

# Invenergy: OCS-P 0565 Semi-Annual Progress Report

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## Executive Summary

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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACP	American Clean Power
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
CBA	Community Benefits Agreements
CBD	Center for Biological Diversity
CCC	California Coastal Commission
CCOWL	California Council of Offshore Wind Leaseholders
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CEC	California Energy Commission
CET	Clean Energy Terminals
CFish	Commercial Fishery Industry
CHNMS	Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
ECOSLO	Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo
EKW	Even Keel Wind
ERI	Educational and Research Institutions
FA	Federal Agency
FCP	Fisheries Communication Plan
Invenergy; Lessee	Invenergy California Offshore LLC
LA	Local Agency
Lease Area	Lease Area OCS-P 0565
Lease	Commercial Lease OCS-P 0565
NATCP	Native American Tribal Communications Plan
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRDC	Natural Resource Defense Council
PEIS	Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
project	Even Keel Wind project on Lease OCS-P 0565
REACH	Renewable Energy Access Challenge
SA	State Agency
SLO	San Luis Obispo
Tribes	Native American Tribes
U.S.	United States
WG	Working Group Forum
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# 1 Purpose and Background

## 1.1 Purpose

This Progress Report is prepared in accordance with Commercial Lease OCS-P 0565, which requires that Invenery California Offshore LLC (Invenery; Lessee) submit a Progress Report to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) every six months through the Construction and Operations Plan approval process. This Progress Report covers the reporting period from **June 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024**. As required by Addendum C, Section 3.1.1 of the Lease, this Progress Report documents overall project progress and engagement activities undertaken with agencies, Native American Tribes (Tribes), communities, ocean user groups, and the public over the reporting period as well as plans for continued engagement.

## 1.2 Lessee Information

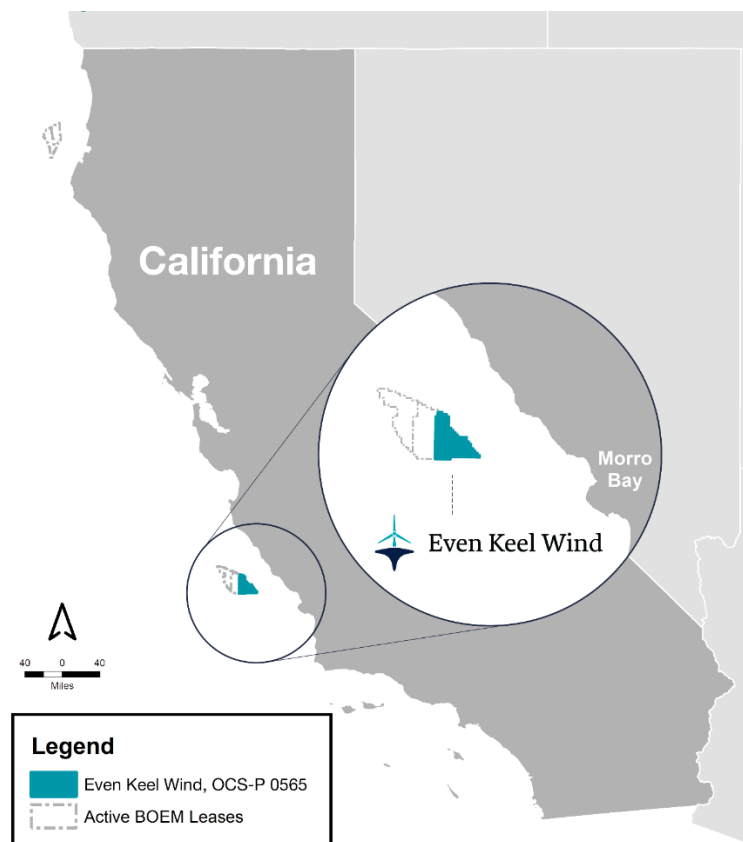
Invenery, a leading, privately held developer, owner, and operator of sustainable energy solutions, is the leaseholder for Commercial Lease OCS-P 0565. Invenery is an American-led company with over 20 years of experience developing clean energy solutions across the United States and globally. Invenery has successfully developed over 200 projects worldwide comprising over 32 gigawatts that are in operation, construction, or contract. In addition to the Even Keel Wind (EKW) project (project) discussed in this Progress Report, Invenery is the lead developer of the Leading Light Wind project located in the New York Bight offshore of New Jersey.

## 1.3 Lease Description

On June 1, 2023, Invenery executed an offshore wind lease in the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area. Lease OCS-P 0565 is located more than 20 miles from the closest location onshore and encompasses approximately 80,000 acres of the Outer Continental Shelf. See Figure 1. Invenery intends to build the EKW project on Lease OCS-P 0565 which will include wind turbine generators and offshore substation(s) as well as export cables connecting to California's onshore electrical grid.

