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Support for Going Big on Offshore Wind

Environment California supports the Energy Commission's efforts to go big on offshore wind and make sure California produces enough wind energy to meet our ambitious clean energy goals. Sourcing more energy from offshore wind rather than from fossil fuels will benefit our state in many ways, from reducing global warming pollution, to diversifying the state's energy portfolio to improving air quality in communities throughout California. Capturing the plentiful energy from our coastal winds will help make California's clean energy future a reality.

Significant opportunities for federal support should catalyze California's investments in offshore wind infrastructure and development. Earlier this month California reached a major milestone when the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) held the first offshore wind lease sale off the Pacific coast, giving California an additional tool to reach 100% clean energy. Further development of offshore wind must be done the right way by making sure we protect coastal and marine ecosystems as we build more offshore wind capacity. Projects should be completed in a timely manner so California actually meets its targets of 2-5 gigawatts by 2030 and 25 gigawatts by 2045. We look forward to the day when we can cut pollution from our homes, cars and industry using clean electricity from California's coastal winds.