



**Remarks by *Offshore Wind California* on California Energy Commission’s (CEC) Approval of Assembly Bill (AB) 525 Report Setting Offshore Wind Planning Goals of 2-5 GW by 2030 and 25 GW by 2045**  
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I’m Adam Stern, executive director of *Offshore Wind California*, a trade group that represents the offshore wind industry. We want to thank the CEC staff for their work to update the Commission’s report on the state’s AB 525 offshore wind planning goals. And special thank yous to Chair Hochschild, Vice Chair Gunda, and Commissioner Vaccaro for your time and determination to work with industry and other stakeholders to bring this report across the finish line.

It’s been less than a year since [AB 525](#), authored by then-Assemblyman David Chiu and others, was passed overwhelmingly by the Legislature, and signed by Governor Newsom. Today, we mark the first of many milestones on the important road map laid out by this landmark legislation—approval of its [updated AB 525 report](#), which follows Gov. Newsom’s [announcement last month](#) and expands the state’s offshore wind planning goals to 2-5 gigawatts (GW) by 2030 and a nation-leading 25 GW by 2045.

This is truly excellent news for California’s offshore wind industry, workers, and electricity ratepayers. These goals set an ambitious course and show that California is very serious about “going big” on offshore wind, to drive economies of scale and generate the very substantial clean power, climate, and jobs benefits this renewable energy resource can deliver for our state. We’re determined as an industry to work closely with state and federal agencies and other stakeholders to ensure the high end of these goals becomes a reality. Achieving 5 GW of offshore wind by 2030 will position California to meet and even exceed its 25 GW goal by 2045.

To “go big,” you have to “plan big”—and move forward with determination and drive. For offshore wind, the next key steps include the federal lease auction this fall and developing a comprehensive strategic plan for offshore wind transmission, port infrastructure, procurement, additional call areas, workforce development, and a sustainable supply chain.

We’re committed to working with the CEC and other state agencies and stakeholders to continue implementing the AB 525 road map and moving expeditiously to bring the benefits of this important renewable energy resource to the Golden State.

On a personal note, back in October, a number of people who were part of the coalition that helped pass AB 525 stood at Crissy Field with the backdrop of the Golden Gate Bridge and celebrated passage of this law. Many of us did not expect that we would be here, just 10 months later, thanks to the leadership of the staff, and what I hope will be your approval on this item, that California has moved so expeditiously to embrace the spirit and objectives of AB 525. We thank all of you, staff and Commissioners, for your leadership.

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