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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Dear Mr. Gabr:

RE: CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER FOR THE ACCESS ROAD TO TOWER M1-T6 ON GOULD-SYLMAR 220kV TRANSMISSION LINE (SAP80047594) (4WQC40116128)

Enclosed please find a CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER, authorized by Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Executive Officer, Samuel Unger. This Order is issued to Hazem Gabr, Southern California Edison, for Access Road to Tower M1-T6 on Gould-Sylmar Line (Project). Attachments A through C of the Enclosure are also part of the Order.

This Order is issued in response to an application submitted by Southern California Edison for proposed Project discharges to waters of the state, to ensure that the water quality standards for all waters of the state impacted by the Project are met. You may proceed with your Project according to the terms and conditions of the enclosed Order.

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CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER

Effective Date: March 14, 2018

Program Type: Fill/Excavation

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| Place ID: | 829165 |
| WDID: | 4WQC40116128 |
| NWP: | 12 and 13 |
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Project Type: Channel Construction and Maintenance

Project: Access Road to Tower M1-T6 on the Gould-Sylmar 220kV Transmission Line (SAP80047594) (Project)

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I. Order

This Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 Water Quality Certification action and Order (Order) is issued at the request of Southern California Edison (herein after Permittee) for the Project. This Order is for the purpose described in application submitted by the Permittee. The application was received on September 12, 2016. The application was deemed complete on January 8, 2018.

Los Angeles Water Board staff requested additional information necessary to supplement the contents of the complete application and the Permittee responded to the request for supplemental information on the following dates (Table 1):

| Date of Request for Supplemental Information | Date all requested information was received. |
|--|--|
| 9/28/2016 | 1/8/2018 |

II. Public Notice

The Los Angeles Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from September 20, 2016 to the effective date of Order. The Los Angeles Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

III. Project Purpose

The Project will repair an access road damaged by erosion, install a retention wall, and install a hardened crossing on the access road to Tower M1-T6.

IV. Project Description

The Permittee will grub and clear the roadway within the construction limits. The existing corrugated metal pipe culvert will be cut as necessary.

The Permittee will install a water crossing consisting of a six-inch thick reinforced concrete pavement, a water bar, and a rip-rap apron. The retaining wall will be constructed of galvanized steel. The water crossing will consist of 6-inch thick reinforced concrete pavement and the rip-rap apron will include 24-inch thick (minimum) layer of loose rocks will be placed on top of geotextile fabric. Clean fill material mixed with 10 percent Portland cement will be used for all backfill areas.

The Permittee will also construct bin-walls, grade the adjacent slope, rehabilitate the existing access road, construct a second water bar and compacted soil cement berm along the access road, and install a 24-inch wide McCarthy Drain (an inlet and flume that collects surface flows from the roadway and transports down slope in order to prevent erosion on the slope itself.

Woody material cleared from the roadway will be chipped and used for ground cover. Excess material will be removed and taken to a legal point of disposal. Any excess soil that cannot be reused will be hauled off site. Natural vegetation shall be maintained for erosion control.

V. Project Location

Project is located in North Sylmar, in Los Angeles County. A map showing the Project location is found in Attachment A of this Order.

| <u>Latitude</u> | <u>Longitude</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 34.336808 | 118.492324 |
| 34.336687 | 118.492168 |
| 34.336543 | 118.492237 |
| 34.336487 | 118.492336 |
| 34.336395 | 118.492243 |
| 34.336451 | 118.492140 |
| 34.336190 | 118.491994 |
| 34.336086 | 118.492212 |

VI. Project Impact and Receiving Waters Information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are protected in accordance with the applicable water quality control plan (Basin Plan) for the region and other plans and policies which may be accessed online at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/

The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

It is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This Order promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet maximum contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.

Receiving Water: Unnamed ephemeral drainage to Upper Van Norman Reservoir
(Hydrologic Unit Code: 180701050204)

Designated Beneficial Uses: MUN*, REC-1, WARM, WILD
*Conditional beneficial use

VII. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

Implementation of the proposed project would result in impact to 0.009 acres of an unnamed ephemeral drainage as a result of bank stabilization, and the installation of a hardened road crossing as a part of the reestablishment of the access road to tower M1-T6.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 2. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area.

| Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity | | |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Aquatic Resource Type | Permanent Impact | |
| | Physical Loss of Area | |
| | Acres | Linear Feet |
| Stream Channel | 0.009 | 260 |

VIII. Compensatory Mitigation

The Permittee is required to provide a total of 0.027 acres of compensatory mitigation at a 3:1 ratio for 0.009 acres of permanent direct impacts. Mitigation will include restoration and enhancement in the vicinity of the project area or offsite.

