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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

*IN THE MATTER OF:*

**CALIFORNIA OFFSHORE  
RENEWABLE ENERGY**

**Docket No. 17-MISC-01**

**ADOPTION OF THE AB 525 OFFSHORE  
WIND REPORT INCLUDING THE  
MAXIMUM FEASIBLE CAPACITY AND  
MEGAWATT PLANNING GOALS FOR  
2030 AND 2045**

**WHEREAS**, the legislature has found and declared that offshore wind energy can contribute to a diverse, secure, reliable, and affordable renewable energy resource portfolio to serve the electricity needs of California ratepayers and improve air quality, particularly in disadvantaged communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Energy Commission (CEC) has actively participated in the Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force, established in 2016 with representatives from federal, state, local, and tribal governments working together to identify opportunities for renewable energy leasing and development off the coast of California; and

**WHEREAS**, through coordination with the Task Force and an extensive stakeholder outreach and engagement process, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), who is responsible for overseeing renewable energy development in federal waters of the Outer Continental Shelf, is moving forward with further environmental review for leasing two areas, one off the north coast and one off the central coast, for additional evaluation of floating offshore wind development and the CEC has been working closely with BOEM on these activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 525 (AB 525, Chiu, Chapter 231, Statutes of 2021) directs that on or before June 1, 2022, the CEC shall "evaluate and quantify the maximum feasible capacity of offshore wind to achieve reliability, ratepayer, employment, and decarbonization benefits and shall establish megawatt offshore wind planning goals for 2030 and 2045;" and

**WHEREAS**, AB 525 outlined twelve factors the CEC was required to consider in establishing these goals and the CEC did so consider those factors; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2021 Governor Gavin Newsom signed an agreement on behalf of California with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Defense

opening the West Coast for offshore wind energy development for the first time in its history

**WHEREAS**, the CEC conducted workshops on March 3, 2022, May 18, 2022, and June 27, 2022, to solicit input from stakeholders on this report; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Gavin Newsom on July 22, 2022, sent a letter to the Chair of the California Air Resources Board, urging bold actions to address the urgency of the climate crisis by outlining new targets to accelerate progress on California’s 2030 climate goals and reaching climate neutrality no later than 2045. In the letter, among other requested actions, the Governor asks the CEC to establish an offshore wind planning goal of at least 20 GW by 2045; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEC published the draft report on May 9, 2022 for public review and comment and, after considering all comments received and recently released studies that were not available during the development of the May draft version, published the proposed final version on August 1, 2022.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the CEC hereby accepts, approves, and adopts the final report *Offshore Wind Energy Development off the California Coast: Maximum Feasible Capacity and Megawatt Planning Goals for 2030 and 2045*, incorporating any changes presented and adopted today along with any non-substantive changes such as typographical corrections, and directs CEC staff to make the document accessible to state, local, and federal entities, the public, and the Legislature.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on August 10, 2022.

AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Monahan, Vaccaro  
NAY: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: August 15, 2022

**SIGNED BY:**

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Liza Lopez  
Secretariat