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RE: Forum on Offshore Renewable Energy Development

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PRESS RELEASE

**San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Bruce Gibson (2nd District)
and Supervisor Adam Hill (3rd District) Announce
Public Meeting on April 13, 2017**

San Luis Obispo County Supervisors Bruce Gibson (2nd District) and Adam Hill (3rd District) will be hosting a public informational and input meeting on offshore wind energy planning and development in the evening of April 13, 2017.

In October 2016, the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the State of California convened the BOEM California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force (Task Force), a partnership of federal, state, local agencies and tribal governments, as a forum to provide critical information to the decision-making process for planning future offshore renewable energy development in federal waters offshore California.

The Task Force is currently gathering environmental and use data for the entire coast of California to inform the offshore wind planning process. Initial emphasis for this effort is on our Central Coast region due to current commercial interest by

offshore wind developers, readily available existing transmission infrastructure, and viable wind energy resources.

Supervisor Gibson has invited representatives of the Task Force to attend and share information about current and planned offshore wind planning activities with the local community. Specifically, they will provide information on the planning timeline, discuss additional opportunities for public participation throughout the process, and provide a demonstration of the Data Basin Portal, a web-based spatial planning tool that will be used to collect and share information on offshore uses and resources to inform future decision making. In addition, the public will have the opportunity to provide input and ask questions of the Task Force members.

This meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: San Luis Obispo County Government Center Board
Chambers
1055 Monterey Street, Room D-170

More information on the Task Force can be found at
<https://www.boem.gov/California/>.

While this is an open meeting, and no RSVP is required, we encourage those who are interested in attending to RSVP to Cici Vu at 415-391-7900 or cvu@kearnswest.com to ensure we have adequate seating.