

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Southern California Edison Company

Project No. 382-108

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

(July 29, 2024)

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, 18 C.F.R. Part 380, Commission staff reviewed Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) application for surrender of license and decommissioning project features of the Borel Hydroelectric Project No. 382 and have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed surrender. The SCE is requesting to surrender its license and to dispose of all the associated project facilities (i.e., removal, modification, or abandonment in place). SCE is surrendering the Borel Project license because the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) implemented a safety modification to its Lake Isabella Auxiliary Dam which rendered the Borel Project nonfunctional. The project is located on the Kern River in Kern County, California. The project occupies federal land administered by the U.S. Forest Service, Corps, and the Bureau of Land Management.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of surrendering the license and decommissioning project facilities, and concludes that the proposed surrender, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-382) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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All comments must be filed by **August 28, 2024**.

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