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NOTICE OF REMOTE ACCESS WORKSHOP

RE: AB 525 Draft Strategic Plan

Notice of Workshop on Assembly Bill 525: Draft Strategic Plan for Offshore Wind Development**March 29, 2024**

10:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.

Remote Access Workshop

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host the second of two workshops to provide additional information and receive public feedback on the *California Energy Commission Draft Commission Report Assembly Bill 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Plan* under Assembly Bill 525 (AB 525, Chiu, Chapter 231, Statutes of 2021) (Draft AB 525 Strategic Plan), which directs the CEC to prepare a strategic plan for offshore wind energy developments in federal waters off the California coast.

A quorum of CEC commissioners may participate, but no votes will be taken.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the direction provided below. Please note that the CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda

The first workshop the CEC will hold regarding the Draft AB 525 Strategic Plan, on March 20, 2024, will be focused on the potential impacts of offshore wind and avoidance, minimization, and mitigation strategies, along with ports and workforce development. The recording and workshop materials will be posted from the [March 20, 2024 Draft AB 525 Strategic Plan Workshop](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2024-03/workshop-draft-ab-525-strategic-plan-offshore-wind-coast-california-federal) here: (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2024-03/workshop-draft-ab-525-strategic-plan-offshore-wind-coast-california-federal>).

The second workshop on March 29, 2024, will provide an overview of the Draft AB 525 Strategic Plan, including the development and inclusion of input from consultant studies, workshops, consultations, meetings and other outreach and engagement. There will be multiple opportunities for comment at the workshop. The focus of this second Draft AB 525 Strategic Plan workshop will be on sea space, permitting processes, and transmission planning. A detailed agenda and workshop materials will be posted in advance on the workshop event page that will be linked from here: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/ab-525-reports-offshore-renewable-energy>.

The Draft AB 525 strategic plan documents are available here:

1. [Volume I: Overview of AB 525 Strategic Plan:](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254023&DocumentContentId=89341)
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254023&DocumentContentId=89341>
2. [Volume II: AB 525 Strategic Plan:](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254034&DocumentContentId=89352)
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254034&DocumentContentId=89352>
3. [Volume III: Appendices for AB 525 Strategic Plan:](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254038&DocumentContentId=89353)
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254038&DocumentContentId=89353>).

Background

The state legislature passed AB 525 in 2021 (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220AB525). AB 525 requires the CEC in coordination with the California Coastal Commission, the Ocean Protection Council, the State Lands Commission, the Office of Planning and Research, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, the California Independent System Operator, the California Public Utilities Commission, relevant federal, state, local agencies, tribal governments, and others, to develop a strategic plan for offshore wind energy developments installed off the California coast in federal waters.

AB 525 requires the CEC to provide an opportunity for public review and comment on a draft strategic plan which must include, at a minimum, the following five chapters:

1. Identification of potential suitable sea space for future lease process
2. Economic and workforce development and identification of port space and infrastructure
3. Transmission planning
4. Permitting processes and a Permitting Roadmap
5. Potential impacts on coastal resources, fisheries, Native American and Indigenous peoples, and national defense, and strategies for addressing those potential impacts

For more information about the Draft AB 525 Strategic Plan, interim reports, and consultant reports visit this webpage: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/ab-525-reports-offshore-renewable-energy>

Coordination with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

California has been working with BOEM since 2016 to explore potential offshore wind energy opportunities. The first meeting of the BOEM California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force (BOEM-California Task Force) was held in October 2016. In October 2018, BOEM published a Call for Information and Nominations for three areas off the California coast: Diablo Canyon Call Area, Morro Bay Call Area, and Humboldt Call Area. On October 18, 2022, the Department of the Interior announced a final sale notice by BOEM for an offshore wind energy lease sale for three lease areas in the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area (WEA) and two in the Humboldt WEA. On December 6, 2022, BOEM initiated an offshore wind energy lease sale. The lease sale concluded on December 7, 2022, resulting in winning bids for the five lease areas from five companies.

For more information about BOEM California activities visit this webpage:

<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/california>.

Attendance Instructions

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/86206873587?pwd=YWhhSDR0MUK1MmZhQnhYz3QyVEVadz09>
- or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID **862 0687 3587** and passcode **845049** and follow all prompts.
- **To join by telephone.** Call toll-free at (888) 475-4499 or toll at (669) 219-2599. When prompted, enter the Webinar ID **862 0687 3587** and passcode **845049**.

Zoom Closed Captioning Service. At the bottom of the screen, click the Live Transcript CC icon and choose "Show Subtitle" or "View Full Transcript" from the pop-up menu. To stop closed captioning, close the "Live Transcript" or select "Hide Subtitle" from the pop-up menu. If joining by phone, closed captioning is automatic and cannot be turned off. While closed captioning is available in real-time, it can include errors. A professionally prepared transcript of the workshop will be docketed and posted as soon as possible after the meeting concludes.

Zoom Difficulty. Contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the CEC Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket [17-MISC-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/17-MISC-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Oral comments will be accepted at the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand"

feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments for this workshop, the March 20, 2024, workshop, and the Draft AB 525 Strategic Plan may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 17-MISC-01 and "AB 525 Strategic Plan" in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:
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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at [AB 525 Draft Strategic Plan Event Page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2023-11/workshop-assembly-bill-525-draft-strategic-plan-offshore-wind-coast) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2023-11/workshop-assembly-bill-525-draft-strategic-plan-offshore-wind-coast>), or at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01>. When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Offshore Renewable Energy subscription list. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

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