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## Comments from Navy Region Southwest on the AB 525 Draft Strategic Plan for Offshore Wind

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**Subject:** 17-MISC-01 and California Offshore Renewable Energy

Thank you for the opportunity for Navy Region Southwest to provide comments on the California Energy Commission *Draft Strategic Plan for Offshore Wind*. The Navy is committed to working with the CEC to advise of our California offshore military test and training, homeland defense and space launch activities that are reliant on the infrastructure, airspace and tracking systems that make California's offshore irreplaceable to the Navy in support of National Defense efforts. We support renewable energy development where it is compatible with military operations. As part of the development of the draft plan, we recommend the CEC work with the OSD Siting Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse works to protect the Department of Defense's (DoD) mission capabilities from incompatible energy development by collaborating with DoD components and external stakeholders to prevent, minimize, or mitigate adverse impacts on military training, testing, and readiness. Our initial comments on the draft plan are as follows:

- In Chapter 4, we recommend expanding the language to further describe DoD activities within the plan area and to provide a more comprehensive overview of potential DoD impacts and recommendations to avoid or minimize impacts.
- We recommend that both Chapters 10 and 11 specifically include the OSD Siting Clearinghouse in its Coordinated Agencies Approach for permitting offshore wind development, to deconflict and minimize testing, training and readiness impacts to the military services.
- Chapter 11's recommendations for Addressing Potential Impacts of Offshore Wind should include a recommendation to consider DoD NEPA documents as a resource and to ensure that cumulative impacts are considered and to address impacts to DoD.
- Chapter 11's recommendations for Addressing Potential Impacts of Offshore Wind for National Defense Impacts should be expanded to include a recommendation for using the OSD Siting Clearinghouse as follows: The State should engage early and consistently with the OSD Siting Clearinghouse to prevent, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects on training, testing and readiness.
- Chapter 11's Sea Space recommendations should include the DoD as a stakeholder in identifying suitable sea space.
- Chapter 11's Port Infrastructure Need recommendations should include the DOD as a stakeholder to collaborate with in understanding the challenges and opportunities of ports and harbor districts, as many of

California's ports are federally-designated as Ports for Strategic Defense purposes.

- Chapter 11's Offshore Wind recommendations should include a recommendation to engage early and consistently with the OSD Siting Clearinghouse to prevent, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects on training, testing and readiness.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft document. Please let me know if you would like to meet to further discuss these comments, which will also be mailed to the CEC via formal letter.

Very Respectfully,

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