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From (Public Agency):
 State Water Resources Control Board
 P.O. Box 2000
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Project Title: Eastern Sierra Hydroelectric Power Projects Ongoing Operations and Maintenance (Project)
Project Applicant: Southern California Edison (SCE)
Project Location - Specific: The Project includes four hydroelectric facility project areas located along the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada in Inyo and Mono counties. The Project facilities are situated as far north as Mill Creek (near the town of Lee Vining on State Highway 395) and south to Bishop Creek (approximately two miles west of the city of Bishop on State Highway 168).

Project Location - City: Not Applicable **Project Location – County:** Inyo and Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

SCE is requesting a water quality certification from the State Water Resources Control Board for ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) work at 17 sites across four hydroelectric project areas. The four Projects are: Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Project No. 1394); Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1389); Lee Vining Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1388); and Lundy Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1390). SCE proposes routine O&M activities to maintain the functional and structural integrity of its facilities. Routine O&M activities associated with the Project fall into the following general categories: sediment bypass, vegetation management, material removal, facilities repair, or penstock inspections.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 §15301 and Class 4 §15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed activities do not involve an expansion of land use and meet the categorical exemptions for existing facilities and minor alterations of land as defined under sections 15301 and 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Title: **Executive Director**

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Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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