Over the term of the Progress Report, Invenery has been establishing protocols for offshore and onshore data collection and surveys that will be undertaken to characterize the project site and inform project layout, design, and engineering. Invenery has also engaged with stakeholders including agencies, Tribes, communities, ocean users, and the public regarding project development. These inputs will support the preparation of a project Construction and Operations Plan that will be submitted to BOEM. Upon receipt of a complete Construction and Operations Plan, BOEM will issue a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, which will initiate the process of analyzing potential impacts of the project and identifying appropriate avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and monitoring measures.

**Figure 1. OCS-P-0565 (Even Keel Wind) and Other Active BOEM Lease Areas**



## 2 Tribal Engagement

Invenery continues engagement with Tribes in accordance with the central coast lessee's Joint Native American Tribes Communications Plan (NATCP), which is included in Appendix C of this Progress Report. Invenery works collaboratively with the other two central coast lessees (Golden State Wind and Atlas Wind) to reduce the overall communications burden on Tribes. Tribal feedback on this approach has been positive. The Tribal Liaisons for all three companies meet regularly to connect on upcoming activities and stay coordinated.

During this reporting period, the central coast lessees sent the Tribes two quarterly updates that included a summary of joint lessee activities (including a discussion of capacity funds), project-specific updates, helpful links, local perspectives and fact-checking, opportunities for Tribal members in marine monitoring, and general information on metocean buoys. These updates continue to offer meetings between lessees and interested Tribes to discuss project updates or other topics of interest.

Invenery's direct communications with Tribes during the reporting period were largely focused on capacity building funds, which are intended to cover time, travel, and other expenses incurred by Tribes to engage on the EKW project. Over the next year, Invenery anticipates holding conversations with Tribes on topics such as survey plans, visual simulations, and resources of concern. These capacity building funds will reimburse Tribes for time spent in meetings (remote and/or in-person), travel expenses

related to meeting attendance, time spent reviewing documents, and expenses related to hiring consultants to assist Tribes. Invernergy began these discussions in May 2024 and has continued engagement throughout the reporting period (Table 1). In parallel, Invernergy and the other central coast lessees continue efforts to identify a nonprofit or foundation that would be able and willing to hold and distribute capacity building funds. While communications continue, no formal agreement has been reached with any Tribes on capacity funding to date.

## 2.1 Overall Tribal Engagement Progress

In addition to Tribal capacity funding, Tribal engagement over the reporting period involved information sharing, project updates, and attendance at Tribal events. Table 1 includes a summary of engagement activities Invernergy conducted with Tribes during the reporting period.

**Table 1. Tribal Engagement During Reporting Period**

Date	Tribe(s)	Focus of Discussion or Engagement and Meeting Objectives	Outcomes
06/26/2024	Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe	Committed Tribal capacity funds (email)	Offer to meet to discuss
06/26/2024	Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe	Response to Tribal Council Resolution on offshore wind in the Pacific Ocean	Offer to meet to discuss
06/26/2024	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	Committed Tribal capacity funds (email)	Offer to meet to discuss
06/26/2024	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	Committed Tribal capacity funds (email)	Offer to meet to discuss
06/26/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	Committed Tribal capacity funds (email)	Offer to meet to discuss
06/26/2024	Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians	Committed Tribal capacity funds (email)	Offer to meet to discuss
06/26/2024	Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties	Committed Tribal capacity funds (email)	Offer to meet to discuss
06/26/2024	Tule River Indian Tribe	Committed Tribal capacity funds (email)	Offer to meet to discuss
06/26/2024	Xolon-Salinan Tribe	Committed Tribal capacity funds (email)	Offer to meet to discuss
06/26/2024	Northern Chumash yak tit'vu tit'vu yak tihini (ytt)	Committed Tribal capacity funds (email)	Offer to meet to discuss
06/27/2024	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	Committed Tribal capacity funds (email)	Offer to meet to discuss
07/2/2024	Xolon-Salinan Tribe	Committed Tribal capacity funds (phone)	Continue coordination



Date	Tribe(s)	Focus of Discussion or Engagement and Meeting Objectives	Outcomes
07/10/2024	Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties	Attended Summer Solstice Celebration, Morro Bay	Information sharing
07/17/2024	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	Committed Tribal capacity funds (phone)	Continue coordination
08/12/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	Committed Tribal capacity funds (phone)	Continue coordination
08/13/2024	All Tribes	Shared quarterly joint newsletter with project updates from the Central Coast Lessees (email)	Information sharing
9/24/2024	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians and others	Chumash Intertribal Powwow	Lessee education on Tribal culture
10/14/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation, ytt	Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration, Pismo Beach	Information sharing
10/15/2024	Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties	Email introduction to EKW's Fisheries Liaison	Continue coordination (phone call)
10/21/2024	Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties	General discussion of issues of importance to the Tribe	Information sharing
10/30/2024	All Tribes	Shared quarterly joint newsletter with project updates from the Central Coast Lessees (email)	Information sharing
10/30/2024	Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties	Email exchange about participation in Salinan events and information sharing	Information sharing



## 2.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Tribal Interests

As outlined, Invenery’s communications with Tribes during the reporting period were primarily focused on Tribal capacity funding. Specific Tribal input on potential effects and other factors that would influence project design and implementation to date has been minimal. Table 2 includes a high-level summary of issues raised by Tribes during the reporting period.

