

State of California

California Energy Commission

Minutes of the June 26, 2024, Energy Commission Business Meeting

Location:

CNRA Headquarters
715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Auditorium

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hochschild. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Hochschild.

Present:

David Hochschild, Chair
Patricia Monahan, Commissioner – *Remotely Newport Beach*

Andrew McAllister, Commissioner

Please note that the California Energy Commission (CEC) aims to begin the business meeting promptly at the start time and the end time is an estimate based on the agenda. The meeting may end sooner or later than the time indicated depending on various factors.

Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 20, section 1104(e), any person may make an oral comment on any agenda item. To ensure the orderly conduct of business, such comments will be limited to three minutes or less per person **The CEC**

THE CEC WILL CONSIDER AND MAY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Public Comment.

Any person wishing to comment on information items (non-voting items) shall provide comments during this period.

Public Comment:

None.

2. Agency Announcements.

The Chair may announce relevant matters to the public and the CEC, including agency updates, events, and other opportunities. Discussion may follow.

3. Assembly Bill 525 Offshore Wind Energy

Proposed resolution approving the strategic plan that addresses the requirements set forth in Assembly Bill 525 (Chiu, Chapter 231, Statutes 2021) directing the CEC to produce a strategic plan that charts a path forward for floating offshore wind energy development in federal waters off the California coast. This report is to be submitted to the Natural Resources Agency and the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature. Contact: Elizabeth Huber (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

Public Comment:

Isabel Yrad with Blue Lake Rancheria commented on Item 3.

Russell Attebery with Yurok Tribe commented on Item 3.

Heidi Moore-Guynup with Blue Lake Rancheria commented on Item 3.

Alex Mesher with Yurok Tribe commented on Item 3.

Violet Sage Walker with Northern Chumash Tribal Council commented on Item 3.

Catherine Buchanan, Environmental Natural Resources Director with Bear River Band Runabill Ranch Maria commented on Item 3.

Chair Virgil Moorehead with Blue Lake Rancheria commented on Item 3.

Steven King with Environment California Research and Policy Center commented on Item 3.

Jacqueline Moore with Pacific Merchant Shipping Association commented on Item 3.

Jeff Hunerlach, Secretary Treasurer with Humbolt Del North Building and Construction Trades commented on Item 3.

Jim Jacobs commented, Treasurer with Operating Engineers Union Local Number 3 commented on Item 3.

Carey Leid commented on Item 3.

Kelly Boyd with Equinor Atlas Wind commented on item 3.

John Matos with Operating Engineers Union Local Number 3 commented on Item 3.

Rick Umoff with Vineyard Offshore commented on Item 3.

Sharon Golden with Operating Engineers Union Local Number 3 commented on Item 3.

Megan Muray with RWE commented on Item 3.

Molly Crawl with American Clean Power Association commented on Item 3.

Carmen Guzman with California Clean Campaign commented on item 3.

Julia DeGraw with National Wildlife Federation commented on Item 3.

Alexis Sutterman with Brightline Defense commented on Item 3.

Adam Stern, Executive Director with Offshore Wind California commented on Item 3.

Mike Lynes, State Policy Director with National Audubon Society commented on Item 3.

Logan Redding commented on Item 3.

Jennifer Ferring with Monterey Bay Aquarium commented on Item 3.

Nancy Kershner Rodriguez with Oceanic Network commented on Item 3.

Dan Jacobson commented on Item 3.

James Vernon, Acting Director Environmental Planning with the Port of Long Beach commented on Item 3.

Ken Bates, Executive Director with California Fisherman's Resiliency Association commented on Item 3.

Vanessa Rivas Villanueva with Earth Justice commented on Item 3

Susan Jordan, Executive Director with California Coastal Network commented on Item 3.

Sheri Hafer Moral Bay Commercial Fisherman's Organization commented on item 3.

Lucia Marquez with Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy commented (CAUSE) on Item 3.

Amy Jester with Redwood Region Climate and Community Resilience commented on Item 3.

Azsha Hudson with Environmental Defense Center commented on Item 3.

Julia Dowell with Sierra Club commented on Item 3.

Mariza Sullivan with Coastal Band of the Chumash commented on Item 3.

Eli Vargas commented on the Item 3.

Erin Lehane with the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California commented on Item 3.

Arthur Mandel with the Port of Los Angeles commented on Item 3.

Mike Conroy with Westcoast Fishery Consultants commented on Item 3.

Jocelyn Leon with the National Resources Defense Council commented on Item 3.

Nancy Rader, Executive Director with California Wind Energy Association commented on Item 3.

Laura Lane with California Association of Port Authorities commented on Item 3.

Naweed Kawusi, Program Director with Elected Officials to Protect America (EOPA) commented on item 3.

McKinely Thompson-Morley with Golden State Wind commented on Item 3.

Sean Quincey, Deputy County Administrator Officer with the Humboldt Board of Supervisors commented on Item 3.

Andrea Lucer with React Alliance commented on Item 3.

The vote was delayed for a future business meeting.

4. Lead Commissioner or Presiding Member Reports.

Lead commissioners on policy matters and presiding members on delegated committees may report to the CEC on relevant matters and discussion may follow.

The Commissioners did not give a report.

5. Executive Director's Report.

The Executive Director did not give a report.

6. Public Advisor's Report.

The Public Advisor did not give a report.

7. Chief Counsel's Report.

The Chief Counsel did not give a report.

- a. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against that employee by another person or employee.
- b. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to discuss the following pending litigation:
 - i. Shasta County and Pit River Tribe, et al. vs. California Energy Commission (Shasta County Superior Court, Case No. 23CV-0203737).
 - ii. State of California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Labor Standards Enforcement Legal Section: In the Matter of the Request for Appeal from Citation Issued Against: California Energy Commission; Anheuser-Busch, LLC, Respondents, State Case Number: 48-76293.
 - iii. California Fuels and Convenience Alliance v. California Energy Commission, et al (Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 24WM000058).

Respectfully submitted,

Signed By:

Blanca Camberos

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Secretariat