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Summary of 4/11/24 OSW TWG Comments (Comments provided after the AB525 draft release on January 19, 2024).

Tribal representatives had the following concerns and recommendations:

- The tribes state that the AB 205 Opt-In Process (and some that are currently being introduced in the assembly) would create CEQA exemptions for offshore wind development. Offshore wind development and related activities should be subject to a full CEQA review so that all potential impacts are considered.
- Tribal Representatives believe that offshore wind energy will be diverted, and local communities will not benefit. This diversion of energy could also lead to line losses and higher costs to bring power to load centers, such as San Francisco. Tribal Representatives asked why resources are not being placed closer to load centers.
- There are concerns that projects will bring in highly trained crews, which could increase housing costs and push out local communities. There needs to be housing for the workforce during the development phase, and other protections for the local market at that time.
- Developers should have tribally led workforces.
- While developers and the state should provide workforce benefits to tribal communities, they also need to be mindful that job opportunities can create competition and divisions with tribal communities. When designing workforce benefits, the state needs to ensure that these opportunities are inclusive and equitable.
- Tribal Representatives want alternative power generation sources to be considered and expressed alternatives do not seem to be considered.
- Additional consideration and evaluation should occur for all non-CO2 generation sources, prior to offshore wind development. Tribal representatives advised resources need to be allocated equally to other power generation alternatives.

Comments Collected from Offshore Wind Tribal Working Group Attendees on 4/11/24 Date.

Summary Approved by Offshore Wind Tribal Working Group Attendees on 4/22/24 Date.