

Public Notice – 401 Certification Application

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Applicant:

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Project Name:

Alta Mesa Wind Project, Located in Riverside County, California, 92282.
WDID No. 7A333225001, RM 441993, Place ID 871690

Receiving Water:

Whitewater River, Cottonwood Creek

Location:

City or area: Riverside County, California
Latitude/Longitude: 33.943835/-116.659996
Section/Township/Range: n/p

Project Description:

AM Wind Repower LLC (Alta Mesa), a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable Energy (Brookfield), as owner of the Alta Mesa Wind Project (Alta Mesa Wind), is planning to repower the existing wind project located in Riverside County, approximately 11 miles northwest of the City of Palm Springs. Alta Mesa is an existing 27-megawatt (MW) wind project with 159 turbines located on land zoned Wind Energy (W-E). W-E zoning allows the development of wind energy subject to approval of a Commercial WECS application. The existing turbines heights range from 114 to 145 feet. The existing 159 turbines will be removed first quarter 2021 under existing permits. Alta Mesa proposes to construct the Alta Mesa Wind Project (herein, "Project" or "project"), which would include constructing, operating, maintaining, and decommissioning 7 new WTGs. The Project would produce 27 MW of wind energy. The new facilities would be decommissioned at the end of their estimated 30-year useful life. Alta Mesa is planning to construct the Project in tandem with the adjacent Mesa wind repowering project that is situated on BLM lands and is currently going through a separate but similar permitting process. Concurrent repowering of the two projects (as opposed to two separate construction projects) would provide efficiencies and minimize total ground disturbance, traffic, and temporary impacts on environmental resources. The layout of the two projects is also being considered as one to minimize the viewshed impact while producing the most green energy.

Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

US Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Number(s):

Letter for Determination of No Jurisdiction (Los Angeles)

Action:

Pending

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