

## State Water Resources Control Board

### Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Quality  
Water Quality Certification Program

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities that may discharge to waters of the United States must seek a Water Quality Certification from the state with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge would meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has responsibility for issuing certifications for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Certification Program.

**Applicant: Altamont Winds, LLC**  
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**Project Name: Summit Wind Repower Project**  
**CIWQS Regulatory Measure ID: 409957**  
**File No.: SB16008IN**  
**Date of Application: 10/24/2016**

**Public Notice of Application for  
Water Quality Certification for Altamont Winds, LLC  
Summit Wind Repower Project  
Affected County: Alameda**

On October 24, 2016, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) received an application requesting Federal Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for activities related to the Canon Station Industrial Project (Project), from Altamont Winds LLC (Applicant). The proposed Project spans the jurisdiction of more than one Regional Water Quality Control Board, and therefore, the State Water Board has jurisdiction over the Project. Activities would be conducted within the boundaries of the San Francisco Bay and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Boards.

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Altamont Winds, LLC proposes to repower an existing wind energy facility, to replace old technology wind turbine generators (WTG) with fewer and more efficient modern WTGs, and make improvements to related infrastructure. The proposed repowered Project would be located near Altamont Pass Road in northeastern Alameda County. The proposed Project would be located within the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area, which is designated by the State of California and recognized by Alameda County as a Wind Resource Area because the area maintains winds at a level that supports economically viable wind energy projects.

The proposed Project involves installation of up to 26 replacement WTGs that will produce up to 54.5 megawatts of electricity, including related infrastructure and roads, within an existing decommissioned wind site. Projected temporary and permanent impacts to Waters of the U.S. and waters of the state are summarized in Table 1, below.

<b>Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity<sup>1</sup></b>									
<b>Aquatic Resource Type</b>	<b>Temporary Impact<sup>2</sup></b>			<b>Permanent Impact</b>					
				<b>Physical Loss of Area</b>			<b>Degradation of Ecological Condition Only</b>		
	Acres	CY	LF	Acres	CY	LF	Acres	CY	LF
Riparian Zone				0.10		988			
Stream Channel				0.16					

Projected area of aquatic resources that would be restored are summarized in Table 2, below.

<sup>1</sup> Cubic Yards (CY); Linear Feet (LF)

<sup>2</sup> Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.

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<b>Table 2: Total Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Quantity</b>							
<b>Aquatic Resource Type</b>	<b>Res.<sup>3</sup> Type</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Method<sup>4</sup></b>				
			<b>Est.</b>	<b>Re-est.</b>	<b>Reh.</b>	<b>Enh.</b>	<b>Pres.</b>
Riparian Zone	Mitigation Bank	Acre		0.30			
Stream Channel	Mitigation Bank	Acre		0.48			

**Status of CEQA and other Natural Resource Documents and Permits**

On January 19, 2016, the Alameda County Planning Department, acting as lead agency under CEQA filed a Notice of Determination for the Summit Wind Repower Project under the Final Program Environmental Impact Review for Altamont Pass Wind Resource Repowering Document (State Clearinghouse No. 2010082063).

The Applicant is seeking authorization under South Pacific Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Sacramento District Department of the Army Permit’s 2017 Nationwide Permit # 51.

State Water Board staff are proposing to regulate the Project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. In addition, staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Bandura at (916) 322-7781 or [Jean.Bandura@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jean.Bandura@waterboards.ca.gov)

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**Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.**

<sup>3</sup> Restoration (Res.)

<sup>4</sup> Methods: establishment (Est.), reestablishment (Re-est.), rehabilitation (Reh.), enhancement (Enh.), preservation (Pres.).

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### ***KEEP INFORMED OF PROJECT MILESTONES***

To be informed of milestones in the development of this proposed Water Quality Certification, any interested persons should enroll in the State Water Board's 401 Program e-mail notification service.

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[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/index.shtml) and select 'State Water Resources Control Board', then select 'Water Quality' and check the 'CWA401—Certification and Wetlands Program' box to enter your contact information. By enrolling in this list, you will receive notices for all current 401 project applications, including the project announced in this notice. You will need a valid e-mail address to use this service. You can enroll or un-enroll at any time. The State Water Board will not disclose your name or e-mail information to any outside parties.

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