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*IN THE MATTER OF:*

*California Offshore Renewable Energy*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS  
WORKSHOP

RE: Offshore Wind Energy

## **Notice of Workshop to Present Next Steps for Considering Offshore Wind Energy off the California Coast**

**June 21, 2021**

2:00 p.m.

**Remote Access Only**

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a workshop to present the next steps to consider offshore wind energy in federal waters off the California coast. A quorum of 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 in the workshop consistent with the direction in these executive orders. There will be opportunities for public comment. Instructions for remote participation via Zoom are below.**

### **Agenda**

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and state agencies will present the next steps in the process for leasing areas for offshore wind energy off the California coast, including tribal engagement, the public process, public comment opportunities, and planned public and stakeholder outreach. As described below, there will be an opportunity for public comment during the workshop following the presentation.

### **Background**

The first meeting of the 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: Diablo Canyon Call Area, Morro Bay Call Area, and Humboldt Call Area.

On May 25, 2021, the Department of the Interior, in cooperation with the Department of Defense and the State of California, identified an area ("the Morro Bay 399 Area") that is roughly 399 square miles off California's central coast region, northwest of Morro Bay that encompasses much of the existing Morro Bay Call Area, as a potential area for offshore wind energy. The Department of the Interior is also advancing the Humboldt Call Area as a potential Wind Energy Area (WEA), located off California's north coast.

BOEM, in partnership with the State of California, announced that they would hold a California Task Force meeting on June 24, 2021 to discuss the identified areas off the north and central coasts and next steps in the BOEM leasing process. In light of unforeseen scheduling conflicts with the Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting, BOEM and the State of California have rescheduled the California Task Force meeting to July 13, 2021.

In order to share information, the CEC, in partnership with BOEM will host a public workshop to present the next steps in BOEM's process to identify areas off the north and central coasts as potential WEAs ahead of the July 13, 2021 California Task Force meeting.

More information on BOEM's California activities is available at (<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/california>).

## **Remote Attendance**

The workshop may be accessed by clicking the Zoom link below or visiting Zoom at <https://join.zoom.us> and entering the ID and password for the workshop below. If you experience difficulties joining, you may contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the Public Advisor's Office at [publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov) or (800) 822-6228.

## **Link to Offshore Wind Energy Workshop:**

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/98296462750?pwd=b0F1Um92MDFHUnFrVXc3bWJumGwvQT09>

**Workshop ID:** 982 9646 2750

**Workshop Password:** 475185

Use the "raise hand feature" to indicate you want to speak and the event facilitator will indicate when your line is open and ready for you to make comment.

## **To Participate by Telephone:**

Dial (213) 338-8477 or (669) 219-2599 or Toll Free (877) 853-5257. When prompted, enter the Workshop ID: 982 9646 2750. To comment, dial \*9 to "raise your hand" and \*6 to mute/unmute your phone line.

## **Public Comment**

**Oral comments** will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less 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 open

your line. If you are participating by telephone, press \*9 to "raise your hand" and \*6 to mute/unmute.

**Written comments** must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2021**. 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.

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Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number "17-MISC-01 and California Offshore Renewable Energy" in the subject line and email to the Docket Unit at [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).

A paper copy may be sent to:

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## **Availability of Documents**

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available on the [California Offshore Renewable Energy docket](#), at

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01>

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### **Approved by:**

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