
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, CEMA HOUSE PROJECT 1 EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR PROJECT (WDID# 5C10CR00100), FRESNO COUNTY

On 19 May 2025, the 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 CEMA House Project 1 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 will take place within less than 0.07 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) 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 and supplementary information requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 20 June 2025 (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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 road repairs at 17 discrete project locations to allow access to Southern California Edison (SCE) electrical towers and facilities.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include work on the road prism that will restore the road to safe and acceptable levels for access. Emergency repairs to the road may include the following activities that could affect aquatic resources:

- Vegetation removal and clearing downed tree and boulder obstructions;
- Blading of the road surface to remove slides and slumps;
- Grading to repair blowouts, erosion, and rutting;
- Recompacting 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 and;
- Repairing and returning into service culverts, McCarthy drains, walls, and over road protection features.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Temporarily impacted areas shall be restored to pre-Project condition.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Lake			
Ocean/bay/estuary			
Riparian Zone			
Stream Channel	0.04	67	288
Vernal Pool			
Wetland	0.03	53	18

PROJECT LOCATION:

The 11.5-acre Project is located approximately one (1) mile northeast of Tollhouse in Fresno County. The northernmost extent of work is at approximately latitude 37.057411 degrees, longitude -119.373193 degrees and the southernmost extent of work is at approximately latitude 37.022697 degrees, longitude -119.384939 degrees. Table 2 displays the locations for 17 work sites where impacts to aquatic resources will occur.

Table 2: Project Impact Locations

Site ID	Latitude (Decimal Degrees)	Longitude (Decimal Degrees)
ENV_011667	37.0574236	-119.3731894
ENV_011668	37.05640008	-119.3755611
ENV_011669	37.05615113	-119.3746651
ENV_011670	37.055919	-119.3737611
ENV_011671	37.04108213	-119.374082
ENV_011672	37.02333112	-119.3838573
ENV_011673	37.03923628	-119.3737474
ENV_011674	37.033771	-119.3839044
ENV_011675	37.02492231	-119.3803192
ENV_011828	37.025861	-119.377831
ENV_011354	37.05643528	-119.3751823
ENV_011353	37.04121856	-119.3744841
ENV_011351	37.04041543	-119.3735506
ENV_011347	37.02272126	-119.3849108
ENV_011349	37.02630696	-119.3780829
ENV_011350	37.03407459	-119.3772502
ENV_011355	37.03370225	-119.3774204

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The approximate timeframe of Project construction is 21 July 2025 through 31 October 2025.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$4,214.00 was received on 25 June 2025. 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 with a cc to Brandon Salazar at brandon.salazar@waterboards.ca.gov. The WDID No. for this Project is **5C10CR00100**.

The Applicant shall notify the Central Valley Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in flowing or standing water or stream diversions. Notification may be via e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.

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.



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