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Offshore Wind Energy Development: Maximum Feasible Capacity and Megawatt Planning Goals for 2030 and 2045 Scott Flint June 27, 2022

AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Plan Directives

- Evaluate and quantify the maximum feasible capacity of offshore wind to achieve reliability, ratepayer, employment, and decarbonization benefits
- Establish megawatt offshore wind planning goals for 2030 and 2045
- Identify sea space, port and transmission infrastructure and workforce needs to achieve planning goals for offshore wind
- Consider potential impacts to and identify strategies to address those impacts
 - □ Coastal resources
 - □ Fisheries
 - Native American and Indigenous peoples
 - National defense
- Complete Offshore Wind Strategic Plan for California by June 30, 2023



Required Factors for Establishing Megawatt Offshore Wind Planning Goals

- 1. Findings from the Joint Agency 2021 SB100 Report
- 2. Need to initiate long-term transmission and infrastructure planning
- 3. Need for renewable energy to accommodate California's shifting peak load
- 4. Generation profile of offshore wind off the coast of California
- 5. Potential impacts on coastal resources, fisheries, Native American and Indigenous peoples, and national defense and strategies to address them
- 6. Potential to attract supply chain manufacturing for components in the Pacific region
- 7. Need for economies of scale to reduce costs of floating offshore wind
- 8. NREL finding that California has 200 GW of offshore wind technical power potential
- 9. Need to develop skilled and trained offshore wind workforce
- 10. Availability of federal tax incentives
- 11. Opportunity for California to participate in federal offshore wind megawatt goals
- 12. Executive actions from the Governor



Studies Referenced in the Draft Report

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

- 2020 Offshore Wind Resource Assessment for the California Pacific Outer Continental Shelf
- <u>The Cost of Floating Offshore Wind Energy in California Between 2019 and 2032</u>

California Public Utilities Commission

- Decision Adopting 2021 Preferred System Plan
- <u>Attachment A: Modeling Assumptions for the 2021-2022 Transmission</u>
 <u>Planning Process</u>

California Independent System Operator

- 20-Year Transmission Outlook
- 2021-2022 Transmission Plan



Need for Long Term Infrastructure Planning





Maximum Feasible Capacity Report Findings

- References 21,800 megawatts (21.8 GW) of technically feasible offshore wind potential
- Does not represent the quantification of maximum feasible capacity for offshore wind; it is the total capacity that has been studied in existing reports
- Sets a reference point for AB 525 strategic plan evaluations of:
 - Sea space
 - Impacts
 - Transmission
 - Waterfront facilities and port infrastructure
 - Workforce and supply chain





Potential Impacts to Consider and Address

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- Requires the CEC to consider potential impacts to:
 - Coastal resources
 - Fisheries
 - Native American and Indigenous peoples
 - National defense

...and identify strategies to address those impacts...



- Preliminary 2030 and 2045 planning goals are for developing the AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Plan
- Draft Report recognizes potential for 20 GW Beyond 2045





Studies Docketed Following the May 18th Workshop

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

 <u>Assessment of Offshore Wind Energy Leasing Areas for Humboldt and Morro</u> <u>Bay Wind Energy Areas</u>

GridLab, Telos Energy, Energy Innovation

 <u>Reliably Reaching California's Clean Electricity Targets: Stress Testing</u> <u>Accelerated 2030 Clean Portfolios</u>

The Goldman School of Public Policy, UC Berkeley

• The Offshore Report: California

The Nature Conservancy

• Power of Place West, forthcoming publication by the Nature Conservancy