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California Energy Commission,

This comment is in regards to the Waterfront Facility Improvement Program for Offshore Wind Energy Development, GFO- 24-701, Item 9 on the 10/8/25 Business Meeting. The Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) is a 501c3 nonprofit located in Arcata, California. EPIC was founded in 1977 in order to protect natural world of the North Coast of California. EPIC supports CEC's decision to grant the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Conservation and Recreation District \$18,250,000 for the purposes of advancing the design of the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Terminal. Fighting climate change is necessary to protecting the North Coast's ecosystems and is core to EPIC's mission. Offshore wind is a necessary vital piece of the puzzle when it comes to fighting climate change. The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Conservation, and Recreation District has been making a good faith effort to work with environmental groups like EPIC and other local community partners to ensure that the project is designed with environmental protection and community benefits in mind. These funds will go directly to paying for technical studies and community outreach both of which are essential for developing a responsible project. We strongly urge you to approve the grant and transfer the funds to the Humboldt Bay Harbor District.

Sincerely,
Matt Simmons
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Environmental Protection Information Center