IX. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The Los Angeles Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Water Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061. Specifically, the issuance of this Order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations title 14, section(s) 15301 Existing Facilities Additionally, the Los Angeles Water Board concludes that no exceptions to the CEQA exemption apply to the activities approved by this Order.

X. Petitions for Reconsideration

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Board to reconsider this Order in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3867. A petition for reconsideration must be submitted in writing and received within 30 calendar days of the issuance of this Order.

XI. Fees Received

An application fee of \$3,510.00 was received on September 12, 2016. 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 A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

XII. Conditions

The Los Angeles Water Board has independently reviewed the record of the Project to analyze impacts to water quality and designated beneficial uses within the watershed of the Project. In accordance with this Order, the Permittee may proceed with the Project under the following terms and conditions:

A. Authorization

Impacts to waters of the state shall not exceed quantities shown in Table 2.

B. Reporting and Notification Requirements

The following section details the reporting and notification types and timing of submittals. Requirements for the content of these reporting and notification types are detailed in Attachment C, including specifications for photo and map documentation during the Project. Written reports and notifications must be submitted using the Reporting and Notification Cover Sheet located in Attachment C, which must be signed by the Permittee or an authorized representative.

1. Project Reporting

- a. **Annual Reporting:** The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year on the anniversary of Project effective date. Annual reporting shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.

2. Project Status Notifications

- a. **Commencement of Construction:** The Permittee shall submit a Commencement of Construction Report at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities.
- b. **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:** The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter following completion of active Project construction activities, including any required restoration and permittee-responsible mitigation. This request shall be submitted to the Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities. Upon acceptance of the request, Los Angeles Water Board staff shall issue a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee which will end the active discharge period and associated annual fees.
- c. **Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter:** The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter when construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete,¹ and no further Project activities will occur. This request shall be submitted to Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities. Upon approval of the request, the Los Angeles Water Board staff shall issue a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee which will end the post discharge monitoring period and associated annual fees.

3. Conditional Notifications and Reports: The following notifications and reports are required as appropriate.

a. Accidental Discharges of Hazardous Materials²

Following an accidental discharge of a reportable quantity of a hazardous material, sewage, or an unknown material, the following applies (Wat. Code, § 13271):

- i. As soon as (A) Permittee has knowledge of the discharge or noncompliance, (B) notification is possible, and (C) notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures then:

¹ Completion of post-construction monitoring shall be determined by Los Angeles Water Board staff and shall be contingent on successful attainment of restoration and mitigation performance criteria.

² "Hazardous material" means any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. "Hazardous materials" include, but are not limited to, hazardous substances, hazardous waste, and any material that a handler or the administering agency has a reasonable basis for believing that it would be injurious to the health and safety of persons or harmful to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. (Health & Saf. Code, § 25501.)

- first call – 911 (to notify local response agency)
 - then call – Office of Emergency Services (OES) State Warning Center at: (800) 852-7550 or (916) 845-8911
 - Lastly follow the required OES procedures as set forth in:
http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES-Spill_Booklet_Feb2014_FINAL_BW_Acc.pdf
- ii. Following notification to OES, the Permittee shall notify Los Angeles Water Board, as soon as practicable (ideally within 24 hours). Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.
- iii. Within five (5) working days of notification to the Los Angeles Water Board, the Permittee must submit an Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report.
- b. Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards:** The Permittee shall notify the Los Angeles Water Board of any event causing a violation of compliance with water quality standards. Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.
- i. Examples of noncompliance events include: lack of storm water treatment following a rain event, discharges causing a visible plume in a water of the state, and water contact with uncured concrete.
 - ii. This notification must be followed within three (3) working days by submission of a Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report.
- c. In-Water Work**
- i. If stream diversion will be necessary, the Permittee shall submit to the Los Angeles Water Board staff a Stream Diversion Plan, with a diagram and a narrative description of the method to divert the stream and associated BMPs for acceptance at least 30 days in advance of any stream diversion.
 - ii. During stream diversion, water quality monitoring shall be conducted. Requirements for water quality monitoring are in Section XIII, C, 3.
 - iii. The Permittee shall notify the Los Angeles Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in water or stream diversions. Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.
- d. Modifications to Project**
- Project modifications may require an amendment of this Order. The Permittee shall give advance notice to Los Angeles Water Board staff if Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority by submitting a Modifications to Project Report. The Permittee shall inform Los Angeles Water Board staff of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with this Order.

