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## California Energy Commission Memorandum

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**Subject: Request to Open New Docket for Senate Bill 605 Wave and Tidal Energy –  
Phase 2**

This memo is to request a new docket be opened for the California Energy Commission (CEC) activities related to Senate Bill (SB) 605 (Padilla, Chapter 205, Statutes of 2023). Senate Bill 605 requires the CEC to evaluate the feasibility, costs, and benefits of using wave energy and tidal energy as forms of clean energy in the state. This first phase of work is included in the [2024 Integrated Energy Policy Report](#) (IEPR), which utilizes an IEPR docket (Wave and Tidal Energy: Docket No. [24-IEPR-04](#)).

A second phase of SB 605 work will not be part of the IEPR, but will include the identification of suitable sea space for wave and tidal technologies, identification of mitigation measures, and monitoring and adaptive management strategies. Per SB 605, the CEC will submit a final written report to the Governor and Legislature that includes a summary of the IEPR chapter on wave and tidal energy, a summary of sea space identification and mitigation and monitoring strategies, as well as recommendations to legislature. All documents and public comments specific to the second phase of the work -- the identification of suitable sea space, mitigation measures, and monitoring and adaptive management strategies -- will use this new docket. Comments on the IEPR portion of this work may be submitted to the IEPR docket. After the 2024 IEPR is adopted, Docket Number 24-IEPR-04 will be closed and all public comment on SB 605 topics may be submitted to this new docket.

The new docket number will be **24-SB-605** and should be titled **SB 605 Wave and Tidal Energy - Phase 2**.

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Thank you,

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