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**LIST OF ACRONYMS**

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CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Forest Service	United States Forest Service
ILP	Integrated Licensing Process
NGO	non-governmental organizations
PAD	Pre-Application Document
Project	Rush Creek Project
SCE	Southern California Edison Company
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service

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## **6.0 SUMMARY OF CONTACTS**

### **6.1 INTRODUCTION**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) regulations implementing the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) requires that an applicant for a new license consult with interested parties (stakeholders) during the relicensing process. As required in Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations § 5.6(d)(5), this section and related Appendix B provide a summary of all contacts to date with federal and state resource agencies, local governments, Native American Tribes, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and other interested parties made in connection with preparing this Pre-Application Document (PAD) for Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) Rush Creek Project (Project).

Following filing of the PAD, SCE expects to initiate regular meetings as the relicensing process proceeds.

### **6.2 EARLY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

SCE initiated outreach activities in early 2021. The intent of these early outreach activities was to identify potential stakeholders and understand their resource interests, describe Project facilities and operations to interested parties, and solicit existing resource information. Early outreach activities included the following:

- Developing a comprehensive distribution list of federal and state resource agencies, local governments, Native American Tribes, NGOs, and other interested parties. The distribution list, which includes over 200 entities, will continue to be maintained by SCE throughout the relicensing process (Appendix B-1).
- To facilitate communication during the relicensing, SCE established a publicly accessible Internet website which can be accessed at [www.sce.com/RushCreek](http://www.sce.com/RushCreek). The website serves as a repository for information on relicensing activities, including meeting notices and agendas; major filings by SCE or FERC; reference materials; key decision and action items; and links to relevant information sources.
- On March 11, 2021, SCE distributed an announcement notifying stakeholders of the upcoming relicensing for the Project (Appendix B-2).
- On March 15, 2021, SCE distributed a Project Information Questionnaire to stakeholders requesting assistance identifying existing, relevant, and reasonably available information to describe the existing Project environment; invited stakeholders to identify Project-related issues, concerns, or interests; and requested information on data gaps or additional information needs. SCE received responses from seven stakeholders. Five stakeholders identified general areas of interest and/or specific resource issues or concerns, including: United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW); Department of Water Resources – Division of Dam Safety; East Shore Silver Lake Improvement Association, Inc.; and the June Lake Regional Planning Advisory

Committee. Two stakeholders only provided contact information and interest in participation in the relicensing, including: National Park Service and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Appendix B-3).

- SCE requested available data related to resources in the vicinity of the Project from resource agencies, as follows:
  - On April 26, 2021, SCE requested available data related to special-status species from the CDFW and USFWS.
  - On May 13, 2021, SCE requested various data from the United States Forest Service (Forest Service) related to cultural, terrestrial, fish and aquatic, and recreation resources.
- SCE conducted focused agency outreach meetings (virtual) to provide an overview of the Project, options under consideration under the Proposed Project, and the relicensing schedule. Specifically, SCE met with representatives of the Forest Service on April 30, 2021, and the State Water Board on July 30, 2021.
- On October 19, 2021, SCE conducted two relicensing kick-off webinars (afternoon and evening) to discuss the upcoming relicensing process. The two webinars had identical agendas, but were provided during both the day and night to offer greater opportunity for participation by federal and state resource agencies, local governments, Native American Tribes, NGOs, and other interested parties. The purpose of the webinars was to acquaint interested parties with FERC's ILP, including key milestones and opportunities for stakeholder participation. SCE also provided an overview of the existing Project; the Proposed Project under consideration in the relicensing proceeding; and the PAD (Appendix B-4).