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Notice of Webinar on Data and Information for Offshore Wind Energy Planning

The California Energy Commission will conduct a webinar to share data and maps that are being assembled to support planning for wind energy offshore California. The webinar will include a demonstration of new data sets and maps on the California Offshore Wind Energy Gateway.

The webinar will be held:

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Background

On October 7, 2015, Governor Brown signed the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (De Leon, Chapter 47, Statutes of 2015), which requires electric utilities to increase retail sales of qualified renewable energy to at least 50 percent by 2030. In 2016, Senate Bill 32 (Pavley, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016) put into law a statewide goal to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. To help support the state's long-term GHG reduction goals, the Energy Commission held a workshop¹ as part of the 2016 Integrated Energy Policy Report proceedings to explore the viability, potential, opportunities, and challenges of permitting renewable energy offshore California.

¹ http://www.energy.ca.gov/2016_energy_policy/documents/index.html#05252016

In a May 12, 2016, letter to Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Governor Brown requested that a federal/state government task force be formed to coordinate state and federal planning and permitting of offshore renewable energy. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) - California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force (Task Force) was created, and the first meeting of the Task Force was co-convened on October 13, 2016.

At the inaugural Task Force meeting, members reviewed BOEM's competitive leasing and planning process and agreed that development of an online data portal for the collection of spatial data and information sets pertinent to offshore wind energy in California would be useful in identifying areas potentially appropriate for offshore wind energy development off the California coast. This webinar will build from a previous data-focused webinar² and present additional data sets and maps that are now available on the California Offshore Wind Energy Gateway.

To further the collaboration between the state and federal government, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and Governor Brown signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on December 12, 2016, to plan for and implement GHG reduction and renewable energy goals in a cooperative, collaborative, and timely manner. The MOU directs the Task Force to “engage in planning for offshore renewable energy to advance collaborative planning and conservation through data sharing, development and utilization of common data platforms and tools, and proactive stakeholder engagement.” The MOU further directs BOEM and the state to “collaborate and engage in a multi-phase process to collect data to inform planning efforts and identify possible areas offshore California that are suitable for potential offshore renewable energy programs” and to use the initial data and information gathered to “identify one or more suitable areas offshore California for BOEM to issue one or more Calls for Information and Nominations regarding wind energy leasing.”

Agenda

The California Offshore Wind Energy Gateway (<https://caoffshorewind.databasin.org/>) is being used to collect and share offshore data. This webinar will provide an update on recently added maps and data sets that have been assembled to support planning processes related to offshore renewable energy in California. There will be an opportunity for public comment and questions during the webinar.

Public Comment

Oral Comments: Oral comments will be accepted during the webinar. Public comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record.

² On May 22, 2017 the California Energy Commission conducted a “Webinar on Offshore Renewable Energy: Data Overview and the California Offshore Wind Energy Gateway”. A recording of the webinar is available at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/offshore_energy/documents/

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this event will be available online at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/offshore_energy/.

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