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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Golden State Wind LLC (GSW) has prepared this semi-annual progress report in compliance with Addendum C, Section 3.1 of Lease OCS-P 0564 (Lease). This second progress report covers December 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

GSW is committed to outreach and thoughtful planning with regards to community stakeholders, fisheries, Native American Tribes and Tribal Nations (Tribes), and local, state, and federal agencies. Through introductory meetings and information sessions, GSW has established relationships with, provided information to, and sought input from these external parties.

GSW has engaged in regular communication with the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on regulatory requirements and Project updates. GSW has engaged with a number of other federal and state agencies to introduce and/or continue discussions on the Golden State Wind Project (Project), discuss upcoming offshore surveys, and confirm regulatory requirements. GSW's Agency Communications Plan will be updated throughout the life of the Project to ensure interested parties can access up-to-date information in an effective manner.

GSW is committed to meaningful, open communication, coordination, and collaboration with Tribes. GSW organized and held pre-survey meetings with Tribes throughout early 2024 to discuss the Project and upcoming offshore surveys. As requested by Tribes during early engagement meetings, GSW and its neighboring Central Coast Leaseholders developed a Joint Native American Tribes Communications Plan (NATCP) and distributed it to BOEM and Tribes in April 2024. The Joint NATCP is considered a living document that will continue to be updated as needed in coordination with other Leaseholders and Tribes.

GSW, through its Fisheries Liaison, has engaged local commercial and recreational fisheries and scheduled and attended relevant meetings with fishermen and fishing organizations. During this reporting period, GSW updated its Fisheries Communications Plan, which was refined based on feedback from local commercial and recreational fisheries and will continue to be updated throughout the life of the Project. GSW has also participated and engaged in relevant Pacific Fishery Management Council meetings and the 7c Fisheries Working Group Meetings.

The GSW stakeholder team has continued to meet with local community groups, universities, non-governmental organizations, trade associations, state legislators, community leaders, and other groups to create open channels of communication. Throughout the coming reporting period, GSW will continue to work with stakeholders to address continued questions and gather feedback on the Project.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACP	Agency Communications Plan
ACP-CA	American Clean Power–California
AUV	autonomous underwater vehicle
BOEM	U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
BSEE	Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
CCC	California Coastal Commission
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CEC	California Energy Commission
CHNMS	Proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary
CNRA	California Natural Resources Agency
CSLC	California State Lands Commission
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Assessment
eNGOs	environmental non-governmental organizations
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FCP	Fisheries Communications Plan
FL	Fisheries Liaison
GSW	Golden State Wind LLC
HRG	high resolution geophysical
Lease	Lease OCS-P 0564
Lease Area	Lease Area OCS-P 0564
MBCFO	Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen’s Organization
NAHC	California Native American Heritage Commission
NATCP	Native American Tribes Communications Plan
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOAA Fisheries	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Fisheries Service
OPC	California Ocean Protection Council
OSW	offshore wind
OW	Ocean Winds
PEIS	Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
PFMC	Pacific Fishery Management Council
Progress Report	this semi-annual progress report
PSLCFA	Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen Association
reporting period	the period from December 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024
TES	Tribal Engagement Survey
Tribes	Native American Tribes and Tribal Nations
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



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USCG
USFWS

United States Coast Guard
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

1 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

1.1 Purpose

This Progress Report is prepared in accordance with Section 3.1 of the Lease OCS-P 0564 (Lease), which requires that Golden State Wind LLC (GSW) submit a semi-annual progress report (Progress Report) to the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) every six months from the date of the Lease effective date (June 1, 2023) through the approval of a Construction and Operations Plan (BOEM 2023a). This Progress Report covers the period from December 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024 (reporting period). The purpose of this Progress Report is to document GSW's overall progress and engagement activities undertaken with Native American Tribes and Tribal Nations (Tribes), fisheries, agencies, and stakeholders over the prior six-month period. This report was prepared to align with BOEM's *Draft Guidelines and Instructions for Progress Report Required by BOEM New York Bight Leases and Carolina Long Bay Leases*, which BOEM directed GSW to use in preparation of this report (BOEM 2023b). A list of these parties that may be potentially affected by the Golden State Wind Project (Project) activities are provided in Appendix A: Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project. Relevant contact information is provided in Appendix B: Lessee and Liaison Contact Information, and GSW's Communications Plans can be found in Appendix C: Communications Plans. Each Progress Report will be updated with GSW's progress and engagement activities completed during the prior reporting period and plans for continued engagement.

1.2 Lease Information and Description

GSW is a 50/50 partnership between Ocean Winds (OW) and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, managed by OW. GSW obtained rights to Lease Area OCS-P 0564 (Lease Area) in BOEM's December 2022 Pacific Wind Lease Sale. The Lease Area is located on the Pacific Coast Outer Continental Shelf and is the central of three lease areas in the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area (Figure 1). The Lease Area is approximately 80,418 acres (325 square kilometers), 22 miles (19 nautical miles; 35 kilometers) offshore of California at the closest point, and 53 miles (46 nautical miles; 85 kilometers) offshore of Morro Bay, California. Water depths within the Lease Area range from approximately 3,120 feet (951 meters) to 4,540 feet (1,384 meters). The Morro Bay Wind Energy Area was designated by BOEM following a review of existing and targeted environmental studies as well as significant stakeholder engagement and input. A copy of Lease OCS-P 0564 is available on BOEM's website.¹

Once constructed, the Project will consist of wind turbine generators installed on floating platforms, mooring, and anchoring systems connecting them to the seabed, inter-array cables, floating offshore substation(s), offshore export cables, cable landfall(s), onshore export cables, onshore substation(s), and onshore interconnection cable(s) to the point(s) of interconnection to the onshore electric grid (Figure 2). If approved by federal, state, and local agencies, activities would include construction, operation, maintenance, and eventual decommissioning of the Project.