**Table 2. Potential Effects and Tribal Input on Project Design or Implementation During Reporting Period**

Potential Effect/Tribal Input	Affected Tribe	Effort to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Lack of ability for Tribes to engage in central coast offshore wind projects due to a lack of capacity	All	Invenery has committed capacity funds to provide support for Tribal participation in engagement related to EKW project
Desire to draft community benefits agreements (CBAs)	All	Tribes have voiced concern about lack of CBAs with developers to date. In the October 2024 joint central coast lessee newsletter/update, we described the difference between capacity funds and CBAs and explained the timeline for CBAs. CBAs will be unique to each developer and must be executed before a project’s Facility Design Report is submitted to BOEM, which typically occurs 5-7 years following lease issuance
Lack of understanding of potential effects of offshore wind, leading to a lack of ability to influence project design or implementation	All	Invenery is committed to reaching out to all Tribes throughout all stages of project development to share information, educate Tribal members, and receive feedback
Interest in reviewing survey plans	All	Invenery will reach out to Tribes to discuss review of survey plans when they become available, likely in 2025 and beyond
Data sharing	All	Invenery will reach out to Tribes to discuss data sharing once we have conducted surveys and have data to share, likely in 2025 and beyond

## 2.3 Tribal Feedback on Transmission Planning

Invenery has not yet commenced transmission planning for the project. As the development process matures, potential transmission points of interconnection and cable routes will be discussed with Tribes to seek their feedback.

## 2.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Tribal Engagement Activities

Table 3 includes a summary of anticipated or scheduled engagement activities to be conducted with Tribes during the next reporting period.

**Table 3. Anticipated Tribal Engagement Activities for the Next Reporting Period**

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Information sharing, project updates	All	Joint lessee quarterly updates.
Meetings with Tribes to discuss viewshed analysis	yft; Xolon; Salinan Tribe; Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation; Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties; Northern Chumash Tribal Council; Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians; Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut; (additional Tribes as requested)	Consideration will be given to joint lessee engagement as appropriate.
Pre-survey meetings (e.g., geophysical, geotechnical, benthic)	All	Each lessee will be conducting surveys on individual project schedules; opportunities for shared engagement will be explored when practicable
Data sharing—introductory calls to learn what type of data Tribes are interested in	All	Each lessee will share individual data separately; opportunities to create regional data sharing strategies/protocols are a current topic of discussion with other lessees and research institutions
CBAs—introductory calls to learn what Tribes are interested in	All	Each lessee will create CBAs separately
Continued Tribal engagement consistent with Joint NATCP; outreach on surveys	Tribes	Opportunities to conduct coordinated engagement will be explored consistent with Joint NATCP

### 3 Engagement with Potentially Affected Parties

This section provides a summary of Invenergy’s engagement activities with Potentially Affected Parties including federal, state, and local agencies as well as fisheries and other stakeholders. Invenergy’s Agency Communications Plan and Fisheries Communications Plan (FCP), which were submitted and accepted by BOEM, are included in Appendix C of this Progress Report.

#### 3.1 Summary of Federal Agency Engagement Activities

Federal agency engagement over the reporting period involved regular check-in meetings with BOEM and introductory calls with other key federal agencies. Table 4 provides a summary of engagement activities conducted with federal agencies during the reporting period.

**Table 4. Engagement Activities with Federal Agencies During the Reporting Period**

Date	Federal Agency	Focus of Discussion or Engagement and Meeting Objective(s)	Outcomes
05/21/2024–05/22/2024 <sup>1</sup>	BOEM	Pacific Passive Acoustic Monitoring Workshop	Continue coordination
05/28/2024 <sup>2</sup>	BOEM	California Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)	Continue coordination
06/11/2024	BOEM	Monthly check-in	Information sharing
07/10/2024	BOEM	Monthly check-in	Information sharing
07/26/2024	North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD)	Discussed potential radar impacts from project	Continue coordination
08/01/2024	BOEM	California PEIS	Continue coordination
08/07/2024	BOEM	Monthly check-in	Information sharing
09/23/2024	BOEM	Monthly check-in	Information sharing
09/23/2024	United States Coast Guard (USCG)	Introductory phone call	Continue coordination
11/14/2024	BOEM	Monthly check-in	Continue coordination

<sup>1</sup> This engagement has been included although it is outside of reporting period as it was not included in the previous reporting period.

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## 3.2 Summary of State Agency Engagement Activities

Regular engagement with state agencies took place over the reporting period focused on relevant offshore wind development topics. For example, engagement with state agencies including California Independent System Operator (CAISO), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and California Energy Commission (CEC) addressed the Assembly Bill 1373 Central Procurement mechanism, transmission planning and interconnection issues, as well as permitting topics. Invenery maintains open lines of communication with California policy and decision makers in support of offshore wind.

