

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Southern California Edison Company

Project No. 298-081

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

(May 20, 2024)

On December 23, 2019, Southern California Edison Company filed a relicense application for the 8.85-megawatt Kaweah Hydroelectric Project No. 298 (project). The project is located on the Kaweah River and East Fork Kaweah River in Tulare County, California.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on April 15, 2020, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

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The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

MILESTONE	TARGET DATE
Commission issues EA	June 2024 ¹
Comments on EA	August 2024

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Rebecca Kipp at (202) 502-8846 or rebecca.kipp@ferc.gov.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

¹ The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 C.F.R. § 1501.10(b)(1) (2023) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. *See* National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 *et seq.*, as amended by section 107(g)(1)(B)(iii) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, Pub. L. No. 118-5, § 4336a, 137 Stat. 42.

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