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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 ROADS EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECT (WDID# 5B10CR00122), FRESNO COUNTY**

On 17 January 2023, 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 Roads Emergency Repair Project (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 0.36 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/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) ([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 17 January 2023, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Project consists of emergency repairs to access roads to support emergency inspection and repair of the Big Creek transmission lines and adjacent distribution circuits. The work will primarily occur on Old Railroad Grade Road and adjacent Southern California Edison access roads. Work would include road grading to repair the damaged and destroyed portions of the road, repair of road erosion and wash-outs, sediment removal at culvert inlets, culvert repair or replacement, repair or replacement of down drains (Mac drains). An estimated area of 0.36 acres of jurisdictional waters would potentially be impacted at the 86 sites, with actual impact numbers to be provided upon completion of work activities.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.36 acre of waters of the United States.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project is located along Old Railroad Grade Road and adjacent Southern California Edison access roads near the town of Big Creek in Fresno County.

Start: Latitude 37.182016 Degrees and Longitude: -119.290548 Degrees

End: Latitude: 37.182016 Degrees and Longitude: -119.290548 Degrees

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

The approximate timeframe of Project construction is from February 2023 through Summer of 2023.

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

An application fee of \$ 2,734.00 was received on 22 February 2023.

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](mailto:Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov).

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