¹ <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/golden-state-wind-llc-ocs-p-0564>

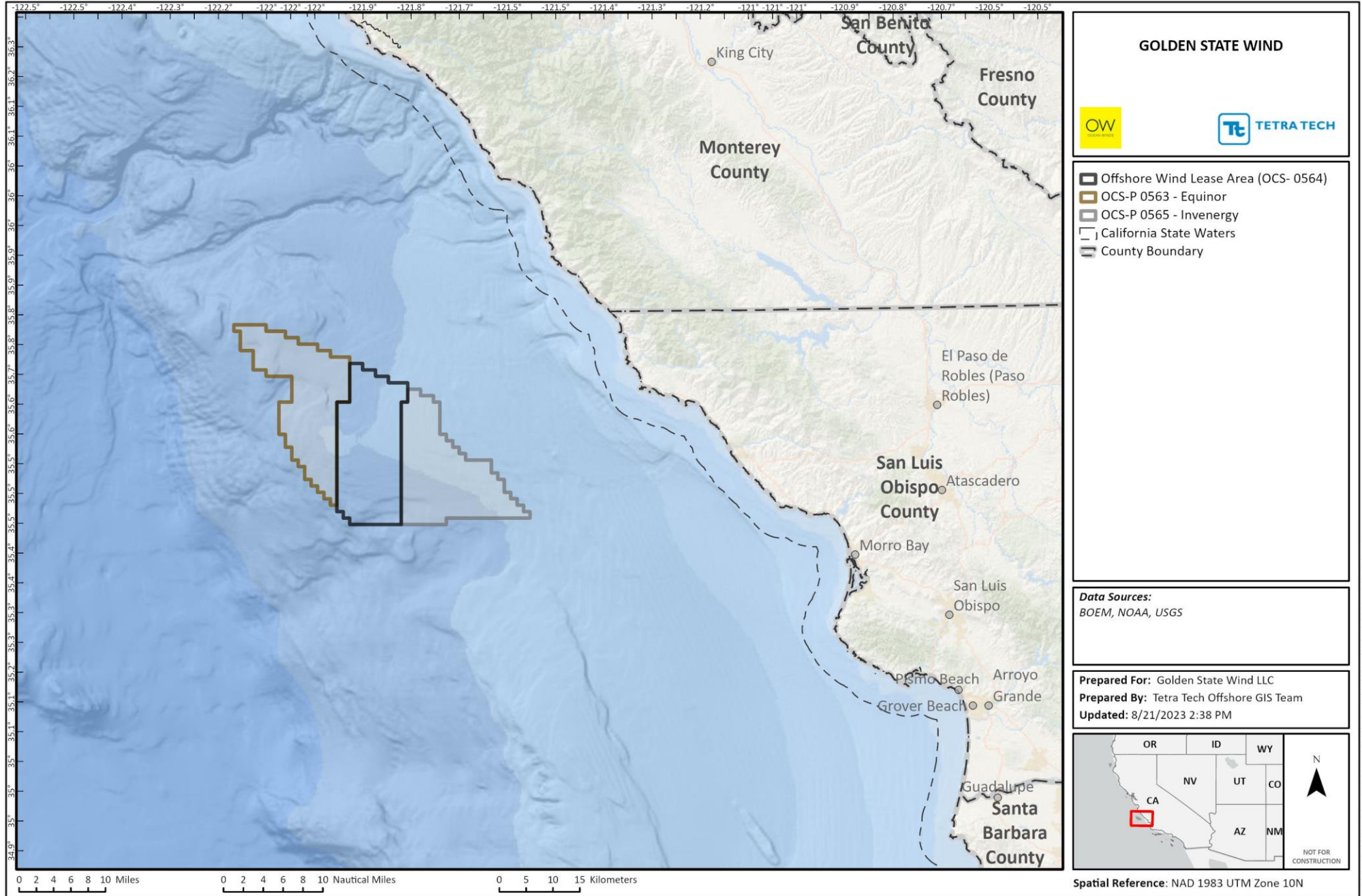


Figure 1. Morro Bay Wind Energy Area and Lease Area OCS-P 0564

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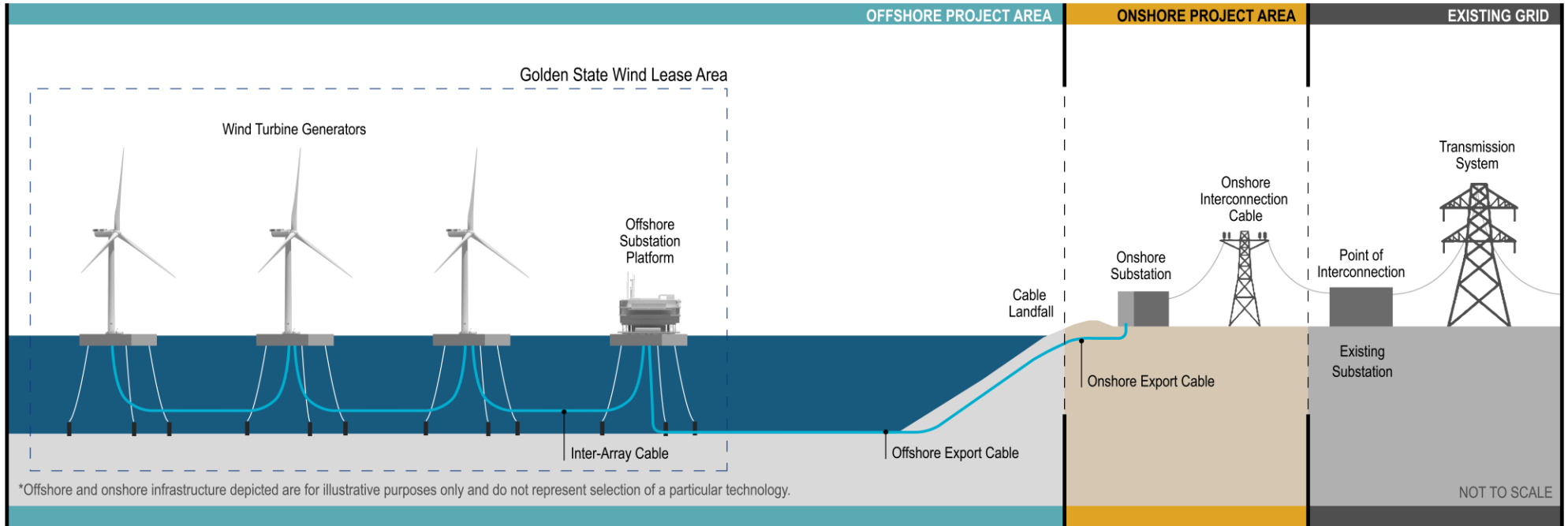


Figure 2. Conceptual Project Schematic

To support engineering design and permitting, site assessment activities to be conducted within the Lease Area include site characterization and survey activities involving vessel-based surveys and deployment of metocean buoys. Site assessment activities outside of the Lease Area include survey activities along proposed offshore export cable routes and onshore facilities locations.

