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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY BILL 525 DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT – PORT OF LOS ANGELES (POLA) COMMENTS

On behalf of the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), we welcome the opportunity to comment on the California Energy Commission Draft Assembly Bill 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Plan.

POLA appreciates the report's thorough assessment of California's port and waterfront infrastructure requirements and the recognition of the need for a multi-port strategy to meet California's ambitious offshore wind development goals. The report identifies POLA as a candidate site for a future Staging and Integration or Manufacturing and Fabrication facility. Specifically, the report states on page 134, "Port of Los Angeles is developing 187 acres of existing sites to accommodate manufactures and fabrication facilities" and provides costs details of such improvements as summarized on page 136 in Table 6-3 titled Staging and Integration Improvements and Costs for Existing Ports".

While POLA does not currently have an active development plan to build the facility as noted, we previously completed a Planning, Hydrodynamic, and Navigation Simulation study and conceptual cost estimate for a 160-acre land creation project, previously known as Pier 500, to seek better understanding of feasibility to help inform potential development. The site currently has 120 acres of existing submerged fill to a depth of -15', and access to rail and roadway connections, utilities, and the Pier 400 channel & turning basin. POLA is currently working with AECOM on an updated project needs statement for Pier 500 to assess waterside and landside infrastructure requirements, timeline, and updated cost estimates for its potential development as an offshore wind terminal. In addition, POLA has identified a 20-acre site at Southwest Marine Terminal that could be a potential manufacturing or storage site for turbine components and cables. A request for proposal for this site is expected to be published later this year.

POLA supports the expeditious release of the CEC's Offshore Wind Waterfront Facility Improvement Program funding, which will greatly assist POLA and all of California's ports in developing their infrastructure concepts in support of the AB 525 Report's recommended multi-port strategy.

POLA looks forward to exploring these opportunities with the California Energy Commission and other potential partners.

Please feel free to reach out to Adrienne Newbold, Harbor Engineer at anewbold@portla.org should you have any questions or comments.

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