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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



Comment by *Offshore Wind California* to California Energy Commission (CEC) on the Prop 4 Offshore Wind Port Development Program

May 16, 2026

My name is Adam Stern. I'm executive director of Offshore Wind California, a trade group of offshore wind developers and technology companies.

Over the past year, California has made [important strides](#) on the essential next steps to bring offshore wind online, despite the federal headwinds. Last fall, we were gratified to see California lawmakers [pass](#) a \$228 million first installment from the \$475 million voters approved in [Prop 4](#) to upgrade ports to assemble and deploy floating wind turbines. That was followed by the CEC's [award](#) of \$43 million in grants to improve waterfront facilities for floating wind projects at the [Port of Long Beach](#), [Humboldt Harbor District](#), Port San Luis Harbor, and Ports of Oakland and Richmond. These investments are vital down payments that will help catalyze public and private funding, create new jobs, and implement California's multi-port strategy to secure its [leadership](#) in offshore wind.

We support and reinforce the Commission's determination to detail and define a timeline and next steps to follow up on its [January report](#) to the Legislature on Prop 4 funding for offshore wind. We are particularly encouraged by the discussion and plans to use remaining Prop 4 funds to upgrade port infrastructure, as well as explore mechanisms to maximize their effectiveness to attract further public and private sector investments.

For the next 2 1/2 years, California has much of what it needs to move forward – on ports, transmission, and more. With the help of the Commission and offshore wind experts and stakeholders, California is well-positioned to strengthen its role as an offshore wind as well as clean-energy leader. That's a dialogue we plan to build on at our [2026 Pacific Offshore Wind Summit](#), May 18-20 in Long Beach. California [isn't backing down](#) on offshore wind. We're advancing this renewable energy resource to strengthen the state's energy security and independence, spur a hub for floating technology and jobs, and help secure our path to [100%](#) clean electricity by 2045.

Offshore wind promises to deliver a host of [benefits](#) for California workers, residents, and electricity ratepayers. Deploying 25 GW will create [thousands](#) of family-wage jobs and supply clean power to up to [25 million homes](#). Offshore wind can help avoid rolling blackouts, bring real environmental and health benefits, and provide ratepayers with large amounts of affordable, reliable clean electricity, all while coexisting with other ocean users and protecting California's coastal communities and cultural resources. As an industry, we're committed to working with state agencies, the State Legislature, and other key stakeholders to realize offshore wind's promise for all Californians.

We thank the CEC for your continuing leadership and support.