



State Water Resources Control Board

June 27, 2012

To: Interested Parties

ACCEPTING COMMENTS ON DRAFT WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR THE EAGLE MOUNTAIN PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT, FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 13123

Eagle Crest Energy Company (ECE) applied for an original license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project (Project). The Project is located near the Town of Eagle Mountain, within eastern Riverside County. As part of the licensing process for the Project, ECE filed its most recent application for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on September 6, 2011.

Prior to issuance of water quality certification, the State Water Board must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The State Water Board is the lead agency under CEQA. The State Water Board will issue a final Environmental Impact Report prior to the final water quality certification.

State Water Board staff prepared a draft water quality certification for the Project. Although not required, State Water Board staff will accept comments on the draft water quality certification. **Comments must be received by NOON (12:00 PM) on July 27, 2012.** Comments can be submitted electronically or by mail to:

Mr. Oscar Biondi
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Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
or
Email: obiondi@waterboards.ca.gov

The draft water quality certification is available on the Division of Water Rights (Division) web site at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/ceqa_projects.shtml#eagle

If you cannot access the document online, you may request that the Division mail you a copy by contacting Mr. Oscar Biondi at (916) 323-9397 or by email at obiondi@waterboards.ca.gov. Please make your request promptly to allow enough time to receive and review the document within the comment period.

In an effort to reduce reliance on paper mailings, future notices will be provided by email. In order to receive future notices on the Project and for other Division related water quality certification projects, go to the State Water Board's home page located at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml and subscribe to: "Water Rights Water Quality Certification" email list.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Mr. Oscar Biondi at (916) 323-9397 or by email at obiondi@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Oscar Biondi, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA, 95812-2000.

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