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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

ADOPTION OF REPORTS: ASSEMBLY BILL 525 OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY STRATEGIC PLAN VOLUME I: OVERVIEW REPORT, ASSEMBLY BILL 525 OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY STRATEGIC PLAN VOLUME II: MAIN REPORT, AND ASSEMBLY BILL 525 OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY STRATEGIC PLAN VOLUME III: APPENDICES

WHEREAS, the legislature has found and declared that offshore wind energy can contribute to a diverse, secure, reliable, and affordable renewable energy resource portfolio to serve the electricity needs of California ratepayers and improve air quality, particularly in disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission (CEC) has actively participated in the Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force, established in 2016 with representatives from federal, state, local, and federally recognized tribal governments working together to identify opportunities for renewable energy leasing and development off the coast of California; and

WHEREAS, in May 2021 Governor Gavin Newsom signed an agreement on behalf of the State of California with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Defense opening the West Coast for offshore wind energy development for the first time in the state's history; and

WHEREAS, through coordination with the Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force and an extensive stakeholder outreach and engagement process, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), who is responsible for overseeing renewable energy development in federal waters of the Outer Continental Shelf, held an offshore wind energy lease sale on December 6 and 7, 2022, awarding five leases, two off the north coast and three off the central coast; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 525 (AB 525, Chiu, Chapter 231, Statutes of 2021) directs the CEC to "develop a strategic plan for offshore wind energy developments installed off the California coast in federal waters," and to submit the strategic plan to the Natural Resources Agency and the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the CEC published the draft reports on January 19, 2024, for public review and comment consistent with Public Resources Code section 25991 subdivision (f); and

WHEREAS, the CEC conducted a two-day workshop on March 20, 2024, and March 29, 2024, to solicit input from stakeholders on these reports, consistent with Public Resources Code section 25991 subdivision (f); and

WHEREAS, the CEC, after considering all comments received and summarizing the comments in these reports, published the proposed final versions on June 25, 2024.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the CEC hereby adopts the final reports *Assembly Bill 525 Offshore Wind Energy Strategic Plan Volume I: Overview Report, Assembly Bill 525 Offshore Wind Energy Strategic Plan Volume II: Main Report, and Assembly Bill 525 Offshore Wind Energy Strategic Plan Volume III: Appendices*, incorporating any changes presented and adopted today along with any non-substantive changes such as typographical corrections, and directs CEC staff to submit the document to the Natural Resources Agency and the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature by July 10, 2024, and make the document accessible to state, local, and federal entities and the public.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on July 10, 2024.

AYE: Monahan, Gallardo, Gunda
NAY: NONE
ABSENT: Hochschild, McAllister
ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: July 11, 2024

SIGNED BY:

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