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Chair David California Energy Commission  
Docket No. 25-A03  
715 P St.  
Sacramento, CA. 95814

RE: Scoping Offshore Wind Seaport Readiness Plan

Dear Chair Hochschild, Vice-Chair Gunda, Commissioner Gallardo, Commissioner McAllister, and Commissioner Skinner,

The Building and Construction Trades Council of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties would like to take this opportunity to comment on the Assembly Bill 03 Report 1: Offshore Wind Support Readiness Plan.

Our Council is an organization made up of fifteen Labor Unions who represent Union Workers. We cooperate to strengthen worker safety, wages, and benefits throughout Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. We have signed a Project Labor Agreement for the Heavy Lift Marine Terminal with the Humboldt Bay Harbor District and a Memorandum of Understanding with Canopy Offshore Wind LLC (RWE). Our Affiliates are committed to a skilled workforce, and we demonstrate that commitment through partnerships with Cal Poly Humboldt to provide education and training in an apprentice readiness program through the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) program, and our individual state-approved apprenticeship programs. Our Building Trades Council is ready and willing to continue to move forward with efforts to support infrastructure, coordinate with local and international stakeholders, and educate our membership for the Offshore Wind industry for our area.

In keeping with our ultimate goal of partnership and cooperation, we request definitive benchmarks that will exhibit feasibility for economic development among California's ports. In an effort to help identify where an investment of time and resources can be the most beneficial for workers, businesses, and a return on state investments, we believe that certain critical path markers need to be identified. In listing these markers, our organization can assist the Humboldt Bay Harbor District and other partners in meeting the goals necessary for California's renewable energy objectives.

We recommend these benchmarks resemble the following:

- 1.) Functional and robust communications with the public in the form of standing advisory committees that involve community members, not only stakeholders.
- 2.) Preparing for local impacts in the proposed affected areas through surveys and studies to avoid or mitigate potential shortcomings that may not support the proposed industry.



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- 3.) The Site is appropriate to proceed through the required environmental impact reviews and permitting processes required for any proposed project to move forward.
- 4.) Compiled studies show viability of sustainable energy capture or progress towards the State's renewable energy goals. (e.g. Wind Resources Area (2023) <https://cecgis-caenergy.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/CAEnergy::wind-resource-areas-2023/explore?location=35.927170%2C-119.167044%2C6.96>)
- 5.) Identified sites are ready for either remediation or development, including safeguarding for sea level rise and preparation for diversified port usage.

As representatives of Organized Labor in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, we feel that if the State of California is going to move forward with a Seaport Readiness Plan, then the plan should serve as a metric for resource distribution to ensure progress is being made towards California's Renewable Energy goals or port-wide industrialization. By determining realistic outcomes and timelines, we have the opportunity to ensure that state monies allocated to projects or industry place our ports in the best possible position to secure additional state, private or federal dollars. We see sustainable growth in our ports as an opportunity to grow a skilled, local workforce.

We thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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