



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, BIG CREEK EMERGENCY STORM RESPONSE ACCESS ROAD RESTORATION PROJECT (WDID# 5B10CR00120), FRESNO COUNTY

On 8 September 2022, Southern California Edison (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 9 October 2018 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 Emergency Storm Response Access Road Restoration (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 will take place within less than 1.26 acres 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/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

The Project must proceed 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 8 September 2022, 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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:

Southern California Edison will conduct emergency repairs to access roads to support emergency inspection and repair of the Big Creek 8 - Big Creek 3 transmission line. The 1.26-acre Project consists of:

- Repair of damaged road surface to re-establish safe access and ensure proper drainage control. Work would include repairing rutting, erosion, and potholes and re-establishing water bars and overside drains.
- Clear slide, sluff, and debris material to restore road prism.
- Repair blow outs in the road that are narrowing the road surface and are a safety hazard.
- Repair/replace damaged down drains.
- Repair/replace/clean out damaged culverts, as needed and determined in the field.
- Clear vegetation debris including fallen trees (downed trees) and branches. Material that is small enough will be worked into the road surface. Larger material, such as trees, will be cut up or placed as is in locations that maintain safe access. If a safe location cannot be identified the material will be removed from the site. The safest option will be determined in the field.
- Trim overgrown trees and vegetation that prevent clear and safe access. Trimming would be limited to vegetation overhanging and encroaching into the road prism.

The Project will temporarily impact 1.26 acres of waters of the United States.

ADDITIONAL CONDITION:

The Applicant shall obtain coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, as amended for discharges to surface waters comprised of storm water associated with construction activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavations, and other land disturbance activities of one or more acres, or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located along forest roads serving the Big Creek Transmission Line near and adjacent to Big Creek Road and Old Railroad Grade Road where Southern California Edison infrastructure is located.

Nearest City: Shaver Lake

County: Fresno

Start: Latitude: 37.156839 Degrees and Longitude: -119.371472 Degrees

End: Latitude: 37.185877 Degrees and Longitude: -119.275238 Degrees

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The approximate timeframe of Project construction is expected to commence 1 October 2022 for a duration of approximately 8 weeks.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$ 2,417.00 was received on 21 September 2022.

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.

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

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