



## Meeting Summary

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management: Environmental Impact Statement on Platform Gilda Well Stimulation Treatment

#### Virtual Public Scoping Meeting

*Tuesday, March 24, 2026*

*4:00 PM – 5:00 PM PST*

#### I. Introduction

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) hosted a public meeting to share information about the scoping process for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Platform Gilda Well Stimulation Treatment (WST) and provide an opportunity for public comment. The public meeting was hosted on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM PST. The meeting was held remotely via webinar using the Zoom platform. Public participants represented federal and state agencies, local governments, business and industry, academia, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, and press. A total of 47 people registered for the event and 35 people joined.

The meeting presentation, recording, and meeting notes are available at: [BOEM's Environmental Impact Statement on Platform Gilda Well Stimulation Treatment website](#).

Meeting objectives included:

- Give an overview of the proposed update to the DCOR, LLC Santa Clara Unit Development and Production Plan (DPP) to analyze the potential impacts of well stimulation treatments
- Share an overview of the Proposed Action, alternatives, and other information about the scoping process for the EIS, including how to submit public comments.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to give public comment.

This document summarizes key outcomes and next steps from the meeting. It focuses on the public comments received rather than the formal presentations made. It is not intended to be a detailed transcript. Kearns & West facilitated the meeting.

This meeting summary is organized into the following sections:

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## II. Virtual Public Scoping Meeting Highlights

### A. Welcome and Opening Remarks

*Jenna Tourjé-Maldonado, Facilitator, Kearns & West*

The meeting opened with a welcome to participants, a summary of meeting objectives, and guidance on navigating the Zoom webinar platform. The facilitator presented a poll for the participants, which identified participant affiliations. Among poll respondents, seven individuals reported affiliations with Environmental/Conservation Organizations, six with General Industry or Labor, three with Government, two with the General Public, and one each with Commercial Fishing, Academia, and Media. The facilitator then explained the meeting process.

*Susan Zaleski, Acting Regional Supervisor, Office of Environment, BOEM Pacific Office*

Ms. Zaleski introduced herself and explained that during this meeting, BOEM will share information about the Proposed Action and alternatives being considered in the EIS. She noted that BOEM is looking for public input on which issues, sources of information, and reasonable alternatives they should consider in the EIS. She concluded her opening remarks by thanking participants for joining the meeting.

### B. DCOR, LLC Well Stimulation Treatment Program Overview

This session provided an overview of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, the DCOR, LLC WST Program, and the Proposed Action.

*Melanie Hunter, National Environmental Policy Act Lead, BOEM Pacific Office*

Ms. Hunter presented an overview of the NEPA process and the DCOR, LLC WST Program. She noted that NEPA is a procedural law intended to ensure that Federal agencies consider the environmental impacts of their actions in the decision-making process. She explained the Purpose and Need for the WST Program, which is to maintain DCOR, LLC's Platform Gilda offshore production levels to support domestic production and conservation of resources. An EIS is being prepared to provide discussion of the environmental impacts of implementing a WST program within 16 wells on Platform Gilda (i.e., the Proposed Action). Ms. Hunter provided an overview of the Proposed Action, initial alternatives, and what will be covered in the EIS.

### C. Public Comment Opportunity

*Jenna Tourjé-Maldonado, Facilitator, Kearns & West*

Ms. Tourjé-Maldonado stated that the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the EIS was published in the Federal Register on March 18, 2026. The NOI began the EIS process and a 10-day public comment

period, which will end on March 30, 2026. The facilitation team [shared the link to the NOI](#) in the chat. The facilitator noted that BOEM is aware that comments received to the docket are not currently visible to the public; however, comments are being received and BOEM is working to resolve this technical issue.

Ms. Tourjé-Maldonado shared that BOEM is asking for public comment on the scope of the EIS. Specifically, BOEM is looking for public comment on what issues they should consider in the EIS, what sources of information they should use for analysis, and other reasonable alternatives they should consider that meet the scope of the EIS. The facilitator noted that the scoping comment period ends March 30, 2026 at 8:59 PM Pacific Time and that there are three ways to provide public comment: at the public scoping meeting, via mail, and online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). BOEM shared preference for comments to be submitted online.

Eight attendees provided public comment:

1. *Michael Stocker, Ocean Conservation Research*
2. *Ryan Smith, Legal Fellow, Environmental Defense Center*
3. *Jeff Maassen, Comercial Sea Urchin Diver*
4. *Haley Ehlers, Executive Director, Climate First: Replacing Oil & Gas (CFROG)*
5. *Abrah Steward, Program Manager, Climate First: Replacing Oil & Gas (CFROG)*
6. *Brady Bradshaw, Center for Biological Diversity*
7. *Molly Troup, Science and Program Manager, Santa Barbara Channel Keeper*
8. *Victoria Molyneaux, Staff Attorney, Defenders of Wildlife*

A summary of the public comments organized by key themes is provided below:

- **Process:** Some individuals who provided comments asked BOEM to conduct a thorough environmental analysis and requested that the comment period be extended. One individual also stated that Alternative C was not included in the NOI.
- **Platform infrastructure:** Some commentors shared concerns that Platform Gilda may be operating past its expected lifespan.
- **Alternative energy options:** Some individuals who provided comments asked that BOEM consider developing energy options other than oil and gas, such as offshore wind.
- **Physical impacts:** Some commentors expressed concern about the impacts on noise, water, and air quality from well stimulation treatment.
- **Biological impacts:** Some commentors expressed concerns about the impacts on marine ecosystems and animals from well stimulation treatment.

## D. Closing and Next Steps

Ms. Tourjé-Maldonado reminded participants that the public scoping comment period is open until March 30, 2026, at 8:59 PM Pacific Time and that they can submit comments in writing through traditional mail and online. All public comments will be entered into the official docket.

Ms. Tourjé-Maldonado adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM Pacific Time and thanked attendees for their time and comments. The Zoom webinar remained open until 7:00 PM Pacific Time with instructions onscreen about how to submit public comments through traditional mail and online.

### III. Appendices

#### A. Participant List

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>What sector do you represent?</b>
Mark	Page	Academia
Susan	Lee	Business/Industry
Mark	Chaconas	Business/Industry
Cinnamon	Edralin	Business/Industry
Simon	Poulter	Business/Industry
Michaela	Craighead	Business/Industry
Riston	Francis	Business/Industry
Margarita	McInnis	Business/Industry
Dale	Bradley	Business/Industry
Abrah	Steward	Community Based-Organization
Necy	Sumait	Government
Laura	Ingulsrud	Government
Fiona	Vogler	Government
Keisha	Douglas	Government
Natalie	Dayal	Government
Rocky	Rudolph	Government
Jennifer	Le	Government
Richard	Charter	Government
Michael	Stocker	Non-government organization
Maggie	Hall	Non-government organization
Lane	Johnston	Non-government organization
Haley	Ehlers	Non-government organization
Victoria	Molyneaux	Non-government organization
Brady	Bradshaw	Non-government organization
Molly	Troup	Non-government organization
Emma	Wellbaum	Non-government organization
Bob	Nunn	Other
Susan	Kline	Other
Susan	Furste	Other
Jennifer	Wu	Other
J	B	Other
John	Public	Other
Jeff	Maassen	Other, Non-government organization
Velda	Addison	Press
Ryan	Smith	Other