



**California Energy Commission  
May 10, 2023 Business Meeting  
Backup Materials for Agenda Item No 5:  
ASSEMBLY BILL 525 OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY PERMITTING ROADMAP**

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

1. Proposed Resolution, attached below.
2. Staff Report,  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=249906&DocumentContentId=84599>

For the complete record, please visit:

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

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

**RESOLUTION ADOPTION OF REPORT: ASSEMBLY BILL 525 OFFSHORE WIND  
ENERGY *PERMITTING ROADMAP***

**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**, 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 a Permitting Roadmap and submit to the Natural Resources Agency and the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature a Permitting Roadmap;" and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 525 directs the CEC to develop and produce a permitting roadmap that describes timeframes and milestones for a coordinated, comprehensive, and efficient permitting process for offshore wind energy facilities.

**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**, the CEC conducted a workshop on December 19, 2022, to solicit input from stakeholders on this report and extended the comment period to February 10, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEC published the draft report on December 15, 2022, for public review and comment and, after considering all comments received, published the proposed final version on April 28, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the final report describes options for permitting frameworks that will allow for coordinated, comprehensive, and efficient permitting processes for offshore wind energy facilities and associated electricity infrastructure off the coast of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the final report clearly defines local, state, and federal agency roles, responsibilities, and decision-making authority, and includes a description of interfaces with federal agencies, including timing, sequence, and coordination with federal permitting agencies, and coordination between reviews under the California Environmental Quality Act and the federal National Environmental Policy Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the final report describes a stakeholder process to further develop permitting approaches, time frames, and milestones for offshore wind energy for inclusion in the permitting chapter of the AB 525 strategic plan.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the CEC hereby adopts the final Permitting Roadmap, 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 California Natural Resources Agency and the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature, 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 May 10, 2023.

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NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dated:

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Secretariat