



**California Energy Commission  
February 28, 2023, Business Meeting  
Backup Materials for Agenda Item No 07:  
Adoption of Preliminary Assessment of the Economic Benefits of Offshore Wind  
Related to Seaport Investments and Workforce Development**

The following backup materials for the above-referenced agenda item are available as described below:

1. Proposed Resolution, attached below.
2. Staff Report, available at  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=248972&DocumentContentId=83529>

For the complete record, please visit:

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

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<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/renewable-energy/offshore-renewable-energy>. The Topic sends out email notifications and direct links when documents are filed in the proceeding docket.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES**  
**CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**CALIFORNIA OFFSHORE  
RENEWABLE ENERGY**

**Docket No.: 17-MISC-01**

***Adoption of Report: Preliminary  
Assessment of the Economic  
Benefits of Offshore Wind Related to  
Seaport Investments and Workforce  
Development Needs and Standards***

**WHEREAS**, the legislature has found and declared that offshore wind energy can contribute to a diverse, secure, reliable, and affordable renewable energy resource portfolio to serve the electricity needs of California ratepayers and improve air quality, particularly in disadvantaged communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Energy Commission (CEC) has actively participated in the Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force, established in 2016 with representatives from federal, state, local, and federally recognized tribal governments working together to identify opportunities for renewable energy leasing and development off the coast of California; and

**WHEREAS**, through coordination with the Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force and an extensive stakeholder outreach and engagement process, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), who is responsible for overseeing renewable energy development in federal waters of the Outer Continental Shelf, held an offshore wind energy lease sale on December 6 and 7, 2022, awarding five leases, two off the north coast and three off the central coast; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2021 Governor Gavin Newsom signed an agreement on behalf of the State of California with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Defense opening the West Coast for offshore wind energy development for the first time in the state's history; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 525 (AB 525, Chiu, Chapter 231, Statutes of 2021) directs that the CEC "shall complete and submit to the Natural Resources Agency and the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature a preliminary assessment of the economic benefits of offshore wind as they relate to seaport investments and workforce development needs and standards;" and

**WHEREAS**, the CEC conducted a workshops on October 6, 2022, October 31, 2022, and December 19, 2022, to solicit input from stakeholders on this report; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEC published the draft report on December 14, 2022 for public review and comment and, after considering all comments received, published the proposed final version on February 24, 2023.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the CEC hereby adopts the final report *Preliminary Assessment of the Economic Benefits of Offshore Wind Related to Seaport Investments and Workforce Development*, incorporating any changes presented and adopted today along with any non-substantive changes such as typographical corrections, and directs CEC staff to submit the document to the Natural Resources Agency and the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature by December 31, 2022, and make the document accessible to state, local, and federal entities and the public.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on February 28, 2023.

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NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dated:

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