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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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***NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, BIG CREEK PROJECT 2 EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR PROJECT (WDID# 5B10CR00132), FRESNO COUNTY***

On 14 March 2024, Southern California Edison (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 1 August 2023 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit 8 (General Certification Order) for the Big Creek Project 2 Emergency Road Repair (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under this General Certification Order. The proposed activity is taking place within 0.10 acre of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8, Emergency Repair and Protection Activities, subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the Nationwide Permit ("Special Conditions"). This Notice of Applicability is being issued under the General Certification Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the [General Certification Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf)) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

The Project is being conducted in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 14 March 2024, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The 17-acre Project consists of repair and maintenance of existing Southern California Edison roads to allow access to Southern California Edison electrical towers and facilities. Approximately eight miles of existing access roads (18-foot wide) have been damaged by recent winter storms. Repairs will remediate hazardous road conditions and allow safe access to facilities. The following activities are expected to occur within the project footprint:

- Vegetation removal and clearing downed tree and boulder obstructions.
- Blading to remove slides and slumps.
- Grading to repair blowouts, erosion, and rutting.
- Re-compacting and reinforcing undermined roads.
- Cleaning and repairing ditches, turnouts, and spur roads.
- Re-establishing berms, water bars, side drains, and water crossings.
- Returning drain inlets and overside drains to a functional state.
- Leveling and re-compacting road surfaces to remove potholes, ruts, and other unsafe surface irregularities.
- Repairing and returning into service culverts, McCarthy drains, walls, and over road protection features.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.03 acre of stream channel and temporarily impact 0.07 acre of wetlands.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project is located at various stream crossings along Southern California Edison access roads, approximately two miles southwest of the community of Shaver Lake. The approximate centroid of the project footprint is listed below.

Latitude: 37.079700° North and Longitude: 119.366900° West

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

The Project started construction on 18 March 2024 and will continue until 31 August 2024.

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

An application fee of \$2,985.00 was received on 19 March 2024. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3) and was calculated as category F - Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

**REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Applicant shall submit all reports in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment B of Order No. WQ 2023-0061-DWQ, and in accordance with conditions specified in this Notice of Applicability and email it to

[centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov) with a cc to Brandon Salazar at [brandon.salazar@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.salazar@waterboards.ca.gov). The WDID No. for this Project is 5B10CR00132.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Brandon Salazar at (559) 445-6287 or at [Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov).

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