



**Statement on Governor Newsom's Inclusion of \$20 Million to Spur
Responsible Offshore Wind Development in Revised Budget
May 14, 2021**

We are very pleased that Governor Newsom has committed \$20 million in California's proposed FY 2021-22 budget revision as a down payment to spur responsible development of offshore wind power. These funds, if approved by the Legislature, will enable the state to engage with key stakeholders, accelerate the permitting of offshore wind projects, and upgrade port infrastructure needed to build out the offshore wind supply chain. This is an important investment and a sign of things to come for Golden State workers and its nascent offshore wind industry. Offshore wind will be a key contributor to help California support a clean energy economy by delivering gigawatts of competitively priced power and thousands of family-wage union jobs, while protecting marine and coastal resources.

We are encouraged by Governor Newsom's statement today that offshore wind siting negotiations with the U.S. Secretaries of the Interior and Defense are progressing. The Governor said today that his administration and the federal Departments of Interior and Defense would "... announce together, very shortly, an incredible opportunity for offshore wind development in the state."

Responsible development of offshore wind will be essential for California to reach its ambitious clean energy and climate goals. Accelerated state and federal planning can result in an initial supply of 3 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind power for California by 2030, contributing to President Biden's national goal of 30 GW by the end of the decade. With some of the most powerful and reliable offshore wind resources in the world, California can build a thriving new industry with thousands of high-skilled jobs and deliver a minimum of 10 GW of renewable offshore wind energy by 2040, enough to provide electricity for at least 7.5 million California homes.

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