Discussions were also held with multiple agencies and the fishing industry through the California Coastal Commission’s (CCC) Offshore Energy and Fisheries Working Group, which is tasked with creating a strategy to ensure that offshore wind projects avoid and minimize impacts on fisheries. This strategy includes best management practices to reduce impacts on fishing activities to support the long-term health and resilience of fisheries. The Working Group also aims to provide fair compensation to commercial and recreational fishing interests, as well as Tribal fisheries, for any economic impacts from offshore wind development. The Working Group is made up of members from commercial and recreational fishing industries, Tribal fisheries, offshore wind companies, state agencies, and federal agencies.

Table 5 provides a summary of engagement activities conducted with state agencies during the reporting period.

**Table 5. Engagement Activities with State Agencies During the Reporting Period**

Date	State Agency	Focus of Discussion or Engagement and Meeting Objective(s)	Outcomes
06/19/2024	CPUC	Roundtable with CPUC Commissioners, County of San Luis Obispo (SLO), Renewable Energy Access Challenge (REACH), and Central Coast lessee to discuss offshore wind and community engagement	Information sharing
06/28/2024	CCC, California offshore wind Lessees	Lessee check-in	Continue coordination
06/28/2024	CEC	Feedback on Tribal capacity funding	Continue coordination
07/30/2024	CCC Offshore Energy and Fisheries Working Group	Subgroup meeting to discuss changes to survey and data collection best practice	Continue coordination
08/02/2024	CCC Offshore Energy and Fisheries Working Group	Subgroup meeting to discuss changes to survey and data collection best practice	Continue coordination
08/27/2024	CCC Offshore Energy and Fisheries Working Group	Full working group discussion on confidentiality	Continue coordination

Date	State Agency	Focus of Discussion or Engagement and Meeting Objective(s)	Outcomes
09/12/2024	CCC, California offshore wind Lessees	Lessee check-in	Continue coordination
09/20/2024	CCC, BOEM, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), CCC Offshore Energy and Fisheries Working Group	Full working group discussion on BOEM lease stipulations and CCC permitting process	Information sharing
09/30/2024-10/01/2024	CCC Offshore Energy and Fisheries Working Group	Subgroup meeting to discuss changes to survey and data collection best practice	Continue coordination
10/16/2024	CCC Offshore Energy and Fisheries Working Group	Subgroup meeting to discuss a framework for compensatory mitigation	Continue coordination
10/22/2024	CCC Offshore Energy and Fisheries Working Group	Subgroup meeting to discuss avoidance and minimization of impacts	Continue coordination
10/28/2024	CCC Offshore Energy and Fisheries Working Group	Subgroup meeting to discuss Tribal fisheries agreements	Continue coordination
11/4/2024	CCC	Discuss lessons learned to inform the CCC Offshore Energy and Fisheries Working Group Tribal fisheries subgroup	Continue coordination
11/12/2024	CCC Offshore Energy and Fisheries Working Group	Subgroup meeting to discuss a framework for compensatory mitigation	Continue coordination
11/14/2024	CCC, California offshore wind lessees	Lessee check-in	Continue Coordination

### 3.3 Summary of Local Agency Engagement Activities

Local agency engagement during the reporting period focused primarily on relationship building and information sharing regarding project updates. In addition to a regularly scheduled monthly meeting with the central coast lessees and County of San Luis Obispo (SLO) staff, local agency engagement included municipalities and port authorities through both formal hearings and informal meetings.

Table 6 provides a summary of engagement activities conducted with local agencies during the reporting period.

**Table 6. Engagement Activities with Local Agencies during the Reporting Period**

Date	Local Agency	Focus of Discussion or Engagement and Meeting Objective(s)	Outcomes
07/16/2024	City of SLO, City of Morro Bay, Port San Luis	Shared The Nature Conservancy Webinar Series on offshore wind (email)	Information sharing
07/18/2024	Port San Luis Harbor Commission	Meeting with Harbor Director to discuss project generally	Information sharing
07/23/2024	City of SLO	Project introduction to Mayor	Information sharing
07/23/2024	Port San Luis Harbor Commission	Harbor Commission hearing on Clean Energy Terminals (CET) Project Evaluation Agreement	Continue coordination
07/24/2024	Port San Luis Harbor Commission	Meeting with Commission consultant to discuss CET Project Evaluation Agreement	Information sharing
07/29/2024	City of SLO	Project introduction to City council member	Information sharing
07/30/2024	County of SLO	Monthly meeting with County staff and Central Coast lessee; discussed project updates and County Port Feasibility Study	Continue coordination
08/13/2024	City of Morro Bay	City Council meeting	Information sharing
09/03/2024	County of SLO	Monthly meeting with County staff and Central Coast lessee; discussed project updates and County Port Feasibility Study	Continue coordination
09/10/2024	County of SLO	Board of Supervisors hearing on County Port Feasibility Study	Information sharing
09/27/2024	Port San Luis Harbor Commission	Meeting with Harbor Director and Clean Energy Terminals to discuss waterfront infrastructure	Continue coordination
10/01/2024	County of SLO	Monthly meeting with County staff and Central Coast lessee to share project updates	Continue coordination
10/11/24	North Coast Advisory Council (advisory to County of SLO Board of Supervisors)	Call with Council member and Central Coast lessee to discuss sentiment of and questions in local community	Continue coordination
11/05/2024	County of SLO	Monthly meeting with County staff and Central Coast lessee to share project updates	Continue coordination
11/14/2024	County of SLO	Meeting with County supervisor and staff, REACH, Cal Poly, and Central Coast lessee	Information sharing, continue coordination