2 TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT

GSW believes that early and active engagement with Native American Tribes and Tribal Nations (Tribes) can benefit the Project as well as Tribal communities. GSW recognizes and respects the special government-to-government relationship between the U.S. government and federally recognized Tribes as set forth in the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, Executive Orders, and court decisions, as well as the experience and insight of all local California Tribes. GSW acknowledges that BOEM remains responsible for all government-to-government consultations and will continue to engage with Tribes in its capacity as the lead federal agency.

The Tribes listed in Appendix A have been identified by the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and BOEM as having cultural and/or historical ties to the Lease Area or having concerns with impacts to migratory marine species. A Tribal contact list for the Project was created with support from NAHC and BOEM; however, GSW invites other interested Tribes and parties to contact GSW directly.

2.1 Overall Engagement Progress

GSW's Tribal Liaison (ASM Affiliates) has continued to coordinate Tribal engagement and assist in establishing and maintaining positive, productive, and collaborative engagements with Tribes. SEARCH, Inc. has also continued to support Qualified Marine Archaeologist (QMA) responsibilities during pre-survey planning and development of the Joint Native American Tribes Communications Plan (NATCP).

GSW and ASM Affiliates organized and held pre-survey meetings with Tribes throughout February, March, and April of 2024 to discuss the Project and upcoming offshore surveys. Follow-up actions and outcomes are listed below in Table 1. Table 1 also includes other outreach and engagement that occurred with Tribes during the reporting period.

As requested by Tribes during early engagement meetings, GSW and its two neighboring Central Coast Leaseholders developed a Joint NATCP. The Joint NATCP was first revised to incorporate Tribal feedback and provided to BOEM on January 26, 2024, resubmitted on March 14, 2024, based on BOEM feedback, and finalized on April 8, 2024, based on additional BOEM feedback. The Joint NATCP was then distributed to Tribes on April 19, 2024. GSW coordinates with the other Central Coast Leaseholders on joint Tribal engagement and communications and holds regular coordination calls with the five California leaseholders to share best practices, discuss common topics, and to continue to improve our work with Tribes throughout the state.

Table 1. Tribal Engagement During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Dates	Tribe(s) Represented	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Draft Joint NATCP for Tribal input	12/5/2023	Quileute Tribe of the Quileute Reservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathered information to complete Tribal Engagement Survey (TES) form 	Yes
Webinar invite: draft Joint NATCP	12/6/2023	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination 	Yes
Webinar invite: draft Joint NATCP	12/6/2023	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination 	Yes
Follow-up on Joint NATCP review	12/7/2023	Xolon-Salinan Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathered information to complete TES form 	Yes
Draft Joint NATCP for Tribal input	12/11/2023	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up on NATCP receipt and review 	Yes
Webinar: Summary of draft NATCP for Tribal input	12/11/2023	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information request for communication preferences 	Yes
General outreach	12/14/2023	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catch-up and relationship building 	Yes
General outreach	12/14/2023	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions and relationship building 	Yes
General outreach	12/14/2023	yak tityu tityu yak tiłhini – Northern Chumash Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catch-up and relationship building 	Yes
Draft Joint NATCP review/comments discussion	12/19/2023	yak tityu tityu yak tiłhini – Northern Chumash Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information request for communication preference 	Yes
NATCP meeting set-up	12/20/2023	Santa Rosa Rancheria Band of Tachi Yokut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination 	Yes
General outreach	12/21/2023	Salinan of San Luis Obispo and Monterrey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catch-up and relationship building 	N/A

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Dates	Tribe(s) Represented	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Overview on leaseholder efforts on outreach to Tribal governments and development of Joint NATCP	1/2/2024	California Energy Commission (CEC) Tribal Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from CEC on what they have been hearing from Tribes 	Yes
NATCP meeting set-up	1/3/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting availability 	Yes
Introductions and general inquiries	1/3/2024	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting availability 	Yes
NATCP meeting set-up	1/4/2024	Makah Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting availability 	Yes
NATCP meeting set-up	1/4/2024	Santa Rosa Rancheria Band of Tachi Yokut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting availability 	Yes
Introduction meeting and developer information request	1/4/2024	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information sharing Developer background 	Yes
Follow up call on Tribal outreach, capacity funding, and coordination	1/5/2024	CEC Tribal Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receipt of Tribal concerns Capacity building options 	Yes
Introductory meeting materials for GSW	1/9/2024	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting follow-up and coordination 	N/A
Check-In, information sharing, schedule planning	1/9/2024	yak tityu tityu yak tiłhini – Northern Chumash Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship building Coordination 	Yes
Introductory meeting with Central Coast developers	1/10/2024	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Business Committee Formal assignment of Sam Cohen as contact for leaseholders 	Yes
Pre-survey meeting invitation	1/12/2024	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting scheduling and information	1/14/2024	Xolon-Salinan Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information sharing Coordination 	N/A

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Dates	Tribe(s) Represented	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Pre-survey meeting scheduling and information	1/15/2024	Salinan of San Luis Obispo and Monterrey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information sharing Coordination 	N/A
Tribal capacity building inquiry	1/16/2024	California Tribal Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building research 	N/A
Draft Joint NATCP review/comments discussion	1/18/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of communication preferences Comments for revision 	Yes
Introductions and Joint NATCP follow-up	1/18/2024	Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi-Yokut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded concerns with direct impacts to spiritual practices Dave Ball from BOEM following up and supplemental meeting to be scheduled 	Yes
Pre-survey meeting invitation	1/19/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination 	N/A
Check-in, information request follow-up	1/19/2024	yak titvu titvu yak tiłhini – Northern Chumash Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship building Information sharing 	Yes
Scheduling pre-survey meeting	1/21/2024	yak titvu titvu yak tiłhini – Northern Chumash Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination 	N/A
Formal pre-survey meeting invitation	1/22/2024	Salinan of San Luis Obispo and Monterrey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination 	N/A
NATCP comment follow-up	1/23/2024	Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed support for decisions made by another participating Tribal group Confirmation of no additional comments 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting invitation follow-up	1/23/2024	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination 	N/A
NATCP comment follow-up	1/25/2024	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of no additional comments 	Yes
NATCP comment follow-up	1/25/2024	Salinan of San Luis Obispo and Monterrey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of no additional comments 	Yes

