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## State Water Resources Control Board

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To: Interested Parties

### ACCEPTING COMMENTS ON DRAFT FINAL 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, in eastern Riverside County, California. As part of the FERC licensing process for the Project, ECE filed its most recent application for water quality certification (WQC) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on August 28, 2012.

On June 27, 2012, the State Water Board released a Draft WQC for the Project for public comment. Comments on the Draft WQC were due by July 27, 2012. State Water Board staff reviewed the comments received on the Draft WQC and prepared a Draft Final WQC for the Project. The State Water Board is not required to release or solicit comments on Draft WQCs prior to issuance. However, the State Water Board will accept comments on the Draft Final WQC. **Comments on the Draft Final WQC are due by NOON (12:00 PM) on April 10, 2013.** Comments may be submitted electronically or by mail to:

Mr. Oscar Biondi  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000  
or  
Email: [obiondi@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:obiondi@waterboards.ca.gov)

The Draft Final WQC 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/ceqa_projects.shtml#eagle)

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

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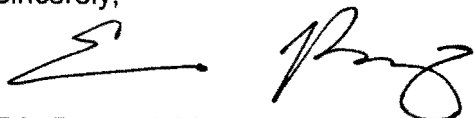
Prior to issuance of WQC, the State Water Board must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The State Water Board is the lead agency under CEQA. The State Water Board will issue a final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with the final WQC. On January 28, 2013, the State Water Board released a "Draft Final EIR" for the Project to show how the comments received and State Water Board responses have been incorporated into the environmental document. The Draft Final EIR is posted on the State Water Board's web page at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/eaglemtn13123\\_comments012513.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/eaglemtn13123_comments012513.shtml)

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 WQC projects, go to the State Water Board's home page located at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml) and subscribe to the: "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](mailto:obiondi@waterboards.ca.gov). Written correspondence or inquiries should be addressed as follows:

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Sincerely,



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