- e. Transfer of Property Ownership:** This Order is not transferable in its entirety or in part to any person or organization except after notice to the Los Angeles Water Board in accordance with the following terms:
- i. The Permittee must notify the Los Angeles Water Board of any change in ownership or interest in ownership of the Project area by submitting a Transfer of Property Ownership Report. The Permittee and purchaser must sign and date the notification and provide such notification to the Los Angeles Water Board at least 10 days prior to the transfer of ownership. The purchaser must also submit a written request to the Los Angeles Water Board to be named as the permittee in a revised order.
 - ii. Until such time as this Order has been modified to name the purchaser as the permittee, the ***Permittee shall continue to be responsible for all requirements set forth in this Order.***
- f. Transfer of Long-Term Best Management Practices (BMP) Maintenance:** If maintenance responsibility for post-construction BMPs is legally transferred, the Permittee must submit to the Los Angeles Water Board a copy of such documentation and must provide the transferee with a copy of a long-term BMP maintenance plan that complies with manufacturer or designer specifications. The Permittee must provide such notification to the Los Angeles Water Board with a Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report at least 10 days prior to the transfer of BMP maintenance responsibility.

C. Water Quality Monitoring

1. **General:** If surface water is present, continuous visual surface water monitoring shall be conducted to detect accidental discharge of construction related pollutants (e.g. oil and grease, turbidity plume, or uncured concrete).
2. **Accidental Discharges/Noncompliance:** Upon occurrence of an accidental discharge of hazardous materials or a violation of compliance with a water quality standard, Los Angeles Water Board staff may require water quality monitoring based on the discharge constituents and/or related water quality objectives and beneficial uses.
3. **In-Water Work or Diversions:**

During planned work in water any discharge(s) to waters of the state shall conform to the following water quality standards:

- a. Oil and Grease. Waters shall not contain oils, greases, waxes or other materials in concentrations that result in a visible film or coating on the surface of the water or on objects in the water, that cause nuisance, or that otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.
- b. Dissolved Oxygen. No single determination shall be less than 5.0 mg/L, except when natural conditions cause lesser concentrations.

- c. pH. The pH of inland surface waters shall not be depressed below 6.5 or raised above 8.5 as a result of waste discharges. Ambient pH levels shall not be changed more than 0.5 units from natural conditions as a result of waste discharge.
- d. Turbidity. Downstream turbidity shall be maintained at ambient levels. Where natural turbidity is between 0 and 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU), increases shall not exceed 20%. Where natural turbidity is greater than 50 NTU, increases shall not exceed 10%.

Sampling shall be conducted in accordance with Table 3 sampling parameters.³

| Parameter | Unit of Measurement | Type of Sample | Minimum Frequency |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| Oil and Grease | N/A | Visual | Continuous |
| Dissolved Oxygen | mg/L | Grab | Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter |
| pH | Standard Units | Grab | Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter |
| Turbidity | NTU | Grab | Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter |
| Temperature | °F (or as °C) | Grab | Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter |

Baseline sampling shall be conducted at least one location within the project boundary for each phase. All other sampling shall take place at a minimum of two locations. In streams or flowing water the sample locations shall be upstream and downstream. Results of the analyses shall be submitted to this Regional Board by the 15th day of each subsequent sampling month. A map or drawing indicating the locations of sampling points shall be included with each submittal.

- 4. **Post-Construction:** Visually inspect the Project site during the rainy season for 5 years to ensure excessive erosion, stream instability, or other water quality pollution is not occurring in or downstream of the Project site. If water quality pollution is occurring, contact the Los Angeles Water Board staff member overseeing the Project within three (3) working days. The Los Angeles Water Board may require the submission of a Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report. Additional permits may be required to carry out any necessary site remediation.

³ Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 136; where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, the method shall be approved by Los Angeles Water Board staff. Grab samples shall be taken between the surface and mid-depth and not be collected at the same time each day to get a complete representation of variations in the receiving water. A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring shall be maintained onsite.

D. Standard

1. This Order is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Water Code section 13330, and California Code of Regulations, title 23, chapter 28, Article 6 commencing with sections 3867-3869, inclusive. Additionally, the Los Angeles Water Board reserves the right to suspend, cancel, or modify and reissue this Order, after providing notice to the Permittee, if the Los Angeles Water Board determines that: the Project fails to comply with any of the conditions of this Order; or, when necessary to implement any new or revised water quality standards and implementation plans adopted or approved pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.) or federal Clean Water Act section 303 (33 U.S.C. § 1313). For purposes of Clean Water Act section 401(d), the condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with water quality standards and appropriate requirements of state law.
2. This Order is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license, unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to subsection 3855(b) of chapter 28, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, and that application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. This Order is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required under title 23 of the California Code of Regulations and owed by the Permittee.
4. In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Order, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process, or sanctions as provided for under state and federal law. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), the applicability of any state law authorizing remedies, penalties, processes, or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this Order.

E. General Compliance

1. Failure to comply with any condition of this Order shall constitute a violation of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the Clean Water Act. The Permittee and/or discharger may then be subject to administrative and/or civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 13385.
2. Permitted actions must not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standards, including impairment of designated beneficial uses for receiving waters as adopted in the Basin Plans by any applicable Los Angeles Water Board or any applicable State Water Board (collectively Water Boards) water quality control plan or policy. The source of any such discharge must be eliminated as soon as practicable.
3. In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Order, the Los Angeles Water Board may require the holder of this Order to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Water Boards deem appropriate, provide that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. The additional

monitoring requirements ensure that permitted discharges and activities comport with any applicable effluent limitations, water quality standards, and/or other appropriate requirement of state law.

4. The Permittee must, at all times, fully comply with engineering plans, specifications, and technical reports submitted to support this Order; and all subsequent submittals required as part of this Order. The conditions within this Order and Attachments supersede conflicting provisions within Permittee submittals.
5. This Order and all of its conditions contained herein continue to have full force and effect regardless of the expiration or revocation of any federal license or permit issued for the Project. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), this condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements of state law.
6. **Construction General Permit Requirement:** The Permittee shall maintain compliance with conditions described in, and required by, NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities, Order No. 2012-0011-DWQ.

F. Administrative

1. Signatory requirements for all document submittals required by this Order are presented in Attachment A of this Order.
2. This Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened, endangered or candidate species or any act, which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, §§ 2050-2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this Order held by the Permittee, the Permittee must obtain authorization for the take prior to any construction or operation of the portion of the Project that may result in a take. The Permittee is responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable endangered species act for the Project authorized under this Order.
3. The Permittee shall grant Los Angeles Water Board staff, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a Water Board representative), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, permission to:
 - a. Enter the Project or compensatory mitigation site(s) premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept.
 - b. Have access to and copy any records that are kept and are relevant to the Project or the requirements of this Order.
 - c. Inspect any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order.
 - d. Sample or monitor for the purposes of assuring Order compliance.
4. A copy of this Order shall be provided to any consultants, contractors, and subcontractors working on the Project. Copies of this Order shall remain at the Project

site for the duration of this Order. The Permittee shall be responsible for work conducted by its consultants, contractors, and any subcontractors.

5. A copy of this Order must be available at the Project site(s) during construction for review by site personnel and agencies. All personnel performing work on the Project shall be familiar with the content of this Order and its posted location at the Project site.
6. Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement – The Permittee shall submit a signed copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife’s lake and streambed alteration agreement to the Los Angeles Water Board immediately upon execution and prior to any discharge to waters of the state.

