
State Water Resources Control Board

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Hazem Gabr
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Dear Mr. Gabr:

**CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON DEVERS-PALO VERDE 500KV NO. 2 PROJECT,
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. SB11007IN)**

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has requested that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issue a Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification, for the Devers-Palo Verde 500kV No. 2 Project (Project). An application for Water Quality Certification was received by the State Water Board on May 25, 2011. State Water Board staff deemed the application complete on November 4, 2011.

State Water Board staff reviewed the information submitted by SCE describing activities, proposed water quality protection measures, and compensatory mitigation for the Project. State Water Board staff conducted a Project field review with SCE on July 26-27, 2011, to review impact areas. The State Water Board staff has also consulted with the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Boards) on the Project.

Pursuant to Title 23, section 3838, of the California Code of Regulations, I hereby make the Certification determination described in the Enclosure for this Project. Attachments A through G of the Enclosure are also part of this Certification.

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If you require further assistance, please contact Bob Solecki, the staff person most knowledgeable about the subject, at (916) 341-5483 (rssolecki@waterboards.ca.gov). You may also contact Bill Orme, Chief of the 401 Certification and Wetlands Protection Unit, at (916) 341-5464 (borme@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Thomas Howard
Executive Director

Enclosures: Water Quality Certification Order
Attachment A: Signatory Requirement
Attachment B: Project Information Sheet
Attachment C: Supplemental Project Information Sheet
Attachment D: Maps
Attachment E: Project Impact Tables
Attachment F: Mitigation Tables
Attachment G: Mitigation Measures and Applicant Proposed Measures
from the Mitigation, Monitoring, and Compliance Reporting
Program

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