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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 298-080 - California Kaweah Hydroelectric Project Southern California Edison Company

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Reference: Study Plan Determination for the Kaweah Hydroelectric Project

Dear Mr. Allen:

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.13(c) of the Commission's regulations, this letter contains the study plan determination for Southern California Edison's (SCE) Kaweah Hydroelectric Project.

Background

On May 24, 2017, SCE filed its proposed plan for studies on aquatic habitats, fish populations, fish passage and entrainment, water quality, geomorphology, special status amphibians and reptiles, botanical and wildlife habitat, land use, recreation, and cultural resources in support of its intent to relicense the Kaweah Project. SCE held a study plan meeting on June 21, 2017. On August 25, 2017, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and American Whitewater filed comments on the proposed study plan. On September 18, 2017, SCE filed a written response to the filed comments and stated that its proposed study plan, without revision, constitutes its revised study plan. No reply comments were filed on the revised study plan.

Study Plan Determination

SCE's study plan filed on May 24, 2017, is approved. The approved studies are listed in Appendix A.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Hastreiter at (503) 552-2760.

Sincerely,

Director

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Enclosures: Appendix A-- Approved studies

APPENDIX A APPROVED STUDIES

Study	Recommending Entity	Approved	Approved with Modifications	Not Required
1 – Geomorphology Study	Southern California Edison Company (SCE)	X		
2 – Water Quality Study	SCE	X		
3 – Water Temperature Study	SCE	X		
4 – Macroinvertebrate Study	SCE	X		
5 –Instream Flow Study	SCE	X		
6 – Fish Population Study	SCE	X		
7 – Fish Passage Study	SCE	X		
8 – Entrainment Study	SCE	X		
9 – Special-status Amphibians and Aquatic Reptiles Study	SCE	X		
10 – Botanical Study	SCE	X		
11 – Wildlife Study	SCE	X		
12 – Recreation Study	SCE	X		
13 – Transportation Study	SCE	X		
14 – Visual and Noise Study	SCE	X		
15 – Cultural Resources Study	SCE	X		