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I am writing to request that you 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 Operations & Maintenance port. I am making this request due to the fact that the County of San Luis Obispo has already committed \$1 million for a feasibility study in this location, and that study is still ongoing. Mott MacDonald, the consultants on the study, did not complete the study in the agreed upon timeframe and recently received an extension until Summer 2026. As of the time of this writing, 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 jointly conduct feasibility studies for an O&M port.

As we already have two studies lined up for this area, it seems illogical and wasteful to fund another one before knowing those results. What if one or both of those studies find that such a port is NOT feasible? Let's wait for the results of the existing studies before moving forward with a third. Thank you for doing the right thing for California tax-payers and tabling this grant today.