



Offshore Wind  
California

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# FACT SHEET

## New PPIC Survey – Public support is strong and growing in California for offshore wind power and wave energy projects

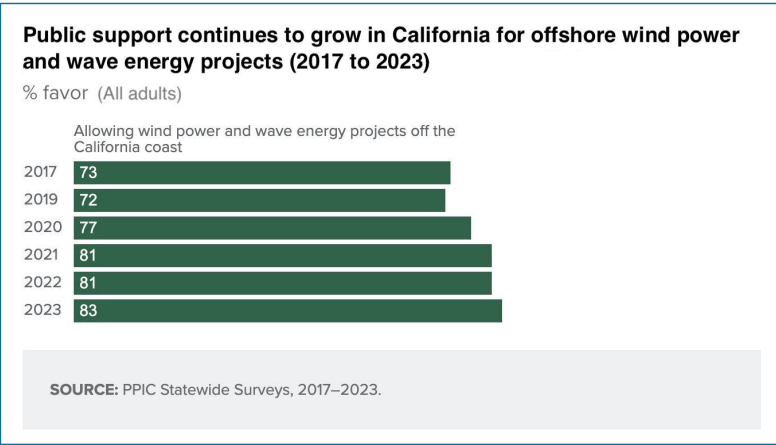
### ➤ 83% of Californians support offshore wind projects off CA coast – July 2023

The latest statewide survey by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), *Californians and the Environment (July 2023)*, had encouraging news on public support among Golden State residents for offshore wind power. When 1,722 adults were asked about “allowing wind power and wave energy projects off the California coast,” 83% of all adults favored them, including **70% of Republicans** and **91% of Democrats**. The total figure is up from 81% last year and 72% in 2019. Support for offshore wind is strong across all major **demographic groups**.

With extreme weather and heat waves continuing to pummel residents across the state, it’s understandable why Californians are determined to support strong action on the climate and clean energy.

### The PPIC’s 25th annual statewide survey reported that:

- **82%** of Californians cite climate change among their top priorities.
- **77%** think that climate change is contributing to extreme weather.
- **80%** agree it poses a serious threat to California’s economy and way of life.
- To address the threat, PPIC found some of the strongest approval for generating clean energy from offshore wind, with bipartisan backing from **83%** of Californians, including **70%** of Republicans and **91%** of Democrats.
- In addition, the survey found **74%** of Golden State residents think it is important “that California acts as a leader around the world” when it comes to fighting climate change.



Last year, the California Energy Commission determined the state needed to go big on offshore wind to achieve **100%** clean power, adopting **planning goals** of up to 5 GW by 2030 and a nation-leading 25 GW by 2045. That’s enough to supply up to **25 million homes** and **15-20%** of California’s planned new clean power, helping to reduce climate risks, ensure grid reliability, and complement the state’s supply of solar and other clean-energy resources.