G. Best Management Practices

- Vehicles and equipment shall not be fueled or serviced/repared within 100 feet of jurisdictional limits, or where such materials could drain into jurisdictional watercourse areas.
- No equipment will be staged within jurisdictional limits overnight.
- All vehicles or disturbance must remain within approved work areas and access routes.
- Excavated or construction materials shall not be discharged or stockpiles within jurisdictional watercourse areas, and any excess spoils will be disposed of in an appropriate location outside of any drainage feature.
- All work shall be conducted in the dry season.
- No dewatering is proposed.
- Vehicles will be inspected and all leaks repaired prior to entering jurisdictional limits.
- The limits of the proposed work areas for each pole will be staked to prohibit or minimize disturbances within jurisdictional areas.
- Ground disturbance shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible.
- Vegetation disturbance shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible.

1. Storm Water

The project shall comply with the local regulations associated with the Regional Board’s Municipal Stormwater Permit issued to Los Angeles County and co-permittees under NPDES No. CAS004001 and Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R4-2012-0175.

H. Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts⁴

⁴ Compensatory Mitigation is for permanent physical loss and permanent ecological degradation of a water of the state.

1. Compensatory Mitigation Plan

- a. The Permittee has not submitted a draft compensatory mitigation plan as part of the application. The Permittee shall provide a final compensatory mitigation plan for written approval by Los Angeles Water Board staff. Impacts to waters of the state are not authorized and shall not occur until a compensatory mitigation plan has been approved by Los Angeles Water Board staff. Upon approval by Los Angeles Water Board staff, the Permittee shall implement the approved plan.
- b. If the Permittee fulfills their compensatory mitigation obligations by Permittee-Responsible Compensatory Mitigation, the final compensatory mitigation plan shall include all plan elements as outlined in 40 CFR § 230.94(c)
- c. If the Permittee fulfills their compensatory mitigation obligations by securing credits from an approved mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program, need only include the items described in 40 CFR § 230.94(c)(5)-(6), and the name of the specific mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program to be used. This information shall be submitted to this Regional Board for approval prior to any project activities which take place within waters of the United States and shall include copies of all agreements made between the Applicant and a third-party organization regarding compensatory mitigation efforts.

2. Permittee-Responsible Compensatory Mitigation Responsibility

- a. The Permittee is responsible for the required compensatory mitigation in perpetuity. However, the Permittee may transfer the compensatory mitigation requirements associated with long-term management when the following conditions have been met:
 - i. Performance standards are met.
 - ii. A Transfer Agreement to a third party has been approved by Los Angeles Water Board staff.
 - iii. An endowment fund has been provided by the Permittee to a third party for management in perpetuity of the mitigation site.
 - iv. A conservation easement, deed restriction, or other appropriate restrictive covenant for the mitigation site has been recorded and approved by Los Angeles Water Board staff.
- b. Transfer of Long-Term Permittee-Responsible Compensatory Mitigation and Management Responsibility
 - i. A transfer agreement shall be submitted from an authorized representative of the new party (transferee) for acceptance by Los Angeles Water Board staff. This agreement shall demonstrate acceptance and understanding of the responsibility to comply with and fully satisfy the required compensatory mitigation and long-term management conditions. Failure to comply with the mitigation conditions and associated requirements may subject the transferee to enforcement by the Los Angeles Water Board under Water Code section 13385, subdivision (a).

- ii. Notification of transfer of responsibilities meeting the above condition must be provided to the Los Angeles Water Board staff. A draft transfer agreement is due to Los Angeles Water Board staff no less than thirty (30) days prior to the transfer of the mitigation responsibility. A final transfer agreement is due to Los Angeles Water Board staff within 30 days of the completion of the transfer.

3. Total Required Compensatory Mitigation

- a. The Permittee is required to provide compensatory mitigation for the authorized impact within waters of the State by providing mitigation at a ratio of **3:1**, for total of **0.027** acres.
- b. Total required Project compensatory mitigation information for permanent physical loss of area is summarized in Table 4.

| Table 4: Required Project Compensatory Mitigation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area | | | |
|---|--|--------------|---|
| Aquatic Resource Type | Comp Mitigation Type⁵ | Units | Method⁶ |
| | | | Establishment, Re-establishment, Rehabilitation |
| Stream Channel | In lieu, Mitigation Bank, or Permittee Responsible | Acres | 0.027 |

XIII. Water Quality Certification

I hereby issue the Order for Access Road to Tower M1-T6 on the Gould-Sylmar 220kV Transmission Line (SAP80047594), WQC40116128 certifying that as long as all of the conditions listed in this Order are met, any discharge from the referenced Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Clean Water Act sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards).

