



MEETING SUMMARY

BOEM California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force Webinar

Monday, March 9, 2020
Task Force Meeting: 9:00 – 11:00 AM
Public Input Opportunity: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MEETING IN BRIEF

The facilitator from Kearns & West opened the meeting and welcomed all BOEM California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force ('Task Force') members, stakeholders, and members of the public in attendance. Key members of agency leadership provided opening remarks and welcomed the Task Force members and the public.

Federal and State Updates

BOEM provided an update on the current status of the renewable energy leasing process, stating BOEM's October 2018 *Federal Register Notice*, Call for Information and Nominations, generated nominations of interest from 14 companies and 118 public comments. Comments included general support for offshore wind in California as well as considerations for regulatory process, fishing interests, and bird populations. All public comments and company nominations are available on BOEM's website.

The California Ocean Protection Council (OPC), provided information on a newly adopted 2020-2025 Strategic Plan and the California Energy Commission (CEC) described its ongoing efforts and research studies, including work to develop a 'Research Roadmap' that identifies cost and technology breakthroughs for renewable energy generation.

Offshore Working Group Discussion

Key members of the offshore working group described the state and federal coordination in progress on the Morro Bay and Diablo Canyon Call Areas, which were initially assessed by the Department of Defense (DoD) as being incompatible with national security concerns. The offshore working group formed in August, 2019 and has met several times. The offshore working group is comprised of DoD, BOEM, NOAA Sanctuaries, Congressman Panetta's office and the State led by Congressman Carbajal's office. Outcomes of these meetings culminated in the identification of potential areas that may be compatible with DoD operations and offshore wind generation in the vicinity of the Morro Bay Call Area. A map of these areas was presented to the Task Force. The offshore working group members are seeking comments from the Task Force, interested agencies, organizations, and the public. The CEC described their public process for soliciting comments on these proposed areas (described in the following sections) and plans to host future meetings.

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CEC Notice of Availability

The CEC provided an overview of their Notice of Availability and outreach activities to collect input on the areas identified by the offshore working group. Completed and planned activities include the following:

- February 7, 2020: Public Notice of Availability Released
- March 9, 2020: BOEM California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force Webinar
- March 20, 2020: Informational presentation to Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council
- April 17, 2020: Informational presentation to MBNMS Advisory Council
- Spring/early summer 2020: central coast Public Workshop

Discussion and Next Steps

The Task Force members engaged in a brief discussion and asked clarifying questions to the offshore working group. Before taking closing comments from the Task Force members, a discussion of BOEM's next steps included:

- Continuing to work with CEC on the scheduling of the spring/early summer 2020 public workshop
- Completing and distributing information to Task Force members and the public when the new visualization simulations are available for viewing online

The meeting was then officially closed. Following official adjournment of the Task Force meeting, members of the public shared questions and comments on the topics covered during the Task Force meeting.