### 3.4 Summary of Fisheries Engagement Activities

Invenery continued participation in the CCC Offshore Wind Energy and Fisheries Working Group over the reporting period. The CCC Offshore Wind Energy and Fisheries Working Group is tasked with developing strategies to reduce impacts to fishing and fisheries, as described above in Section 3.2. Invenery participates in multiple subgroups and engages with individual members to advance the goals of the Working Group. These activities are listed above in Table 5 since they are facilitated by the CCC.

Invenery also continues to participate in both the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and Marine Planning Committee meetings to stay informed on fishing activities, share project updates, and be available for stakeholder questions. In addition, the three Central Coast lessees continue coordinated fisheries engagement activities, when practical, to reduce the overall burden on the fishing community. The Fisheries Liaisons for all three companies meet regularly to connect on upcoming activities and stay coordinated.

Table 7 provides a summary of engagement activities conducted with fisheries interests during the reporting period in addition to the CCC’s Offshore Wind Energy and Fisheries Working Group (which are included in Table 5).

**Table 7. Fisheries Engagement Activities During Reporting Period**

Date	Stakeholder(s)	Engagement Objective	Outcome
07/01/2024	James Evanow	Initiated contact interested in applying for Offshore Fisheries Liaison or scout boat	Discussed workforce development opportunities
08/30/2024	Gray Dawn Consulting, Eric Endersby	Bridge of stakeholders to EKW	Information sharing
09/06/2024	Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC)	Marine Planning Committee, hybrid, meeting	Information sharing, continue coordination
09/18/2024	American Fisheries Society Conference	Fisheries Liaison attendance of Offshore Wind Sessions	Information sharing
09/16/2024	PFMC	Marine Planning Committee, hybrid, meeting	Information sharing, continue coordination
09/27/2024	Port San Luis Commercial Fishing Association Member	Relationship building and project introduction	Information sharing
10/09/2024	PFMC	Marine Planning Committee, hybrid, meeting	Information sharing, continue coordination
10/14/2024	Robert Piatti, Salinan Tribal Monitoring	Inquiry regarding Tribal fisheries monitoring	Information sharing, relationship building



Date	Stakeholder(s)	Engagement Objective	Outcome
10/17/2024	Black Pearl Sportfishing	Project introduction and survey needs	Discuss availability of vessel to serve as scout vessel for future survey efforts
10/28/2024	James Herriman	Initiated contact interested to apply for Offshore Fisheries Liaison	Discussed workforce development opportunities
11/14/2024	PFMC	Marine Planning Committee, in-person, meeting within the Council's November 2024 Costa Mesa, CA	Information sharing, continue coordination

### 3.5 Summary of Other Engagement Activities

Invenery continues to engage in conversations with a broad range of statewide and local actors, from academic institutions and non-governmental organizations to community, business, and labor leaders and members of the public. These conversations take place in a wide array of settings, from presentations at public events to small group engagements to one-on-one discussions. Topics include general information about the project and offshore wind energy, environmental research and monitoring needs, economic development opportunities, potential partnerships, and educational tools. During the reporting period, Invenery participated in over 75 mostly in-person engagements in the local community, representative examples of which are listed in Table 8 below. Invenery also continues to collaborate with the other Central Coast lessee, meeting on a weekly basis and presenting information jointly when appropriate.

**Table 8. Engagement Activities with Other Stakeholders during the Reporting Period**

Date	Stakeholder	Meeting Objective	Outcome
06/05/2024	Ocean Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation	Project introduction	Information sharing
06/06/2024	League of Conservation Voters	Project introduction	Information sharing
06/06/2024	SLO Chamber of Commerce	Central Coast lessees joint presentation to Economic Development Committee on offshore wind projects	Information sharing
06/06/2024	Ocean Defense Initiative	Project introduction	Information sharing
06/12/2024	Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce	Monthly mixer	Information sharing
06/13/2024	Santa Lucia Chapter of Sierra Club	Provided project information and solicited feedback on desired information sharing	Information sharing, continue coordination