This discharge is also regulated pursuant to State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ which authorizes this Order to serve as Waste Discharge Requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.).

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Order actions are contingent on: (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the conditions of this Order and the attachments to this Order; and,

⁵ Compensatory mitigation type may be: In-Lieu-Fee (ILF); Mitigation Bank (MB); Permittee-Responsible (PR)

⁶ Methods: establishment (Est.), reestablishment (Re-est.), rehabilitation (Reh.), enhancement (Enh.), preservation (Pres.). Unknown applies to advance credits with an unknown method and or location.

(b) compliance with all applicable requirements of Statewide Water Quality Control Plans and Policies, the Regional Water Boards' Water Quality Control Plans and Policies.



Samuel Unger, PE
Executive Officer
Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board

3-15-18

Date

ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT LOCATION AND AERIAL





ATTACHMENT B

SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

*All Documents Submitted In Compliance With This Order
Shall Meet The Following Signatory Requirements:*

1. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) must be signed and certified as follows:
 - a) For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer of at least the level of vice-president.
 - b) For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or proprietor, respectively.
 - c) For a municipality, or a state, federal, or other public agency, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
2. A duly authorized representative of a person designated in items 1.a through 1.c above may sign documents if:
 - a) The authorization is made in writing by a person described in items 1.a through 1.c above.
 - b) The authorization specifies either an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated activity.
 - c) The written authorization is submitted to the State Water Board Staff Contact prior to submitting any documents listed in item 1 above.
3. Any person signing a document under this section shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

ATTACHMENT C

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Copies of this Form

In order to identify your project, it is necessary to include a copy of the Project specific Cover Sheet below with your report: please retain for your records

Report Submittal Instructions

1. Check the box on the Report and Notification Cover Sheet next to the report or notification you are submitting.
 - **Part A (Annual Report):** This report will be submitted annually from the anniversary of Project effective date until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued.
 - **Part B (Project Status Notifications):** Used to notify the Los Angeles Water Board of the status of the Project schedule that may affect Project billing.
 - **Part C (Conditional Notifications and Reports):** Required on a case by case basis for accidental discharges of hazardous materials, violation of compliance with water quality standards, notification of in-water work, or other reports.
2. Sign the Report and Notification Cover Sheet and attach all information requested for the Report Type.
3. **Electronic Report Submittal Instructions:**
 - Submit signed Report and Notification Cover Sheet and required information via email to: Dana.Cole@waterboards.ca.gov
 - Include in the subject line of the email:
Subject: ATTN: Dana Cole; File No: 16-128, Reg. Measure ID: 409844_Report

Definition of Reporting Terms

1. **Active Discharge Period:** The active discharge period begins with the effective date of this Order and ends on the date that the Permittee receives a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter or, if no post-construction monitoring is required, a Notice of Project Complete Letter. The Active Discharge Period includes all elements of the Project including site construction and restoration, and any Permittee responsible compensatory mitigation construction.
2. **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:** This request by the Permittee to the Los Angeles Water Board staff pertains to projects that have post construction monitoring requirements, e.g. if site restoration was required to be monitored for 5 years following construction. Los Angeles Water Board staff will review the request and send a Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee upon approval. This letter will initiate the post-discharge monitoring period and a change in fees from the annual active discharge fee to the annual post-discharge monitoring fee.

3. **Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter:** This request by the Permittee to the Los Angeles Water Board staff pertains to projects that either have completed post-construction monitoring and achieved performance standards or have no post-construction monitoring requirements, and no further Project activities are planned. Los Angeles Water Board staff will review the request and send a Project Complete Letter to the Permittee upon approval. Termination of annual invoicing of fees will correspond with the date of this letter.
4. **Post-Discharge Monitoring Period:** The post-discharge monitoring period begins on the date of the Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter and ends on the date of the Notice of Project Complete Letter issued by the Los Angeles Water Board staff. The Post-Discharge Monitoring Period includes continued water quality monitoring or compensatory mitigation monitoring.
5. **Effective Date:** Date of Order issuance.

Map/Photo Documentation Information

When submitting maps or photos, please use the following formats.

