

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of August 28, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 18-88

RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY OFFSHORE WIND LEASE APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the State of California has adopted aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals with the objective of developing new renewable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt Bay region has the potential to foster a new renewable energy industry, with a viable wind resource and existing harbor infrastructure to support it; and

WHEREAS, Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) has shown leadership in establishing and successfully operating a Community Choice Energy program that now provides affordable electricity to over 90% of the county's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports RCEA's exploration of an offshore wind project off the coast of Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, RCEA has selected a consortium of partners, which plans to submit a lease application for a selected offshore area to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for possible wind energy development; and

WHEREAS, development of the Humboldt coast's wind resource has the potential to create numerous local skilled jobs and associated economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the location of the envisioned wind project twenty or more miles from shore would minimize any potential negative visual impact; and

WHEREAS, preliminary data shows that the daily cycle of offshore wind, which peaks during evening hours, matches energy load patterns and is complementary to daytime solar generation; and

WHEREAS, many community stakeholders engaged thus far by RCEA have expressed enthusiasm for offshore wind development; and

WHEREAS, the BOEM offshore wind lease application would be bolstered with an endorsement letter from the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby elects to submit a letter to BOEM in support of the Redwood Coast Offshore Wind lease application.

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Ryan Sundberg, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

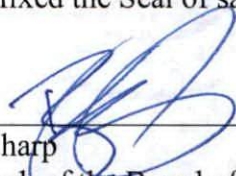
Adopted on motion by Supervisor Fennell, seconded by Supervisor Bass, and the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors	Bohn, Fennell, Bass, Sundberg
NAYS:	Supervisors	--
ABSENT:	Supervisors	Wilson
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors	--

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.



By Ryan Sharp
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California