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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Huntington Lake Dam No. 1 Low-Level Outlet Valves Replacement Project
(Amendment No. 3 to Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-FRE-31312-R4)

Project Location (Fresno County): The Project is located on southwest side of Huntington Lake at Big Creek Dam Number 1, approximately three miles northeast of the town of Big Creek and 65 miles northeast of the City of Fresno in Fresno County, State of California; Township 8 South, Range 25 East, Section 14, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Quad Map Huntington Lake, MDB&M; Coordinates 37.234194, -119.212944.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Amendment No. 3 to the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, Notification No. EPIMS-FRE-31312-R4, issued to Southern California Edison Company.

The Agreement authorizes activities related to the repair and replacement of key components of the low-level outlet valve system at Big Creek Dam No. 1. Amendment No. 3 includes changes to increase length of turbidity curtain and the project area inside the turbidity curtain; removes mention of Work Seasons 1 and 2 for project activities to occurring over a span of more than two years; changes water quality monitoring locations and frequency; modifies the use of divers for the project; clarifies the fish monitoring requirement; corrects the turbidity baseline and increase limits for water quality sampling; adds an additional fish restocking requirement for increased impacts to fish inside the turbidity curtain; and replaces Figure 2 of the Agreement to reflect changes to the project work areas.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes modifications to the project area and impacts from a project to maintain an existing facility of a publicly-owned utility used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewage, or other public utility services, with no expansion of use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-31312-R4.

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