Date	Stakeholder	Meeting Objective	Outcome
06/19/2024	Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce	Monthly breakfast	Information sharing
06/20/2024	SLO Climate Coalition, Sierra Club	Discussed offshore wind information in the community	Information sharing
06/22/2024	Citizens' Climate Education (CCE) SLO County Chapter	Community Picnic	Information sharing
06/25/2024	SLO Chamber of Commerce	Tour of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant as part of Chamber Insight Studio program sponsored by EKW	Information sharing, community support
06/26/2024	SLO Chamber of Commerce	Ribbon cutting event for SLO City Council candidate	Information sharing
06/26/2024	Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)	Project introduction	Information sharing
06/27/2024	SLO Chamber of Commerce	Monthly breakfast	Information sharing
06/27/2024	Offshore Wind Drinks	Industry networking with local businesses interested in offshore wind	Information sharing
07/03/2024	CCE SLO County Chapter	Offshore wind advocacy	Information sharing, continue coordination
07/11/2024	Community Foundation of SLO County	Project introduction	Information sharing
07/12/2024	Cal Poly SLO	Discussed potential speakers for student classes and internship opportunities	Continue coordination
7/16/2024	Environmental Center of SLO (ECOSLO), Santa Lucia Chapter of Sierra Club, SLO Chamber of Commerce, SLO Climate Coalition, Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce	Shared The Nature Conservancy Webinar Series on offshore wind (email)	Information sharing
07/17/2024	Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce	Monthly breakfast	Information sharing
07/17/2024	ECOSLO	Project introduction	Information sharing
07/19/2024	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 639 and UA 403	Attended presentation by unions on local hire agreements and apprenticeship programs	Information sharing
07/22/2024	Meta	Introductions	Information sharing
07/25/2024	Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce	Monthly breakfast	Information sharing

Date	Stakeholder	Meeting Objective	Outcome
07/31/2024	CCE SLO County Chapter	Discussion of upcoming educational opportunities	Continue coordination
08/01/2024	Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC), Monterey Bay Aquarium, Environmental Defense Center, Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), Ocean Conservation Research, Humboldt Baykeeper	Discuss updates to site assessment plans, data sharing, and monitoring guidance update	Information sharing
08/09/2024	IBEW Local 1245	Project introduction	Information sharing
08/14/2024	SLO Chamber of Commerce, Cal Poly SLO	Attended Chamber Insight Studio Program sponsored by EKW; invited Cal Poly as guest	Information sharing, community support
08/15/2024	CET	Meeting with Central Coast lessees and CET to discuss community engagement around port development	Continue coordination
08/28/2024	IBEW Local 639, Local 403	Project introduction to local union reps	Sponsored local apprenticeship fair, information sharing
08/29/2024	Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)	Project introduction	Information sharing
09/03/2024	SLO Chamber of Commerce, ECOSLO	Ribbon cutting for new ECOSLO office and new Executive Director	Information sharing
09/07/2024	CCE SLO County Chapter	Joint information table by Central Coast lessees at “Electrify Your Life” public event	Information sharing
09/07/2024	Central Coast Aquarium	Attended fundraiser	Information sharing, community support
09/11/2024	Cal Poly SLO	Discussed academics and offshore wind	Information sharing
09/12/2024	REACH	Attended REACH event with Central Coast lessees, County and City elected officials, and community members	Information sharing

Date	Stakeholder	Meeting Objective	Outcome
09/20/2024	SLO Chamber of Commerce	Tour of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as part of Chamber Insight Studio program sponsored by EKW	Information sharing, community support
09/21/2024	ECOSLO	Creeks to Coast Cleanup	Community support
09/26/2024	Trust Automation	Project Introduction to employees of local business	Information sharing
9/26/2024	Cal State Maritime Academy	Discussed academics and offshore wind	Information sharing
09/24/2024	City of Morro Bay	Attended council meeting	Information sharing
09/27/2024	Cal Poly SLO	Discussed academics and offshore wind	Continue coordination
10/02/2024	REACH	Attended REACH council meeting	Information sharing
10/04/2024	South County Chambers of Commerce	Project introduction to South County Leadership program	Information sharing
10/05/2024	Ecologistics	Hosted information table at Bioneers conference	Information sharing
10/08/2024	SLO Chamber of Commerce	Tour of Morro Bay Power Plant Site with Chamber group	Information sharing
10/09/2024	Offshore Wind Drinks	Industry networking with local businesses interested in offshore wind	Information sharing
10/12/2024	Central Coast State Parks Association	Attended Gala	Information sharing, community support
10/16/2024	Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce	Monthly breakfast	Information sharing
10/30/2024	NRDC, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Environmental Defense Center, CBD, Ocean Conservation Research	Discuss project status of all of developers	Information sharing
10/31/2024	Cuesta Community College	Project introduction	Information sharing
11/01/2024	Central Coast Economic Forecast	Attended forecast event	Information sharing
11/07/2024	Santa Lucia Sierra Club Chapter, SLO County NAACP	Attended collaboration mixer	Information sharing, continue coordination
11/08/2024	Central Coast State Parks Association	Project introduction	Information sharing, continue coordination

Date	Stakeholder	Meeting Objective	Outcome
11/08/2024	Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce	Attended community event sponsored by EKW.	Information sharing, community support
11/20/2024	Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce	Monthly breakfast	Information sharing
11/22/2024	Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce	Attended community event sponsored by EKW	Information sharing, community support
11/26/2024	SLO Chamber of Commerce	Monthly breakfast	Information sharing

### 3.6 Potential Effects and Input from Parties on Project Design or Implementation

Table 9 provides a summary of potential project effects related to federal, state, local, parties and other stakeholders and their input on project design and implementation during the reporting period.

