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**Notice of Availability, Request for Comments, and Staff
Workshop on the Draft Senate Bill 605 Wave and Tidal Energy
Report
September 30, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Remote Access via Zoom™

[https://zoom.us/](https://zoom.us) Meeting ID: 825 8235 5574 Passcode: 953258

Remote participation instructions are below.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is seeking public comments on the Draft *Senate Bill 605 Wave and Tidal Energy Report to the Governor and Legislature*. Senate Bill (SB) 605 directs the CEC to evaluate the feasibility, costs, and benefits of wave and tidal energy off the coast of California. The report is available on the CEC's SB 605 Wave and Tidal Offshore Renewable Energy [web page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/renewable-energy/offshore-renewable-energy/sb-605-wave-and-tidal) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/renewable-energy/offshore-renewable-energy/sb-605-wave-and-tidal>, and also in Docket No. [24-SB-605](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-SB-605) at TN 272333. (See <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-SB-605>.)

The CEC will host a remote-access workshop to present and gather feedback on the draft report on September 30, 2026. Written comments will be due on November 3, 2026.

The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda

The workshop will feature a staff presentation of the draft report, which will be posted prior to the workshop. Following the staff presentation, subject matter experts and entities involved in wave energy research, development, and deployment will share perspectives on opportunities and next steps for advancing marine energy in California. A public comment period will conclude the workshop.

A detailed meeting schedule will be posted prior to the workshop at Docket No. [24-SB-605](#), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-SB-605>.

Background

Senate Bill 605 (SB 605, Padilla, Chapter 405, Statutes of 2023) directs the CEC to evaluate the feasibility, costs, and benefits of using wave energy and tidal energy as forms of clean energy in California. Additionally, SB 605 directs the CEC to identify suitable sea space for offshore wave and tidal energy projects in state and federal waters. This work was done in coordination and consultation with the California Coastal Commission, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Ocean Protection Council, and the State Lands Commission. Additional outreach included with other state and local agencies, California Native American tribes, the offshore wave and tidal energy industry, commercial and recreational fishing communities, nongovernmental organizations, and other interested parties.

The consultant report, [*Wave and Tidal Energy: Evaluation of Feasibility, Costs, and Benefits*](https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2024/wave-and-tidal-energy-evaluation-feasibility-costs-and-benefits-senate-bill-605) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2024/wave-and-tidal-energy-evaluation-feasibility-costs-and-benefits-senate-bill-605>), was published in November 2024 and summarized in the [*2024 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update*](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2024-integrated-energy-policy-report) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2024-integrated-energy-policy-report>), adopted on October 8, 2025. The consultant report, [*Sea Space Analysis for Wave and Tidal Energy*](https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2025/sea-space-analysis-wave-and-tidal-energy) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2025/sea-space-analysis-wave-and-tidal-energy>), was published in July 2025. The third and final work product, which will be the focus of the workshop, is the Draft [*SB 605 Wave and Tidal Energy Report to the Governor and Legislature*](https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2026/senate-bill-605-wave-and-tidal-energy) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2026/senate-bill-605-wave-and-tidal-energy>). This report summarizes the findings from the previous reports and outlines considerations for the development of wave and tidal energy in California.

Attendance Instructions

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/82582355574?pwd=JxOEapNjTckbw2jHBrz7UCsPa60805.1> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID **825 8235 5574** and passcode **953258** and follow all prompts.
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Zoom Difficulty. Contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the CEC Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at 916-269-9595

Public Comment

Written comments may be submitted through the CEC's electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket [24-SB-605](#) at

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=24-SB-605>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB. If you need assistance with submitting comments, please contact the Docket Unit at docket@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5076.

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on **November 3, 2026**. All information submitted will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine; please do not include any personal contact information.

A paper copy may be mailed to:
California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 24-SB-605
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Media Inquiries. Email mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 654-4989.

General and Technical Subject Inquiries. Email Danielle Mullany at waveandtidalenergy@energy.ca.gov or call (279) 226-1019.

Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at Docket Log: [24-SB-605](#), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-SB-605>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Offshore Renewable Energy list subscription. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](#), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: September 4, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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