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Renewable Energy Leasing Process

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Planning and Analysis

- Intergovernmental Task Force
- Call for Information & Nominations (Call)
- Area Identification
- Environmental reviews

Leasing

- Publish leasing notices
  - Preliminary
  - Final
- Issue lease(s)

Site Assessment

- Site Characterization
- Site Assessment Plan (SAP) developed by Lessee

Construction and Operations

- Construction and Operations Plan (COP) reviewed under NEPA
- Facility Design Report & Fabrication and Installation Report
- Decommissioning

Public Input Opportunity

Multi-Year Process
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Science and Data Discussion

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Collaborative Data and Information Gathering Effort

• CA Energy Commission and BOEM working with Federal and State agencies and DOD

• Gather existing data sets:
  – Evaluate data and identify most useful datasets
  – Identify how to best use the data sets
  – Make datasets available on Data Basin
Data Categories

• Offshore Renewable Potential – Wind
• Physical Data
  – identify technical limitations
• Ocean Natural Resources
  – habitats, species and sensitive biological areas
• Ocean Management
  – Designated conservation and management areas
• Ocean Uses
  – Fisheries, navigation, existing leases and development
Approach and Progress

• Outreach to scientific and academic institutions
• Assemble and make relevant data sets available on Data Basin
• Convene a series of meetings to identify best uses of relevant data
• Use assembled data to inform identification of potential offshore wind generation areas
Typical Floating Offshore Wind Facility

How offshore floating wind farms work:

1. Huge floating wind turbines — each about 600 feet tall — are grouped together and anchored to the ocean floor.

2. Electricity from the turbines is transmitted to a floating substation.

3. The electricity then flows through a buried cable to an onshore power plant.

Sources: Trident Winds, Reuters, Bay Area News Group research
State and Federal Jurisdiction

• State jurisdiction extends to 3 nautical miles off the coast

• Federal jurisdiction is from 3 to 200 nautical miles offshore California (The Outer Continental Shelf – OCS)
Federal Agencies with Jurisdiction

- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) / National Marine Sanctuaries (NMS)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- United States Department of Defense (DoD)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/United States Coast Guard (USCG)
State Agencies with Jurisdiction

- California Coastal Commission (CCC)
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
- California Independent System Operator (CAISO)
- California Ocean Protection Council (OPC)
- California Parks and Recreation
- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
- California State Lands Commission (CSLC)
California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force

• Governor Brown requested the Department of Interior establish a Task Force on May 12, 2016
• Members of state, local, and tribal governments and Federal agencies participate
• Forum to discuss stakeholder issues, exchange data and information
• To engage “in further dialogue on the potential of offshore renewable energy and the planning, permitting, and coordination issues associated with this technology.” (Commissioner Douglas)
Offshore Renewable Energy List Serve

- Sign up to receive workshop notices and materials, announcements, and other documents on this topic.
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