

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

PRESENT: Supervisors John Peschong, Bruce S. Gibson, Dawn Ortiz-Legg, Debbie Arnold and
Chairperson Lynn Compton

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-134

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIAL OF RENEWABLE WIND POWER GENERATION FOR, AND
CLEAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE, AS LONG-TERM ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, power generation from the wind, including offshore wind, is being developed globally as a means of providing a clean, reliable energy source of energy as nations reduce dependence on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the United States Executive Administration has established a target of 30 gigawatts (GW) of installed offshore wind energy by 2030, and on May 25, 2021, announced plans to open Californiacoast to offshore wind development and allow wind power projects to be built in an area northwest of Morro Bay; and

WHEREAS, California, a pioneer and leader in renewable energy, passed the 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018 and directed that eligible renewable energy resources supply 100% of retail sales of electricity to California customers by December 31, 2045; and

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo County has been a leader in energy generation for over a century, including the current contribution of 2.2 gigawatts of carbon free, base load energy generated at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant and, 800 megawatts of utility scale solar generation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Interior, through its Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), has identified promising areas in Federal waters off the central and northern California coast for wind energy production; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State policy mandate and encourage local workforce partnerships and economic benefits to communities that help foster offshore wind energy production; and

WHEREAS, there is record demand for sustainable renewable energy and record investment by the private and public sector in its development; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021, the Federal Government announced 399 square miles and a up to 3GW generation capacity of offshore wind energy with attendant economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has allocated \$3 billion in federal offshore wind loan guarantees and infrastructure investment for coastal ports; and

WHEREAS, plans need to be developed to improve existing waterfront facilities that could support a range of floating offshore wind energy development activities that can create nearly 12,000 specialized wind port construction jobs over 5 years and up to 650 operations and maintenance jobs annually, in perpetuity for a 3GW wind farm; and

WHEREAS, the Central Coast encompasses ancestral homelands of the *yak tityu tityu yak tilhini* Northern Chumash people, the Aboriginal Titleholders; the Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties, and the County will coordinate with California Native American tribes regarding policies that may affect tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Luis Obispo acknowledges that the commercial fishing activities are coastal dependent uses receiving the highest priority under the California Coastal Act and the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act, and that the continuing viability of which is of critical importance to maintaining the commercial fishing industry along the California coast. And that the local commercial fishing industry is subject to substantial economic pressures, is vulnerable from a range of regulatory, economic, and market impacts, and that the cumulative effects of the [Project] coupled with these pressures, may impact its members; and

WHEREAS, the Central Coast commercial fishing fleet contributes to the economy, quality of life, and culture of the region, the County commits to collaborate with the fleet regarding policies that may affect commercial fishing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, support Federal and State initiatives aimed at developing wind, energy storage and other forms of renewable energy needed to offset the loss of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, and advocate for state and federal funding to advance feasibility studies for locating a clean energy port and supporting infrastructure in SLO County for the development of offshore wind energy as may be planned by the Federal Government and the State of California that includes an analysis of the economic impact to the commercial fishing industry.

Upon motion of Supervisor Ortiz-Legg, seconded by Supervisor Gibson, and on the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Ortiz-Legg, Gibson, Peschong and Chairperson Compton

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: Supervisor Arnold

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

WADE HORTON

Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Aaron N. Chickering
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) ss.
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO)

I, **WADE HORTON**, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors thereof, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order entered in the minutes of said Board of Supervisors, and now remaining of record in my office.

Witness, my hand and seal of said Board of Supervisors on June 30, 2021.

WADE HORTON,

Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Aaron N. Chickering
Deputy Clerk