

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR  
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION  
BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

An application for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858, subdivision (a) requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application, but the typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

Oscar Biondi  
Water Quality Certification Program  
Division of Water Rights  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

**RECEIVED:** September 1, 2016  
**PROJECT:** Pine Creek Mine Tunnel Hydroelectric Project  
**APPLICANT:** Pine Creek Mine, LLC  
**CONTACT:** Mr. Craig Rossell  
**COUNTIES:** Inyo  
**PUBLIC NOTICE:** December 23, 2016  
**PROJECT STATUS:** Pending

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Pine Creek Mine, LLC has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for an original license, and to the State Water Board for water quality certification, for the Pine Creek Mine Tunnel Hydroelectric Project (Project).

Pine Creek Mine LLC proposes to use the existing underground Easy-Go Tunnel of Pine Creek Mine to impound percolating groundwater and generate electricity. The Project would have a 1,500-kilowatt generation capacity and discharge the mine water to Morgan Creek, a tributary to Pine Creek in the Owens River Basin.