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Dates	Tribe(s) Represented	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Delivery of updated Joint NATCP	1/26/2024	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document submission for additional review 	Yes
Formal pre-survey meeting invitation	1/29/2024	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination 	N/A
NATCP contact information update	1/29/2024	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional contact for future coordination Updated Joint NATCP 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting invitation follow-up	1/29/2024	Participating Washington Tribes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination 	N/A
Status check and information sharing	2/1/2024	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship building Information sharing 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting discussion	2/1/2024	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information sharing 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting	2/5/2024	yak tityu tityu yak tiłhini – Northern Chumash Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of survey plan Gathered and responded to concerns Incorporated input into survey approach and data sharing 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting	2/6/2024	Salinan of San Luis Obispo and Monterrey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of survey plan Gathered and responded to concerns Incorporated input into survey approach and data sharing 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting recap and notes	2/7/2024	yak tityu tityu yak tiłhini – Northern Chumash Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information sharing 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting follow-up for scheduling	2/8/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination 	N/A

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Dates	Tribe(s) Represented	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Pre-survey meeting	2/8/2024	Xolon-Salinan Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of survey plan • Gathered and responded to concerns • Incorporated input into survey approach and data sharing 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting discussion	2/12/2024	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sharing 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting	2/13/2024	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of survey plan • Gathered and responded to concerns • Incorporated input into survey approach and data sharing 	N/A
Formal pre-survey meeting invitation	2/13/2024	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting follow-up	2/13/2024	Xolon-Salinan Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sharing • GIS submission 	N/A
Informational webinar invitation	2/14/2024	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting invitation	2/20/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Follow-up call	2/23/2024	Santa Rosa Rancheria Band of Tachi Yokut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	Yes
Informational webinar invitation reminder	2/28/2024	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting invitation	2/29/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Follow-up call	3/1/2024	Santa Rosa Rancheria Band of Tachi Yokut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	Yes
Pre-survey meeting invitation	3/5/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting follow-up	3/6/2024	Xolon-Salinan Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sharing 	N/A

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Dates	Tribe(s) Represented	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Informational webinar invitation reminder	3/7/2024	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Invite for Pacific Offshore Wind Summit Tribal Scholarship	3/13/2024	Participating Tribal groups (via CEC Liaison)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sharing 	Yes
Follow-up call on Tribal outreach, capacity funding, and coordination	3/13/2024	BOEM Tribal Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	Yes
Pre-survey meeting follow-up for scheduling	3/18/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting invitation	3/19/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting invitation	3/21/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting invitation	3/26/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting follow-up for scheduling	4/1/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Follow-up on public comments made by Tribal member	4/3/2024	Salinan of San Luis Obispo and Monterrey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship building 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting follow-up for scheduling	4/8/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting follow-up for scheduling	4/10/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
CEC Tribal Q&A Session	4/10/2024	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates • Responses to Tribal questions 	Yes
Pre-survey meeting follow-up for scheduling	4/15/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting invitation	4/16/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Dates	Tribe(s) Represented	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Pre-survey meeting invitation	4/17/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting follow-up information	4/19/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
General outreach	4/19/2024	yak tit̓u tit̓u yak ti̓hini – Northern Chumash Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casual meeting to share upcoming Sanctuary press release and updates on capacity building efforts 	N/A
General outreach	4/29/2024	yak tit̓u tit̓u yak ti̓hini – Northern Chumash Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up and relationship building 	N/A
Pre-survey meeting follow-up	4/30/2024	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	N/A
Pacific Offshore Wind Summit Tribal scholarships	5/7/2024	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship building and engagement support 	N/A
General outreach	5/7/2024	Salinan of San Luis Obispo and Monterrey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship building 	N/A
General outreach	5/7/2024	Xolon-Salinan Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship building 	N/A
General outreach	5/14/2024	Salinan of San Luis Obispo and Monterrey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up and relationship building, Pacific Offshore Wind Summit inquiry 	N/A
General outreach	5/14/2024	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up and relationship building at Pacific Offshore Wind Summit 	N/A
General outreach	5/14/2024	Xolon-Salinan Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up and relationship building 	N/A
BOEM Approval of Survey Plan	5/28/2024	Participating Tribal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sharing 	N/A
Follow up to Tribal Resolution on Offshore Wind	5/29/2024	Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi-Yokut Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship building • Ongoing engagement 	N/A

2.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Tribal Interests

During GSW's meetings and engagement efforts, Tribes expressed potential concerns as noted in Table 2.

Table 2. Potential Effects and Tribal Input on Project Design or Implementation

Potential Effect	Affected Tribe	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Impacts to proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary	yak titvu titvu yak tilhini – Northern Chumash Tribe; Salinan Tribe of Monterey, San Luis Obispo Counties; Xolon-Salinan Tribe; Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation; Northern Chumash Tribal Council	Concerted effort to co-exist where cables/routing would need to cross the proposed Sanctuary boundary
Marine mammal species (specifically northern fur seal, walrus, and whales)	yak titvu titvu yak tilhini – Northern Chumash Tribe; Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians; Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians; Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation; Salinan Tribe of Monterey, San Luis Obispo Counties; Xolon-Salinan Tribe; Hoh Tribe; Quileute Tribe of the Quileute Reservation	Tribes will review survey and data collection plans, technical studies, and proposed designs/alignments
Coastal/terrestrial habitats; fish and essential fish habitat; avian species	yak titvu titvu yak tilhini – Northern Chumash Tribe; Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians; Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians; Xolon-Salinan Tribe; Salinan Tribe of Monterey, San Luis Obispo Counties; Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	Tribes will review survey and data collection plans, technical studies, and proposed designs/alignments
Water quality; air quality; benthic and shellfish resources	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	Tribes will review survey and data collection plans, technical studies, and proposed designs/alignments

Potential Effect	Affected Tribe	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Visual impacts to cultural resource viewsheds/vistas	yak titvu titvu yak tilhini – Northern Chumash Tribe; Salinan Tribe of Monterey, San Luis Obispo Counties; Xolon-Salinan Tribe; Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	Tribes were asked to inform locations of key observation points for visual simulations and analysis
Marine archaeological resources; terrestrial archaeological resources; aboveground historic properties	yak titvu titvu yak tilhini – Northern Chumash Tribe; Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians; Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians; Xolon-Salinan Tribe; Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	Tribes will review survey plans and be involved in fieldwork and design considerations

2.3 Tribal Feedback on Transmission Planning

GSW is in the process of transmission planning, including identification of onshore and offshore routing constraints and development of draft transmission corridors. As part of this process, GSW will be engaging with Tribes and other parties to solicit information on routing constraints and feedback on draft corridors and routes. GSW is committed to early engagement to solicit and implement meaningful feedback on this process. To promote continuing dialogue on transmission planning, GSW will host future meetings, as described in Table 3, with interested Tribes to discuss potential transmission cable routes.