**Table 9. Potential Effects and Input from Parties on Project Design or Implementation During the Reporting Period**

Potential Effect	Affected Party	Effort to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Equipment and marine debris recovery	Fishermen	Invenery will abide by regulations to remove/recover all survey equipment, as required by permits for all survey activities
Cable routing	Fishermen, environmental groups, Tribes	Invenery will work closely with Tribes and stakeholders to understand resources in and along potential cable routes
Visual impacts	Tribes, coastal communities	Invenery is tracking the development of technology that could help mitigate visual impacts and will develop visual simulations to support future engagement
Fisheries contracting opportunities	Interested parties	Invenery has received inquiries from multiple contacts interested in contracting for roles such as consulting, offshore liaison, and scout vessel services

### 3.7 Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

Table 10 provides a summary of anticipated or scheduled engagement activities with federal, state, local, parties, and other stakeholders.

**Table 10. Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement with Parties for the Next Reporting Period**

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Project Overview, survey plans, and maritime coordination	USCG (11 <sup>th</sup> District and Sector LA/LB)	None
Continued agency engagement consistent with Agency Communications Plan	Federal, state, and local agencies	Opportunities to coordinate engagement will be explored consistent with the Agency Communication Plan
CCC Offshore Energy Work Group	Fisheries, Tribes, CA State Agencies	Continued participation in Working Group and subgroups with all lessees
Data collection strategy	Fisheries, Tribes, and applicable agencies	None expected given individual timelines and data needs unless a shared data collection strategy is established
Pre-survey planning	Fisheries, Tribes, and applicable agencies	None expected given individual timelines and data needs unless a shared data collection strategy is established
Continued fisheries engagement consistent with the FCP	Fisheries, Pacific Fisheries Management Council's Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee, CCC, CDFW	Opportunities to conduct coordinated engagement will be explored consistent with the FCP
Scientific partnerships	Scientific and educational organizations, fisheries, Tribes, and applicable agencies	Opportunities to conduct coordinated science will be explored
Continued sharing of information with, and listening to concerns of, the local community	Local agencies, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and community members	Not many expected, except where requested by community groups
Continued discussions surrounding central procurement for offshore wind	State agencies, LSEs, non-governmental organizations other interested parties	Engagement with other Lessees will be coordinated by trade associations
Offshore wind transmission and interconnection issues	State agencies, LSEs, other interested parties	Engagement with other Lessees will be coordinated by trade associations

## 4 Survey Plan Activities Under BOEM Review or Underway

Over the reporting period, Invenery continued to systematically analyze and query the market to build a robust understanding of floating offshore wind technology’s deep-water capabilities, limitations, and areas for further investment and analysis. In parallel, Invenery continues to assess federal guidance for all types of survey work to understand equipment and techniques that are suited for deep-water application, as well as build an inventory of available in-situ data to create a preliminary ground model that identifies geohazards and resources that warrant further investigation. Our goal is to continue our due diligence to understand deep-water needs and conditions to support the advancement of our engineering assessments and preparatory work for surveys moving into 2025 and beyond.

Invenery continues to explore means to efficiently collect metocean data for the lease area including purchasing data from buoys deployed by third parties such as TGS<sup>3</sup> and/or deploying buoy(s) within the Lease Area. On September 4, 2024, Invenery submitted a request to further extend the due date for submittal of a Site Assessment Plan to June 01, 2025, from the original request of September 13, 2024. On September 12, 2024, BOEM granted the extension request and forwarded a letter of approval for the extension to Invenery. As indicated in Tables 11 and 12, no specific survey plan activities are under BOEM review or underway as work continues on developing an appropriate survey strategy.

**Table 11. Survey Plan Activities under BOEM Review or Underway**

Type of Survey	Survey Activity Date or Proposed Date	Purpose	Location Description
None during this reporting period			

Table 12 provides a summary of anticipated or modified survey activities.

**Table 12. Anticipated or Modified Survey Plan Activities**

Type of Survey	Survey Activity Date or Proposed Date	Purpose	Location Description
Nothing specific at this time; survey strategy development is in progress			

<sup>3</sup> [TGS | Energy Data & Intelligence](#)



## 5 Accessibility

Invenergy is committed to engaging all stakeholders in ways that are accessible. Some of the considerations that will inform our outreach to individuals with Limited English Proficiency include:

- Directing budget and project resources to providing consistent, ongoing translation and interpretation services across stakeholder engagement activities and materials.
- Providing translation and interpretation services as needed at in-person, virtual, or hybrid events hosted by Invenergy and simplified processes for participation.
- Providing translated materials at all public-facing engagements as needed.
- Consistent use of visuals or diagrams where possible in materials.
- Conducting additional research to identify priority languages in key project communities to identify all priority languages in addition to Spanish.
- Completed 508-c updates to the EKW project website.
- Posted Spanish language versions of the project factsheet, Agency Communication Plan, and FCP on the EKW project website.
- Posted Spanish language project fact sheet on EKW website.

