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Please TABLE item 9d - which funds a \$3 million grant for the Port San Luis Harbor District to conduct a study on the feasibility of an offshore wind energy port. I request this in view of the fact that San Luis Obispo has already committed \$1 million for a feasibility study in this location. Though way overdue, that study is still underway. Mott MacDonald, the consultants on the study, FAILED to complete the study in the agreed-upon timeframe. They received an extension until Summer 2026. NO results from the study have been provided. Furthermore, Clean Energy Terminals, a private port development company, also signed an agreement months ago with Port San Luis to conduct feasibility studies for an O&M port. That makes TWO studies underway.

With two studies lined up for this area, it is patently illogical and wasteful to fund another one before knowing those results. Is it possible that those studies will find that such a port is NOT feasible? Let's wait for the results of the existing studies before moving forward with a third. Please do the right thing for California taxpayers and HALT this grant today. The State of California has enough financial duress during these difficult times without additional spending.