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IN THE MATTER OF:

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NOTICE OF JOINT SYMPOSIUM

RE: California Ports and Offshore Wind

Notice of Joint Symposium:

**California Ports and Offshore Wind
February 21, 2025**

9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Advance Registration Required. See instructions below.

In-Person Location at:

Bob Foster Civic Chambers
411 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Note check-in requirements below

Remote Option via WebEx

See Attendance Instructions below.

The California Energy Commission (CEC), in collaboration with the Port of Long Beach, will host a symposium to explore the pivotal role that ports and port communities play in California's growing offshore wind economy. This event will convene a diverse set of partners to discuss port upgrades necessary to achieve offshore wind, climate, and environmental goals; developing a new offshore wind workforce in port communities; and working together to improve portside communities.

A quorum of commissioners from the CEC may participate, but no votes will be taken.

The public can participate in the symposium consistent with the attendance instructions below. The coordinators aim to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda.

Agenda

The symposium will focus on priority areas to help ensure a just pathway and further momentum for offshore wind development in California. The event will offer keynote addresses from state and federal policymakers, presentations highlighting California's Assembly Bill (AB) 525 offshore wind strategy, and will uplift a range of perspectives from key ports and environmental justice organizations. Additionally, several labor unions and trades will showcase their programs for training a skilled workforce.

A detailed agenda and additional information for the symposium is posted at the [Port of Long Beach's event site](https://polb.com/environment/california-ports-and-offshore-wind-symposium/#california-ports-and-offshore-wind-symposium) at <https://polb.com/environment/california-ports-and-offshore-wind-symposium/#california-ports-and-offshore-wind-symposium>.

Background

In 2021, the state legislature passed AB 525 (Chiu, Chapter 231, Statutes of 2021) (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB525). AB 525 requires the CEC in coordination with the California Coastal Commission, the Ocean Protection Council, the State Lands Commission, the Office of Planning and Research, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, the California Independent System Operator, the California Public Utilities Commission, relevant federal, state, local agencies, tribal governments, and others, to develop a strategic plan for offshore wind energy developments installed off the California coast in federal waters.

Since the bill became effective in January 2022 and during the two-year lead-up to the final report, the CEC coordinated with federal, state, and local agencies, and a wide variety of interested parties to provide findings from research and analyses in three interim reports and eight consultant reports. These provide research findings, analysis, and guidance, on the range of benefits, environmental, workforce, and economic factors that are related to OSW development in California.

As required by AB 525, this strategic plan identifies suitable sea space to accommodate California's offshore wind planning goals, includes a discussion of economic and workforce development and port space and infrastructure, and assesses transmission investments, upgrades, and associated costs. Additionally, the strategic plan presents the permitting processes for offshore wind facilities and identifies potential impacts on coastal resources, fisheries, Native American and Indigenous peoples, underserved communities, and national defense. The plan also outlines potential strategies that could address possible impacts such as avoidance, minimization, monitoring, mitigation, and adaptive management. The CEC adopted the AB 525 strategic plan on July 10, 2024.

For more information about the AB 525 Strategic Plan, interim reports, and consultant reports visit the [CEC AB 525 webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/ab-525-reports-offshore-renewable-energy): <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/ab-525-reports-offshore-renewable-energy>.

Attendance Instructions

Registration is free and is required for all in-person and remote attendees.

- Register at the [Port of Long Beach event website](https://polb.com/environment/california-ports-and-offshore-wind-symposium/#registration) at <https://polb.com/environment/california-ports-and-offshore-wind-symposium/#registration>.
- A confirmation email will be sent.

In-person participation. In-person registration is at full capacity and is now closed. Confirmed participants must check in for the event in the first-floor lobby of the Port Administration Building located at 415 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802. The event will be held in the Bob Foster Civic Chambers located in the same plaza at 411 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802

Remote participants may join via WebEx by internet or phone.

- **To join via WebEx.** Click on <https://polb.webex.com/polb/j.php?MTID=m94a2d3e892f141e7d415a224b708bb34>. If requested, enter the Webinar ID **2493 487 0813** and Password **123456**, and continue following all prompts.
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Public Comment.

Verbal and written questions and comments from the audience may be accepted during the sessions, as directed by the moderators. Panelists will do their best to respond to as many as possible.

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Availability of Documents: Materials and video recordings for the symposium will be available following the event on the [CEC's event webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/outreach/2025-02/california-ports-and-offshore-wind-symposium) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/outreach/2025-02/california-ports-and-offshore-wind-symposium>.

Dated: February 11, 2025, at Sacramento, California.

David Hochschild
Chair, California Energy Commission

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