2.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Tribal Engagement Activities

A Joint NATCP was provided to Tribes and BOEM in April 2024. The Joint NATCP is considered a living document that will continue to be updated as needed in coordination with other leaseholders and Tribes. GSW will be engaging with Tribes regarding transmission planning, survey plans, and ongoing general Project updates, as detailed in Table 3.

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

Future Anticipated Discussion/Engagement	Tribe(s)	Anticipated Timeframe	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Transmission routing planning and siting	All participating federally and non-federally recognized Tribes as provided by NAHC and BOEM	Q3 2024	N/A

Future Anticipated Discussion/Engagement	Tribe(s)	Anticipated Timeframe	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Feedback on initial Tribal capacity building needs and options	All participating federally and non-federally recognized Tribes as provided by NAHC and BOEM	Q3 2024	Coordination planned with all Central Coast leaseholders
General Project update – quarterly/milestone	All participating federally and non-federally recognized Tribes as provided by NAHC and BOEM	Q3/Q4 2024	Coordination planned with all Central Coast leaseholders
Survey updates	All participating federally and non-federally recognized Tribes as provided by NAHC and BOEM	Q3/Q4 2024	N/A
Pre-survey meeting (2025 surveys)	All participating federally and non-federally recognized Tribes as provided by NAHC and BOEM	Q1 2025	N/A

3 ENGAGEMENT WITH POTENTIAL AFFECTED PARTIES

3.1 Overall Engagement Progress

GSW has engaged with agencies, fisheries, and other stakeholders throughout the reporting period, as described below and listed in Table 4.

3.1.1 Agencies

GSW has held or participated in numerous agency meetings and engagement activities during the reporting period, including regularly scheduled engagements, meetings to introduce the Project and team, and discussions of proposed legislation, state policy, regulations, specific permits, surveys, or studies. GSW endeavored to hold joint meetings with other leaseholders wherever possible except in cases where Project-specific information was discussed. These agency engagements included the following:

- Project introductions;
- Regularly scheduled bi-weekly and monthly coordination meetings;
- Regularly scheduled leaseholder coordination meetings;
- Survey permits, plans, protocols, and activities discussions; and
- Initial impact assessment approach or protocol discussions.

As required by Lease stipulation 3.1.3, GSW developed an Agency Communications Plan (ACP) describing the strategies for communicating with federal, state, and local agencies with authority related to the Project area and specific methods for engaging with and disseminating information related to these agencies. During this reporting period, the September 29, 2023 version of the ACP was revised based on BOEM comments and resubmitted December 1, 2023. The ACP is posted publicly on GSW's website, listed in Appendix C.

In accordance with the ACP, GSW held or attended multi-agency and/or coordinated leaseholder meetings whenever possible in order to reduce consultation burden and ensure coordinated feedback from agencies. GSW is committed to working collaboratively with other lessees to develop coordinated engagement activities. To help accomplish this coordination, the five California leaseholders worked with American Clean Power Association and developed the California Council of Offshore Wind Leaseholders. This council, with support from American Clean Power–California (ACP-CA) is dedicated to fostering the emerging California floating offshore wind market and advancing the state's first projects. Together with the other leaseholders, GSW participates in regularly scheduled monthly leaseholder meetings with the California Energy Commission (CEC) staff, CEC Chair and Governor's Office Senior Advisor for Offshore Wind. The leaseholders held joint meetings with the members of the California Legislature, Governor's Office, and state agencies during the reporting period on a variety of topics that have potential to impact offshore wind (OSW) development in California. The Central Coast Leaseholders have coordinated on meetings in San Luis Obispo and the City of Morro Bay with state, county, and local agencies, elected officials, and local stakeholders. GSW coordinates with the other leaseholders and ACP-CA and meets regularly with state agencies on legislative, regulatory, and other issues impacting OSW development. In addition, GSW coordinated with the other leaseholders to hold joint meetings with federal and state agencies to discuss issues related to the development of the communications plans and engagement with Tribes and fisheries. GSW has also coordinated with other leaseholders for meetings with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries regarding the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary.

3.1.2 Fisheries

GSW recognizes that fishing is an integral part of the cultural, historic, and economic fabric of coastal California. GSW believes that responsible development of offshore wind is contingent on early, transparent, and continuous collaboration with the fishing industry and that the success of the proposed Project depends on our ability to coexist alongside other ocean users. During the reporting period, GSW hosted a joint virtual meeting with a neighboring leaseholder and invited all fishery stakeholders to provide an overview of the Fisheries Communications Plan (FCP) and receive feedback to improve components of the FCP. As required by Lease stipulation 6.2, GSW developed a FCP describing the strategies for communicating with commercial and recreational fishing communities. During this reporting period, the November 3, 2023 version of the FCP was revised and resubmitted December 22, 2023 based on BOEM comments and then again on March 19, 2024 based on stakeholder comments. The FCP is posted publicly on GSW's website, listed in Appendix C.

GSW also spoke with individual commercial and recreational fishermen with fishing interests in or near the Project area, as well as representatives from numerous fishing organizations along the West Coast, including the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen’s Organization (MBCFO), Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen Association (PSLCFA), Pacific Coast Fishermen Federation Association, California Fishermen Resiliency Association (CFRA), Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara, the San Diego Fisheries Working Group, and the Coastal California Conservation Association. Other stakeholders including the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California Coastal Commission (CCC) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) were also contacted. The California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group was established in Senate Bill 286 (Chapter 386, McGuire, Statutes 2023) approved by the California Legislature, and signed by the Governor in October 2023. SB 286 Condition 7c Fisheries Working Group met for the first time December 6, 2023, and has since met for three formal meetings. GSW has participated and contributed to multiple subgroups, which are focused on specific deliverables the full group has been tasked with. The FCP will continue to be updated throughout the Project lifecycle based on engagement with commercial and recreational fisheries and participation in the 7c Fisheries Working Group and the “statewide strategy” that will be developed.