1. **Map Format Information:**

Preferred map formats of at least 1:24000 (1" = 2000') detail (listed in order of preference):

- **GIS shapefiles:** The shapefiles must depict the boundaries of all project areas and extent of aquatic resources impacted. Each shape should be attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Features and boundaries should be accurate to within 33 feet (10 meters). Identify datum/projection used and if possible, provide map with a North American Datum of 1983 (NAD38) in the California Teale Albers projection in feet.
- **Google KML files** saved from Google Maps: My Maps or Google Earth Pro. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Include URL(s) of maps. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- **Other electronic format** (CAD or illustration format) that provides a context for location (inclusion of landmarks, known structures, geographic coordinates, or USGS DRG or DOQQ). Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- Aquatic resource maps marked on paper **USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps** or **Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQQ)** printouts. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.

2. **Photo-Documentation:** Include a unique identifier, date stamp, written description of photo details, and latitude/longitude (in decimal degrees) or map indicating location of photo. Successive photos should be taken from the same vantage point to compare pre/post construction conditions.

REPORT AND NOTIFICATION COVER SHEET

Project: Access Road to Tower M1-T6 on Gould-Sylmar Line Sylmar 220kV
Transmission Line (SAP80047594)

Permittee: Southern California Edison, Hazem Gabar

Reg. Meas. ID: 409844 **Place ID:** 829165

File No: 16-128

Report Type Submitted

Part A – Project Reporting

Report Type **Annual Report**

Part B - Project Status Notifications

Report Type **Commencement of Construction**

Report Type **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter**

Report Type **Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter**

Part C - Conditional Notifications and Reports

Report Type **Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report**

Report Type **Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report**

Report Type **In-Water Work/Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report**

Report Type **Modifications to Project Report**

Report Type **Transfer of Property Ownership Report**

Report Type **Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report**

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

Print Name ¹

Affiliation and Job Title

Signature

Date

¹STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION (include if authorization has changed since application was submitted)

I hereby authorize _____ to act in my behalf as my representative in the submittal of this report, and to furnish upon request, supplemental information in support of this submittal.

Permittee's Signature

Date

***This Report and Notification Cover Sheet must be signed by the Permittee or a duly authorized representative and included with all written submittals.**

Part A – Project Reporting

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| Report Type | Annual Report |
| Report Purpose | Notify the Los Angeles Water Board staff of Project status during both the active discharge and post-discharge monitoring periods. |
| When to Submit | Annual reports shall be submitted each year on the anniversary of Project effective date. Annual reports shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee. |
| Report Contents | <p>The contents of the annual report shall include the topics indicated below for each project period. Report contents are outlined in Annual Report Topics below.</p> <p><u>During the Active Discharge Period</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 1: Construction Summary • Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status • Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status <p><u>During the Post-Discharge Monitoring Period</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status • Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status |
| Annual Report Topics (1-3) | |
| Annual Report Topic 1 | Construction Summary |
| When to Submit | With the annual report during the Active Discharge Period. |
| Report Contents | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project progress and schedule including initial ground disturbance, site clearing and grubbing, road construction, site construction, and the implementation status of construction storm water best management practices (BMPs). If construction has not started, provide estimated start date and reasons for delay. 2. Map showing general Project progress. 3. If applicable: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Summary of Conditional Notification and Report Types 6 and 7 (Part C below). b. Summary of Certification Deviations. See Certification Deviation Attachment for further information. |
| Annual Report Topic 2 | Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status |
| When to Submit | With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period. |

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| Report Contents | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Planned date of initiation and map showing locations of mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and all upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.2. If mitigation for temporary impacts has already commenced, provide a map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the restoration plan. |
| Annual Report Topic 3 | Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status |
| When to Submit | With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period. |
| Report Contents | <p>*If not applicable report N/A.</p> <p>Part A. Permittee Responsible</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Planned date of initiation of compensatory mitigation site installation.2. If installation is in progress, a map of what has been completed to date.3. If the compensatory mitigation site has been installed, provide a final map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the compensatory mitigation plan. <p>Part B. Mitigation Bank or In-Lieu Fee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Status or proof of purchase of credit types and quantities.2. Include the name of bank/ILF Program and contact information.3. If ILF, location of project and type if known. |

