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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Bishop Intake No. 2 Service Spillway Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No., EPIMS-INY-61936-R6)

Project Location (Inyo County): Bishop Intake No. 2 Service Spillway Project (Project) is located along Middle Fork Bishop Creek on lands owned by the United States Forest Service approximately one-mile northeast of the unincorporated community of Aspendell and approximately 12.5 miles southwest of the City of Bishop, Inyo County, California; Latitude 37.247806, Longitude - 118.581898.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No., EPIMS-INY-61936-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The Project is limited to resurfacing a 40-foot-wide by eight-foot-tall section at the top of the spillway, repairing an eight-foot-wide by eight-foot-long by three-foot-deep concrete gap at the base of the spillway, and conducting vegetation management/debris removal activities within Middle Fork Bishop Creek directly below the spillway.

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.175-acre of resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On December 12, 2025, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301 Existing Facilities. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1(a), the Lead Agency is responsible for determining whether the Project is exempt from CEQA and that determination shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including Responsible Agencies. As a result, CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, is bound by the Lead Agency's determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

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