## 6 Coordinated Engagement

Throughout the reporting period, Invenergy has worked closely with the other California offshore wind lessees on joint advocacy related to emerging legislation, policy, and guidance. In addition, as detailed above, Invenergy and the two other central coast lessees have coordinated efforts on Tribal engagement and fisheries engagement, participated jointly in local community events and agency meetings, and strategized on permitting topics. These collaborative efforts have received compliments from state agencies, Tribes, and stakeholders.

In April of 2024, after many months of joint advocacy, the Northern Chumash Tribal Council and Morro Bay Offshore Wind Lessees announced their joint position in support of a phased approach to the designation of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (CHNMS). In October of 2024, NOAA announced its modified proposal for designation of CHNMS consistent with the joint position. This effort exemplifies the importance and benefit of joint efforts among the Lessees, Tribes, and other stakeholders.

Invenergy is also a member of the ACP's California Council of Offshore Wind Leaseholders (CCOWL), which was established in October 2023. The CCOWL is a coalition of offshore wind lessees dedicated to advancing the development of offshore wind energy projects along California's coast. CCOWL seeks to harness the economic, environmental, and clean energy benefits of offshore wind to help California meet its sustainability and renewable energy goals. The council members are Invenergy, RWE, Atlas Wind, Golden State Wind, and Vineyard Offshore; membership will be open to future lessees going forward. Coordinated by ACP, the CCOWL facilitates collaboration among California lessees and shared advocacy. ACP CCOWL engages with state and federal agencies, the legislature, and stakeholders. These meetings are additive to the engagements undertaken by individual lessees.

As the development process continues, Invenenergy will explore additional ways to facilitate coordinated engagement on topics such as research, data collection, project layouts, and monitoring. Information will be shared via future Progress Reports.

# APPENDICES

# Appendix A Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project

**Table A-1. Tribes/Tribal Nations Potentially Relevant to the Project**

Name of Tribe
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Tule River Indian Tribe
Xolon-Salinan Tribe
Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation
Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties
Northern Chumash Tribal Council
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Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians
Chumash Council of Bakersfield
Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe
San Luis Obispo County Chumash Council
Pulikla Tribe of Yurok People (formerly Resighini Rancheria)
Hoh Tribe (Washington)
Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation (Washington)
Quileute Tribe (Washington)
Quinault Indian Nation (Washington)

**Table A-2. Parties Relevant to the Project**

Name of Party	Party Type(s)
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	Federal Agency (FA)
Bureau of Safety and Environmental	FA
Department of Defense	FA
Environmental Protection Agency	FA
Federal Aviation Administration	FA
National Marine Fisheries Service	FA
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	FA
United States Army Corps of Engineers	FA
United States Coast Guard	FA
United States Fish and Wildlife	FA
United States Navy	FA
California Coastal Commission	State Agency (SA)
California Natural Resources Agency	SA
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	SA
California Department of Parks and Recreation	SA
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)	SA
California Labor and Workforce Development Agency	SA
California Environmental Protection Agency	SA
California Fish and Game Commission	SA
California Marine Sanctuary Foundation	SA
California Office of Historic Preservation	SA
California State Lands Commission	SA
California State Water Resources Control Board	SA
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	SA
California Ocean Protection Council	SA
California Energy Commission	SA
California Independent Systems Operator	SA
California Public Utility Commission	SA
City of Morro Bay	Local Agency (LA)
City of San Luis Obispo	LA
Monterey Bay Resources Air District	LA
Monterey County	LA
Port San Luis Harbor District	LA
San Luis Obispo County	LA

Name of Party	Party Type(s)
Pacific Fisheries Management Council	Tribal, state, Federal, or Other Working Group or Forum (WG)
Marine Planning Committee	WG
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Educational and Research Institutions (ERI)
San Luis Coastal Education Foundation	ERI
California Fishermen's Resiliency Association	Commercial Fishery Industry (CFish)
Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara	CFish
Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization	CFish
Morro Bay Community Quota Fund	CFish
Marine Alliances Consulting	CFish
Port San Luis Commercial Fisherman's Association	CFish

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## Appendix C Communications Plans

Communications Plans	
Joint Native American Tribal Communications Plan	<a href="#">Central-California-Offshore-Wind-Projects-Joint-Native-American-Tribes-Communication-Plan.pdf</a>
Agency Communication Plan	<a href="#">Draft Agency Communications Plan - Even Keel Wind</a>
Fisheries Communication Plan	<a href="#">Fisheries Communication Plan - Even Keel Wind</a>