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<i>IN THE MATTER OF:</i>	)	<b>Docket No. 17-MISC-01</b>
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<b>OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY</b>	)	WORKSHOP
	)	RE: California Offshore Wind
	)	Research, Data, and Applications

## NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will conduct a workshop to provide a public kick-off of two California offshore wind energy research projects. Staff will also provide overviews on the California Energy Infrastructure Planning Analyst (CEIPA, <http://ceipa.databasin.org/>) and California Offshore Wind Energy Gateway (<https://caoffshorewind.databasin.org/>).

**JANUARY 28, 2020**

**1:30 PM**

**Warren-Alquist State Energy Building  
1516 Ninth Street  
1st Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room  
Sacramento, California 95814  
(Wheelchair Accessible)**

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### Agenda

During this workshop, scientists from Point Blue Conservation Science and Conservation Biology Institute will provide overviews on two research projects funded by the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) that will gather and model geospatial data for assessing environmental constraints and tradeoffs for offshore wind energy development in federal waters. Staff will provide an overview on the CEIPA and discuss future enhancements, including application to the marine environment. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback and join informal working groups on both these offshore wind research projects and the CEIPA.

### Background

In a May 12, 2016, letter to U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. requested a federal/state government task force be formed to coordinate state and federal planning and permitting of offshore renewable energy. The first task force meeting was held October 13, 2016. In 2017, the state and Bureau of

Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) provided outreach to tribes, academics and researchers, environmental organizations, fishing interests, elected officials, and the public. In 2018, BOEM published “Outreach Summary Report – California Offshore Wind Energy Planning.” A California Offshore Wind Energy Gateway was also developed that includes spatial information gathered from federal and state agencies during outreach efforts. Over 600 datasets on the gateway are informing the process.

In November 2019, OPC released a draft 2020-2025 Strategic Plan to Protect California’s Coast and Ocean

([http://www.opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/pdf/agenda\\_items/20191113/Draft-Revised-Strategic-Plan-for-CA-Coast-and-Ocean\\_11.1.19\\_draft-FINAL.pdf](http://www.opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/pdf/agenda_items/20191113/Draft-Revised-Strategic-Plan-for-CA-Coast-and-Ocean_11.1.19_draft-FINAL.pdf)). Among other things, the plan includes a goal and actions leading to responsible offshore wind development and committing resources for conducting critical environmental research. Overviews of two such research projects focusing on offshore wind energy will be given at this workshop.

The CEIPA was created by the Conservation Biology Institute for the CEC to assist with planning energy development throughout the state to improve planning efficiency and to avoid environmental risks based on the best available spatial datasets. This easy-to-use online application allows users to locate areas that meet specified criteria under three major data categories – energy, environment, and land use. Users can also draw or upload shapes to assess against a number of preloaded datasets resulting in standardized reports for easy download and use. The CEIPA currently focuses on California terrestrial datasets but will be modified for use with marine datasets.

Staff is interested in convening two informal technical working groups: one focused on enhancements to the CEIPA and one regarding updates on the two offshore wind research projects. Both research projects include stakeholder engagement components, which staff is helping to facilitate through these working groups. These groups aim to provide more opportunities for interim updates and technical feedback within the projects’ timeframes than would otherwise be possible through a formal workshop format. Stakeholders wishing to join and participate in these informal working groups should email Misa Werner at [misa.werner@energy.ca.gov](mailto:misa.werner@energy.ca.gov) with their name, affiliation and email address, and indicate which working group(s) they would like to join.

## **Public Comment**

**Oral comments:** Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker and one speaker per organization. Any comments may become part of the public record for this proceeding.

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Questions on the subject matter of this meeting should be directed to Scott Flint at [Scott.Flint@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Scott.Flint@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 651-3774.

Questions regarding OPC’s funded research and Strategic Plan should be directed to Chris Potter at [Chris.Potter@resources.ca.gov](mailto:Chris.Potter@resources.ca.gov) or (916) 654-0536.

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## Availability of Documents

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Dated: January 17, 2020, at Sacramento, California

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