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November 30, 2023

Eli Harland
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California Energy Commission
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RE: City of Morro Bay Comments on the Offshore Wind Waterfront Facilities Improvement Program.

Dear Mr. Harland,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this critically important issue of funding the development of Offshore Wind Waterfront Facilities. The City of Morro Bay is in the direct path of the State's goal to reach 25 gigawatts of clean, renewable offshore wind energy by 2045. Our community applauds this leadership and recognizes the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area must first reach its goal of producing 2-5 gigawatts by 2030, before any State or Federal goal can be reached.

The CEC is well aware of the need for Ports and Harbors in California to improve their infrastructure to accommodate the needs of offshore wind development. The City of Morro Bay has significant opportunity to support offshore wind as an Operations and Maintenance Facility as well as local connection to the power grid.

This opportunity will be missed unless funding can be assured and obtained in the very near future.

We respectfully offer these recommendations for consideration as you develop the Grant Program Design:

- 1) Prioritize funding for Ports and Harbors as non-competitive grants.
- 2) Work directly with Ports and Harbors to develop individual grant funding.
- 3) Ensure funding allows for additions to staff as well as consultant contracts.
- 4) Provide for 8-10 years of funding needs.
- 5) Allow for flexibility in use of funds as needs over time are not fully quantified.

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The City of Morro Bay greatly appreciates your efforts in obtaining funding to support waterfront facility development. We look forward to seeing your Grant Program Design.

Sincerely,

Carla Wixom

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City of Morro Bay, Mayor







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