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Assembly Bill 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Plan

I am not in favor for many reasons of this project. I believe there are smaller scale alternatives that make more sense. Here is a list of some of my concerns that items were not addressed properly. We are a sensitive habitat for whales migration, bird migration and a precious resource ecologically crucial to our lives.

- 1) While touting the benefits of California job creation, in the construction phase only 20 jobs would be onsite in Morro Bay, while 900 would occur at manufacturing and staging/integration sites in Long Beach, Humboldt and elsewhere (page 42). During ongoing operations (2030 onward) onsite jobs in Morro Bay would increase to 100, while there would be 584 jobs elsewhere.
- 2) In discussing the marine life risks, no mention was made of potential impact on Morro Bay's #1 tourist attraction, the sea otters.
- 3) There is mention that the offshore floating cabling and sub-station technology necessary for these deep waters are not yet commercially available.
- 4) No research has been conducted on the impact of the very high level EMF field affect from these (commercially unavailable) floating cables on marine life and fisheries.
- 5) An operations and maintenance center to be located in the Morro Bay harbor was assumed. This would require a 300' wharf length and 20-30' harbor depth, as well as 9-16 boat berths.
- 6) The report indicated that there would inevitably be displacement of other harbor recreational, tourism and fishing activities due to the dredging, construction, and necessary warehousing as well as berth requirements.
- 7) The "community benefits agreement" in the issued leases calls for \$27M total to be distributed over several years among parties who are damaged by offshore wind (i.e., "mitigated") including tourism, fishermen, tribes and underserved communities which seems a tiny amount, given the potential impact.
- 8) In summary, Morro Bay would be paying all the costs, while receiving minimal benefits, as confirmed by the state.