 developments are located within the Sequoia National Park (SNP) and are, therefore, not under FERC jurisdiction. All facilities located within the SNP are currently operated under a Special Use Permit (SUP) (Permit No. PWR-SEKI6000-2016-015) issued to SCE by the National Park Service (NPS). The current SUP expires on September 8, 2026.