3.1.3 Stakeholders

GSW has continued engagement with a wide range of additional stakeholders, including environmental non-governmental organizations (eNGOs), universities, labor organizations, local businesses, and community members. This engagement has included Project introductory meetings, attendance of and participation in local events, and community outreach. Stakeholder meetings have progressed during this reporting period as GSW seeks input on the Project and partnerships that will facilitate responsible Project development. GSW will continue to work with the Central Coast Leaseholders on region-specific stakeholder engagement and meetings, as appropriate, and will also work through the California Council of Offshore Wind Leaseholders to coordinate meetings and outreach with stakeholders.

Table 4. Engagement with Parties During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Agencies			
Bi-weekly Project updates	BOEM	Various	N/A
CEC staff and leaseholder updates/monthly meeting	CEC Staff	Various	Joint monthly meeting with California leaseholders and ACP-CA

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
CEC Chair and leaseholder updates/ monthly meeting	CEC Chair	Various	Joint monthly meeting with California leaseholders and ACP-CA
G&G survey plans and GSW updates	Navy and Marine Corps Government Relations	Continued coordination	N/A
Request of informal review of proposed survey activities	U.S. Department of Defense	A response letter was received in April 2024. The Department of the Navy requested continued consultation regarding coordination of site development and military operations conducted in the area.	N/A
AB525 Strategic Plan draft updates and public workshops	CEC	Prepare notes for ACP-CA comment letter to AB525 Draft Strategic Plan	Yes
NOAA Fisheries permitting	NOAA Fisheries	NOAA Fisheries permitting will be progressed to support 2025 surveys.	N/A
Introductions, Project update and project design envelope concept	CSLC	CSLC provided input on level of design and coordination required for permit applications. Introduction to project design envelope concept.	N/A
ACP-CA and leaseholder BOEM joint call: survey plans	ACP-CA, BOEM, leaseholders	ACP-CA and BOEM to set up regular meetings with leaseholders.	Yes
Survey permitting and cable corridor	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	Discussed options for cable corridor permitting.	N/A
Introduction and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement's (BSEE's) Roles and Responsibilities on QHSE	BSEE	Continue coordination with BSEE.	Yes – all 5 California leaseholders

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
BOEM meeting with California leaseholders	BOEM	Highlights and challenges with Tribal and fisheries engagement, survey plan reviews, CA Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) scoping and NOI comment period.	Yes – all 5 California leaseholders
Project introduction and existing bird data	USFWS Migratory Bird Program	Existing data is robust, but for any future projects, pre-construction monitoring is likely to be required.	N/A
Joint NATCP revisions	BOEM	Edits to finalize Joint NATCP	Yes - Central Coast leaseholders
Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary and NOAA permitting	CEC, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), CSLC, California Ocean Protection Council (OPC), California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Continue advocacy for phased approach designation.	Yes - Central Coast leaseholders
Survey plan comment review	BOEM	Survey plan review and incorporated feedback	N/A
USFWS and CDFW bat data and survey meeting – MOTUS and acoustic detectors on survey vessels.	USFWS and CDFW	Confirmed frequency for MOTUS trackers. Inquired if acoustic detectors could also be deployed on metocean buoys	N/A
Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency – autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) and ultra-short baseline equipment	BOEM, CCC	BOEM to prepare a memo to share with CCC that reviews technologies not reviewed in the Environmental Assessment and proposed in GSW survey plan	N/A
Nationwide Permit 5 Permitting	USACE	To follow up after Modernization Rule is effective	N/A

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Outer Continental Shelf Air Permit	EPA	EPA to schedule a future meeting with Air Pollution Control Districts to discuss delegation authority and confirm timeline.	N/A
Pre-survey meeting: review of high resolution geophysical (HRG), benthic and geotechnical survey protocols	NOAA Fisheries	GSW to conduct an interim meeting on preliminary results of HRG data collected in 2024. GSW to prepare and submit a Benthic Survey Protocol.	N/A
Pre-survey meeting	BOEM	Incorporated feedback into survey plan	N/A
Tribal engagement strategy and capacity building	Governor's Office, CNRA, CEC	Presented overview of tribal engagement strategy, outreach efforts and capacity building options.	N/A
BOEM metocean buoy permitting and Modernization Rule publication	BOEM	Follow up with USACE to determine permitting pathway once Modernization Rule is effective	N/A
Introductory meeting – survey and Project design	United States Coast Guard (USCG)	Continue communication regularly	N/A
Survey planning and HRG survey consistency with the Offshore Geophysical Permit Program	CSLC	Continue communication. GSW to set up a follow up call on survey permitting for 2025 activities.	N/A
BOEM Pacific PEIS	BOEM and ACP-CA	Draft PEIS expected fall of 2024 for 60-day public comment. Provide BOEM with input on geographic differences.	Yes – all 5 California leaseholders
Onshore siting and Tribal engagement	San Luis Obispo (SLO) County	Set up follow up meeting for siting and routing discussion.	N/A
Fisheries			
7c Fisheries Working Group full meetings (3) establishing best practices for surveys, communication, agreement template, and impact mitigation	7c Fisheries Working Group members	Various	Yes – all 5 California leaseholders

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
7c Fisheries Working Group Subgroup 2: Fishing agreement template	7c Fisheries Working Group members	Various	Yes - Vineyard Offshore
7c Fisheries Working Group Subgroup 1: Best practices during surveys	7c Fisheries Working Group members	Various	Yes - RWE, Invenergy
FCP virtual presentation to all fishery stakeholders	All fishery stakeholders	Explore the streamlining of gear claim form amongst MB Leaseholders	Joint effort with Equinor
Multiple Pacific Fishery Management Council Marine Planning Committee meetings, OSW and fisheries related topics	All California fisheries, state and federal agencies	Various	Yes - Central Coast Leaseholders
Bi-weekly check-in on Project updates, fisheries engagement, survey concerns, upcoming events pertinent to fisheries	Morro Bay leaseholder fisheries liaisons	Continue to collaborate on outreach strategies, share information	Yes - Central Coast Leaseholders
Bi-weekly check-in for West Coast updates, fisheries engagement strategies, and California Coastal Commission's 7c Fisheries Working Group	ACP-CA	Continue to collaborate and solve issues on topics	Yes - All five California leaseholders
Monthly call, check- in regarding 7c Fisheries Working Group	ACP-CA, CCC	Continue participation and communication	Yes - All five California leaseholders
Monthly meeting	Coastal Conservation Association	Continue regular participation and engagement	N/A
Intros, Project description, concerns	American Sportfishing Association (West Coast)	Add contact, continue communication regularly	N/A
Metocean buoy data sharing concerns	Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara President	Relay concerns, stay in communication	N/A
Check-in	MBCFO President	Continue regular communication	N/A
OSW topics, U.S. lessons learned, impacts and monitoring fisheries, best practices	World Fisheries Congress	Follow up with resources and materials to aid in coexistence among ocean users and OSW	Yes - Equinor, Vineyard Offshore

