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LIVERMORE (AP) — Thousands of decades-old wind turbines in Altamont Pass will be replaced with new ones that produce more power and kill fewer migratory birds under the terms of a legal settlement announced Monday.

California Attorney General Jerry Brown said he brokered an agreement between environmental groups, wind developer NextEra Energy Resources and the state after a long running legal battle.



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“This landmark settlement mandates the replacement of outmoded wind turbines with newer models that are more efficient, generate more power and are less harmful to eagles, falcons and other birds,” Brown said in a statement.

Under terms of the settlement, 2,400 turbines on the hills of the Altamont Pass operated by NextEra will be replaced in the next four years or shut down completely by Nov. 1, 2015.

There are a total of 5,400 turbines, some dating back to the early 1980s, in the 50-square-mile Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area,

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