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California Panel Calls for Significant State Offshore Wind Boost

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The California Energy Commission is calling for accelerated state offshore wind development goals in a new report up for a vote next week.

The commission on Tuesday proposed raising targets to 2 to 5 gigawatts by 2030 and at least 25 gigawatts by 2045, up from previous goals of 3 gigawatts by 2030 and 10 to 15 gigawatts by 2045. If it votes Aug. 10 to approve the higher goals, the commission would exceed Gov. Gavin Newsom's (D) recent call for 20 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2045.

1. Next steps would include a federal lease auction this fall and work toward a transmission strategy, port infrastructure, procurement, and workforce development, Adam Stern, executive director of industry group Offshore Wind California, said in a statement.
2. Newsom advocated for more renewable development along with other climate proposals in a July letter to the California Air Resources Board, the body responsible for setting the state's plan to reduce greenhouse gases.
3. The Biden administration's wants the US to develop at least 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030.
4. The commission is mandated to set statewide offshore wind gigawatt targets as part of a wind energy framework passed last year.

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