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*IN THE MATTER OF:**Offshore Renewable Energy*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOP

RE: Offshore Wind Energy

**Notice of Workshop to Take Comment on Additional
Considerations for Offshore Wind Energy off the Central Coast of
California****July 1, 2020**

Start Time 10:00 AM

Remote Access Only

Commissioner Karen Douglas, the California Energy Commission (CEC) Lead Commissioner for Offshore Wind Energy will host a remote-access workshop for the offshore wind energy working group to present and take public comment on the working group's description of potential additional offshore wind energy locations off the Central Coast of California.¹ A quorum of CEC Commissioners may participate, but no votes will be taken.

The workshop will be held remotely, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health to encourage physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The public is able to participate and observe the workshop consistent with the direction in these Executive Orders. Instructions for remote participation via Zoom are below.

Background

The first meeting of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force (California Task Force) was held in October 2016, and the second meeting in September 2018. In October 2018, BOEM published a Call for Information and Nominations (Call) for three areas off the California coast, two of which are offshore of the Central Coast: Morro Bay Call Area and Diablo Canyon Call Area.

¹ For more information on the working group see [Outreach on Additional Considerations for Offshore Wind Energy off the Central Coast of California](#),

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=232933&DocumentContentId=65381>

In response to BOEM's published Call in 2018, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) deemed wind energy development incompatible with the wide array of critical DoD activities in and around the Morro Bay and Diablo Canyon Call Areas.

On August 21, 2019, Congressman Salud Carbajal hosted a meeting with senior officials from DoD, BOEM, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Sanctuaries), the CEC, and state and locally elected representatives to discuss finding a solution that accommodates a viable offshore wind industry on the Central Coast and meets the mission of DoD to test, train and operate.

At that meeting, Congressman Carbajal, Congressman Panetta, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, BOEM, NOAA Sanctuaries, and the State of California (State) agreed to participate in a series of meetings to identify solutions off the Central Coast. A group comprised of DoD, BOEM, NOAA Sanctuaries, Congressman Panetta's office and the State led by Congressman Carbajal's office met multiple times following the August 21, 2019, meeting.

The result of the meetings led by Congressman Carbajal's office were summarized in [Outreach on Additional Considerations for Offshore Wind Energy off the Central Coast of California](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=232933&DocumentContentId=65381) (<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=232933&DocumentContentId=65381>) and presented to the California Task Force on March 9, 2020.²

As discussed during the California Task Force meeting, the State and BOEM planned to convene a public workshop in the Central Coast community to receive public input on the result of the meetings led by Congressman Carbajal's office. The State and BOEM have had to revise the approach to public outreach consistent with the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and local county orders to encourage physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.

As needed, any future in-person public workshop in the Central Coast community will be conducted as allowed by the CDPH and local county orders.

Agenda

There will be a presentation by BOEM and state agencies on the background of offshore wind energy initiatives, followed by a presentation by the working group participants describing the potential additional areas for offshore wind energy, including visual simulations of hypothetical floating offshore wind energy facilities from observation points along the Central Coast. The presentations will be followed by an opportunity for workshop participants to ask the working group clarifying questions, followed by an opportunity to provide public comment.

² Please see BOEM's webpage for more information about the [March 9, 2020 BOEM California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force meeting](https://www.boem.gov/regions/pacific-ocs-region/march-9-2020), <https://www.boem.gov/regions/pacific-ocs-region/march-9-2020>.

Below is a tentative meeting schedule, and if anything changes an updated meeting schedule will be posted prior to the workshop at the [California Offshore Renewable Energy docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01>.

Workshop Schedule (tentative):

10:00 AM – Opening Remarks

10:15 AM – Background on Offshore Wind Energy in California

10:30 AM – Working Group Presentation and Visual Simulations

11:30 AM – Clarifying Questions

11:45 AM – Public Comment

Public Comment

Oral Comments:

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker and one person per organization. If participating via Zoom’s online platform, use the “raise hand” feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. If you are participating by telephone, press *9 to “raise your hand” and *6 to mute/unmute. See detailed instructions below.

Written Comments:

Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2020**.

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any Internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [California Offshore Renewable Energy Add Comment webpage](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01) or <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the “Comment Text” box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) file. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 17-MISC-01 and “California Offshore Renewable Energy” in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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Zoom: If you experience difficulties, you may contact Zoom at 1-888-799-9666 ext. 2, or the Public Advisor's Office via email or phone.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Media and Public Communications Office at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Technical subject and general inquiries should be directed to [Eli Harland](mailto:eli.harland@energy.ca.gov) at eli.harland@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5148.

Remote Attendance

Participants may join scheduled panel sessions by clicking on the links below. The meeting may also be accessed at <https://join.zoom.us> by entering the unique Meeting ID and password for each session listed below. To comment, dial *9 to "raise your hand." To participate by telephone, see instructions below.

Use this Link to Join the Panel Session: [Additional Considerations for Offshore Wind Energy off the Central Coast of California Workshop](https://energy.zoom.us/j/94962783537?pwd=M3JDVINvWk0yMWpFS25WbU92ZWdTQT09) found at <https://energy.zoom.us/j/94962783537?pwd=M3JDVINvWk0yMWpFS25WbU92ZWdTQT09>.

Meeting ID: 949 6278 3537

Meeting password: 327033

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at the [California Offshore Renewable Energy docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01>

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https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index_cms.html.

Dated: June 19, 2020

Karen Douglas
Commissioner

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