

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR  
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION  
BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

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), Division of Water Rights (Division). The Division has reviewed the application and finds it complete pursuant to the requirements specified in the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856. California Code of Regulations, title 23 section 3858 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. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

Water Quality Certification Unit  
Division of Water Rights  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

**RECEIVED:** September 26, 2008  
**PROJECT:** Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project  
FERC Project No. 13123  
**APPLICANT:** Eagle Crest Energy Company  
**COUNTY:** Riverside  
**RECEIVING WATER:** Chuckawalla Valley Aquifer  
**PUBLIC NOTICE:** December 17, 2008  
**PROJECT STATUS:** Pending

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project is a 1,300 mega watt electrical generation project that will be constructed at the old Eagle Mountain Mine site in Riverside County near the town of Desert Center, California. Former mine pits will form the upper and lower reservoirs, which will be linked by subsurface tunnels to convey water through four reversible turbines to alternately pump water to the upper reservoir, and release water for power generation. The lower reservoir will be initially filled from groundwater, and the system will operate as a closed loop. Annual make-up water will be added to compensate for seepage and evaporation losses.

The State Water Board is the lead agency for the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act. The State Water Board in conjunction with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will release a Notice of Preparation of a draft environmental impact report in mid-December 2008, and will hold a scoping meeting in mid-January 2009 in Southern California near the project site.

Additional information about the project can be found at

[http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/FERC/cega\\_projects.html#eagle\\_mountain](http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/FERC/cega_projects.html#eagle_mountain)