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Identification of Fisheries Representatives in the Morro Bay region	Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara and MBCFO members	Create a statewide model, share ideas regarding Morro Bay fisheries representatives with neighboring Leaseholders	N/A
Central Coast Heritage Mapping Project	Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries	Implement into education materials	N/A
Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners instructions	United States Coast Guard	Continue to touch base and keep communication lines open	N/A
Loran-C usage on local fishing vessels	MBCFO and CFSB	Continue open lines of communication with local fishery stakeholders	N/A
Stakeholders			
Local non-profit meetings	Various specialized organizations, environmental, conservation and climate groups and service clubs	Introductions, listening sessions, resource sharing, and providing industry insight to members of the local community. Reviewing proposals to support initiatives, projects, and events. Exploring capacity building.	Yes - Central Coast leaseholders
Higher education meetings	State universities, community colleges, and affiliated research labs	Providing industry insight, project timeline updates, and both third party and project-specific resources. Receiving updates on current and future scientific and economic studies. Exploring collaboration and capacity building.	N/A
Local conferences	Conferences and summits by university student-led groups and local economic development and tourism NGOs	Setting up information tables/booths when available, accepting speaker/presentation opportunities, knowledge sharing with attendees, networking, and creating relationships.	Yes - Central Coast leaseholders

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Local event attendance	Local service clubs, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, climate groups and regional annual festivals/celebrations	Setting up information tables/booths when available, networking, knowledge sharing, initiating, creating and maintaining relationships with community members.	Yes - Central Coast leaseholders
K-12 Education Foundation meetings	Teachers, administrators and K-12 education service providers and curriculum developers	Knowledge sharing, orientation to current initiatives and programs and discovery for potential future collaboration and support.	N/A
Bi-Weekly community engagement calls with Central Coast leaseholders	Central Coast leaseholders	Collaborate and coordinate on local engagement where feasible	Yes - Central Coast leaseholders
Bi-Weekly Tribal engagement calls with Central Coast leaseholders	Central Coast leaseholders	Collaborate and coordinate on Tribal engagement where feasible	Yes - Central Coast leaseholders
Bi-weekly permitting, regulatory, and advocacy calls with California leaseholders	ACP-CA, California leaseholders	Coordination on common permitting and regulatory/legislation topics, follow up on agency engagement and requests.	Yes - All five California leaseholders
eNGO monthly call	eNGOs, ACP-CA, California leaseholders	Project updates. Follow up on OPC environmental monitoring guidance and proposed CHNMS.	Yes - All five California leaseholders
Pacific Passive Acoustic Monitoring Network workshop	BOEM, NOAA Fisheries, researchers, public, and leaseholders	Draw lessons on regional marine mammal monitoring from the East Coast experience. Review the Passive Acoustic Monitoring work to date on the Pacific Coast and identify key gaps and needs moving forward.	N/A

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Potential Tribal capacity building foundations/non-profits	Foundations, Tribal non-profits, CalPoly	Explore options for third party Tribal capacity grants funding. Follow up with Tribes for feedback on options and near-term needs.	Yes

3.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

During this reporting period, GSW’s engagement has focused on Project introductions, Project overview information, upcoming offshore surveys, and deployment of metocean buoys within the Lease Area. Effects identified during this reporting period are listed in Table 5.

Table 5. Potential Effects and Input from Parties on Project Design or Implementation

Potential Effect	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Agencies		
Viewshed and harbor/port impacts, economic impacts	City of Morro Bay, Morro Bay Harbor Department, Port San Luis Harbor District	Provide feedback to the parties as new Project design information is available. Avoid use of local harbors during surveys.
Fisheries		
Environmental disturbance during survey operations	Commercial fishermen transiting survey area and/or participating in limited entry groundfish, tuna, and/or swordfish fisheries	Share GSW survey plans, equipment used and address claims individually to clarify survey impacts and mitigation (7c Fisheries Working Group deliverable).
Temporary displacement during survey operations	Commercial fishermen transiting survey area and/or participating in limited entry groundfish, tuna, and/or swordfish fisheries	Communicate survey plans early to fishermen to receive feedback. Use Fisheries Liaison (FL) to relay survey activities via multiple methods of communication to affected fishermen.
Temporary displacement due to presence of metocean buoys	Commercial fishermen transiting area near moored metocean buoys and/or participating in	Communicate potential positions of metocean buoys as early as possible with the fishing fleet,

Potential Effect	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
	limited entry groundfish, tuna, and/or swordfish fisheries	equip buoys with AIS for all vessels to track at sea.
Stakeholders		
Onshore infrastructure	Local coastal communities	Maintain open channels of communication on Project timeline and scope.
Transparency and knowledge sharing	Local community organizations	Maintain open channels of communication on Project timeline. Maintain frequent community engagement opportunities for questions and concerns.
Economic diversification/revitalization	NGOs, ERIs, coastal community members, labor groups	Maintain frequent engagement, remain connected on regional and local economic development and conservation initiatives.

3.3 Feedback from Parties on Transmission Planning

GSW is in the process of transmission planning, including identification of onshore and offshore routing constraints and development of draft transmission corridors. As part of this process, GSW will be engaging with Tribes, agencies, fisheries, and other stakeholders to solicit information on routing constraints and feedback on draft corridors and routes. GSW is committed to early engagement to solicit and implement meaningful feedback on this process. GSW will continue to work with these parties as potential export cable routes evolve. GSW will provide additional information and seek input about cable routing from other stakeholders as Project design progresses.

4 ANTICIPATED OR SCHEDULED ENGAGEMENT PLANNING

Table 6 describes anticipated engagement activities GSW plans to initiate and/or attend during the next reporting period. GSW is also planning to include strategies to reach individuals with Limited English Proficiency who may be affected by future offshore wind development, considering the local project area demographics and primary language needs. Some of these strategies may include use of website plug-in translation functionality, as well as translation of fact sheets, notices, and key Project-related documents.

