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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 on Assembly Bill 525 Strategic Plan for
Offshore Wind Energy Planning Goals****March 3, 2022**

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Remote Access Only

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will conduct a workshop to explore the requirements of Assembly Bill 525 (AB 525, Chiu, Chapter 231, Statutes of 2021) directing the CEC to evaluate and quantify the maximum feasible capacity of offshore wind to achieve reliability, ratepayer, employment, and decarbonization benefits and establish megawatt offshore wind planning goals for 2030 and 2045.

A quorum of CEC commissioners may participate, but no votes will be taken. Commissioners from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) may also attend. If CPUC commissioners are present at the workshop, the CPUC's rules governing ex parte contacts with commissioners and their staff remain in effect although this is a CEC-initiated and noticed workshop.

The workshop will be held remotely, consistent with AB 361 (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) as extended by Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-1-22 to improve and enhance public access to state agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the direction provided below.

Please note that the CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the agenda proposed. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time depending on various factors.

Agenda

The CEC will present an overview of the strategic plan called for in AB 525 with a focus on approaches to fulfilling the requirements of the considerations the CEC must make when establishing offshore wind energy planning goals for 2030 and 2045. Additionally, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will present on activities for offshore wind in federal waters, including the process of moving toward a lease sale auction for areas off the north and central coast of California.

A detailed meeting schedule will be posted prior to the workshop in [Docket 17-MISC-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01>.

Remote Attendance Instructions

The meeting workshop may be accessed by clicking the Zoom link below or visiting [Zoom](https://join.zoom.us) at <https://join.zoom.us> and entering the ID and password for the workshop listed below. If you experience difficulties joining, contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or at (916) 957-7910.

Link to Workshop:

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/96818588164?pwd=QktlYUZVdDcxclUwVmxVTFQ3WjBDdz09>

Meeting Workshop ID: 968 1858 8164

Meeting Workshop Password: 657790

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 (877) 853-5257. When prompted, enter the ID: 968 1858 8164. To comment, dial *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute your phone line.

Zoom's closed captioning service will be enabled for the meeting. Attendees can use the service by clicking on the "live transcript" icon and then choosing either "show subtitle" or "view full transcript". The closed captioning service can be stopped by exiting out of the "live transcript" or selecting the "hide subtitle" icon. Closed captioning cannot be exited by phone.

Background

California has been working with BOEM since 2016 to explore potential offshore wind energy opportunities. 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.

Following extensive engagement with and comment from the CEC, local, state and federal agencies, tribal governments, ocean users, and other interested persons and agencies, in May 2021, California Governor Newsom, the Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Dr. Colin Kahal announced an agreement to advance areas for wind energy development off the northern and central coasts of California for the Humboldt Call Area and areas within and adjacent to the Morro Bay Call Area. BOEM and the State of California held a California Task Force meeting on July 13, 2021 to discuss BOEM's process and schedule for moving forward with leasing areas for wind energy in California. BOEM has identified the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area (WEA) and Humboldt WEA from within the respective call areas and is currently conducting environmental review of their action to lease these areas with a goal of having a combined lease sale auction in fall 2022.

In September 2021, the California State Legislature approved, and the Governor signed, AB 525 which 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, and the CPUC, and other relevant federal, state, and local agencies as needed, to develop a strategic plan for offshore wind energy developments installed off the California coast in federal waters. The CEC must submit the strategic plan to the California Natural Resources Agency and the Legislature on or before June 30, 2023. AB 525 specifies the requirements that the CEC must meet in developing the strategic plan, including that on or before June 1, 2022, the CEC must evaluate and quantify the maximum feasible capacity of offshore wind to achieve reliability, ratepayer, employment, and decarbonization benefits and to establish offshore wind energy planning goals for 2030 and 2045.

In establishing the planning goals, AB 525 requires the CEC to consider the following:

- 1) The findings of the 2021 joint report issued pursuant to Section 454.53 of the Public Utilities Code.
- 2) The need to develop a skilled and trained offshore wind workforce.
- 3) The potential to attract supply-chain manufacturing for offshore wind components throughout the Pacific region.
- 4) The need for reliable renewable energy that accommodates California's shifting peak load.
- 5) The generation profile of offshore wind off the coast of California.
- 6) The need for economies of scale to reduce the costs of floating offshore wind.
- 7) The need to initiate long-term transmission and infrastructure planning to facilitate delivery of offshore wind energy to Californians.
- 8) The availability of federal tax incentives for offshore wind investments.
- 9) The National Renewable Energy Laboratory report finding that California has 200 gigawatts of offshore wind technical power potential.

- 10) The opportunity for California to participate in the federal government's intention to deploy 30,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2030 and to create a pathway to unlocking 110,000 megawatts by 2050.
- 11) Any executive action from the Governor regarding offshore wind.
- 12) Potential impacts on coastal resources, fisheries, Native American and Indigenous peoples, and national defense, and strategies for addressing those potential impacts.

Public Comment

Oral Comments

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

Written Workshop Comments

While Docket No. 17-MISC-01 is open for submitting comments on a range of activities related to offshore wind, comments specific to informing the development of the draft planning goals should be submitted to the Docket Unit by 2:00 p.m. on March 11, 2022 to be considered in the CEC's first draft planning goals assessment.

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 [e-commenting page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/e-filing-and-e-commenting) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/e-filing-and-e-commenting>, or [17-MISC-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-01), at <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 or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB. Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number 17-MISC-01 and Offshore Renewable Energy in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be sent to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 17-MISC-01
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Public Advisor and Other CEC Contacts

The CEC's Public Advisor provides the public with assistance in participating in CEC proceedings. For information about how to participate in this workshop or to request interpreting services or other reasonable modification and accommodations, reach out via email at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 957-7910. Requests should be made for interpreting services, reasonable modifications and accommodations as soon as possible but at least five days in advance of the workshop. However, the CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on the availability of the service or resource requested.

Direct media inquiries to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Direct general and technical subject inquiries to Rhetta deMesa at rhetta.demesa@energy.ca.gov or (916) 628-1640.

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>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the Offshore Renewable Energy list server. To receive these notices, subscribe at the CEC's [Offshore Renewable Energy](#) webpage, (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/renewable-energy/offshore-renewable-energy>). Manage existing list servers or sign up for others at [CEC List Servers](#), <https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index cms.html>.

Dated: February 18, 2022



Karen Douglas
Commissioner