Part B – Project Status Notifications

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| Report Type | Commencement of Construction |
| Report Purpose | Notify Los Angeles Water Board staff prior to the start of construction. |
| When to Submit | Must be received at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities. |
| Report Contents | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Date of commencement of construction. 2. Anticipated date when discharges to waters of the state will occur. 3. Project schedule milestones including a schedule for onsite compensatory mitigation, if applicable. |

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| Report Type | Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter |
| Report Purpose | Notify Los Angeles Water Board staff that post-construction monitoring is required and that active Project construction, including any mitigation and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation, is complete. |
| When to Submit | Must be received by Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities. |
| Report Contents | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status of storm water Notice of Termination(s), if applicable. 2. Status of post-construction storm water BMP installation. 3. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all Project activity sites where the discharge of dredge and/or fill/excavation was authorized. 4. Summary of Certification Deviation discharge quantities compared to initial authorized impacts to waters of the state, if applicable. 5. An updated monitoring schedule for mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation during the post-discharge monitoring period, if applicable. |

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| Report Type | Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter |
| Report Purpose | Notify Los Angeles Water Board staff that construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete, or is not required, and no further Project activity is planned. |
| When to Submit | Must be received by Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities. |
| Report Contents | <p>Part A: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for Project site upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. 2. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for restored areas of temporary impacts to waters of the state. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all restoration sites. |

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| | <p>Part B: Permittee Responsible Compensatory Mitigation</p> <p>3. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the compensatory mitigation plan have been met.</p> <p>4. Status on the implementation of the long-term maintenance and management plan and funding of endowment.</p> <p>5. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all compensatory mitigation sites.</p> <p>6. Final maps of all compensatory mitigation areas (including buffers).</p> <p>Part C: Post-Construction Storm Water BMPs</p> <p>7. Date of storm water Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.</p> <p>8. Report status and functionality of all post-construction BMPs.</p> |
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| Part C – Conditional Notifications and Reports |
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| Report Type | Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report |
| Report Purpose | Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff that an accidental discharge of hazardous material has occurred. |
| When to Submit | Within five (5) working days following the date of an accidental discharge. Continue reporting as required by Los Angeles Water Board staff. |
| Report Contents | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The report shall include the OES Incident/Assessment Form, a full description and map of the accidental discharge incident (i.e. location, time and date, source, discharge constituent and quantity, aerial extent, and photo documentation). If applicable, the OES Written Follow-Up Report may be substituted. 2. If applicable, any required sampling data, a full description of the sampling methods including frequency/dates and times of sampling, equipment, locations of sampling sites. 3. Locations and construction specifications of any barriers, including silt curtains or diverting structures, and any associated trenching or anchoring. |

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| Report Type | Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report |
| Report Purpose | Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff that a violation of compliance with water quality standards has occurred. |
| When to Submit | The Permittee shall report any event that causes a violation of water quality standards within three (3) working days of the noncompliance event notification to Los Angeles Water Board staff. |
| Report Contents | The report shall include: the cause; the location shown on a map; and the period of the noncompliance including exact dates and times. If the noncompliance has not been corrected, include: the anticipated time it is expected to continue; the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and |

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| | prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance; and any monitoring results if required by Los Angeles Water Board staff. |
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| Report Type | In-Water Work and Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report |
| Report Purpose | Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff of the completion of in-water work. |
| When to Submit | Within three (3) working days following the completion of in-water work. Continue reporting in accordance with the approved water quality monitoring plan. |
| Report Contents | As required by the approved water quality monitoring plan. |

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| Report Type | Modifications to Project Report |
| Report Purpose | Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff if the Project, as described in the application materials, is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority. |
| When to Submit | If Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority. |
| Report Contents | A description and location of any alterations to Project implementation. Identification of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with the Order. |

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| Report Type | Transfer of Property Ownership Report |
| Report Purpose | Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff of change in ownership of the Project or Permittee-responsible mitigation area. |
| When to Submit | At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of ownership. |
| Report Contents | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A statement that the Permittee has provided the purchaser with a copy of this Order and that the purchaser understands and accepts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Order's requirements and the obligation to implement them or be subject to administrative and/or civil liability for failure to do so; and b. responsibility for compliance with any long-term BMP² maintenance plan requirements in this Order. 2. A statement that the Permittee has informed the purchaser to submit a written request to the Los Angeles Water Board to be named as the permittee in a revised order. |

² Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a term used to describe a type of water pollution or environmental control.