Table 6. Anticipated Engagement with Parties for the Next Reporting Period

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement
Agencies		
Geophysical and geotechnical surveys	Relevant federal and state agencies	N/A
Metocean buoy deployment	Relevant federal and state agencies	N/A
Benthic survey plan	Relevant federal and state agencies	N/A
Bat acoustic monitoring plan	Relevant federal and state agencies	N/A
Onshore surveys planning	Relevant federal and state agencies	N/A
Survey notifications	U.S. Navy, USCG	N/A
Transmission planning and siting	Relevant federal, state, and local agencies, Tribes	N/A
Proposed state legislation and regulatory developments	California state legislature, relevant state agencies	California leaseholders
Community relations and Project updates	Various central coast local government entities	Central Coast leaseholders
Confirming permitting requirements, approach, and data needs	Relevant federal, state, and local agencies	N/A
Project updates	Relevant federal, state, and local agencies	N/A
Bi-weekly permitting coordination	ACP-CA	California leaseholders
California PEIS	ACP-CA and BOEM	California leaseholders
Fisheries		
California Coastal Commission's 7c Fisheries Working Group to start, introductions, site survey activities (quarterly)	7c Fisheries Working Group members	California leaseholders
Bi-weekly check-in for West Coast updates, fisheries engagement strategies, and California Coastal Commission's 7c Fisheries Working Group	ACP-CA, California Leaseholders	California leaseholders
Bi-weekly check-in on Project updates, fisheries engagement,	Morro Bay Leaseholder FLs	Central Coast leaseholders

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement
survey concerns, upcoming events pertinent to fisheries		
Attend/participate in all Pacific Fishery Management Council Marine Planning Committee meetings	All affected fisheries stakeholders	When possible, with Central Coast leaseholders and/or all five California leaseholders
Monthly Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) meetings	CCA (recreational fishing club) members	When possible, with Central Coast leaseholder FLs
Regular check-ins, providing local fishermen and fishermen associations survey operation updates	MBCFO, PSLCFA	When possible, with Central Coast leaseholder FLs
Stakeholders		
Cal Poly/California Sea Grant Community public education workshops (second and third in series of three)	Various	Central Coast leaseholders
Local OSW forums	Various	California leaseholders
Survey notifications	Various	N/A
Regular check-ins	NGOs, ERIs, coastal community members, state agencies and legislators	N/A
Local conference attendance	Various	Central Coast leaseholders
Local event sponsorship	Various	N/A
Introductory presentations	Various	Central Coast leaseholders
Project updates	Various	N/A

5 SURVEY PLAN ACTIVITIES

GSW prepared the High Resolution Geophysical & Geotechnical Survey Plan, in accordance with GSW’s Lease, for proposed preliminary high resolution geophysical (HRG) investigations, bat acoustic monitoring, and limited geotechnical survey activities planned to occur in 2024 and 2025. The High Resolution Geophysical & Geotechnical Survey Plan was initially submitted to BOEM on December 7, 2023. Subsequent revisions of the High Resolution Geophysical & Geotechnical Survey Plan were submitted to BOEM, CCC, and CSLC on February 16, April 5, and May 8 of 2024. The Survey Plan adequately addressed all BOEM comments as of May 23, 2024.

GSW is planning on completing the high resolution geophysical and geotechnical surveys over a 2-year period from 2024-2025. The 2024 survey work is anticipated to be focused on the Lease Area; however, some investigations of potential export cable routes may also be conducted in federal waters, within the proposed action area analyzed in BOEM’s Biological

Assessment (BOEM 2022). The HRG investigation will be completed between June 15 and December 31, 2024. The 2025 portion of the work is intended to include investigation of the export cable survey area with both AUV methodology and vessel towed/hull mounted sensors, and medium penetration seismic investigation of both the Lease Area and Coastal Survey Plan Area. An anticipated start date for the 2025 geophysical surveys has not yet been identified. Additional surveys planned for 2025 will be covered under separate survey plans.

Additionally, GSW plans to deploy bat acoustic detectors on metocean buoys in the Lease Area. While the buoys themselves will be permitted under USACE Nationwide Permit 5, pursuant to the modernization rule effective July 15, 2024, the bat acoustic detectors will be the subject of an additional survey plan submitted to BOEM.

Section 2.1 of the Survey Plan provides additional detail on the indicative survey schedule.

Table 7. Survey Plan Activities Under BOEM Review or Underway

Type of Survey	Survey Activity Date or Proposed Date	Purpose (i.e., what it will inform)	Location Description
Geophysical	Anticipated Q3-Q4 2024	Site conditions	Lease Survey Area, federal waters of Export Cable Route Survey Plan Area
Geotechnical - potential	Anticipated Q3-Q4 2024	Site conditions	Lease Survey Area
Bat acoustic monitoring on survey vessel	Anticipated Q3-Q4 2024	Site conditions	Lease Survey Area, federal waters of Export Cable Route Survey Plan Area
Geophysical	Anticipated Q2-Q3 2025	Site conditions	Export Cable Route Survey Plan Area, Coastal Survey Plan Area

Table 8. Anticipated or Modified Survey Plan Activities

Type of Survey	Proposed Date	Purpose (i.e., what it will inform)	Location Description
Bat acoustic monitoring on metocean buoys	Anticipated Q4 2024-Q4 2025	Site conditions	Lease Survey Area
Geotechnical	Anticipated Q2-Q3 2025	Site conditions	Lease Survey Area, Export Cable Route Survey Plan Area
Benthic surveys	Anticipated Q4 2025	Site conditions	Lease Survey Area, Export Cable Route Survey Plan Area

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Appendix A Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project

In accordance with Section 3.1.1 of the Lease OCS-P 0564, GSW has identified Tribes and other parties in which are relevant to the Project, see Table A-1 and A-2. Native American Tribes and other parties include, but are not limited to:

- Coastal communities
- Commercial and recreational fishing industries and stakeholders
- Educational and research institutions
- Environmental and public interest non-governmental organizations
- Federal, state, and local agencies
- Tribes
- Mariners and the maritime industry
- Ocean users
- Submarine cable operators
- Underserved communities, as defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985

Table A-1. Tribes Relevant to the Project

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

Table A-2. Parties Relevant to the Project

Party Type	Name of Party
Federal agencies	BOEM Federal Aviation Administration National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) NOAA National Ocean Service Integrated Ocean Observing System Office NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Coast Guard U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Navy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
State agencies	California Coastal Commission California Department of Fish and Wildlife California Energy Commission California Office of Historic Preservation California State Lands Commission California State Water Resources Control Board California State Parks California Public Utilities Commission California Environmental Protection Agency California Department of Water Resources California Department of Conservation California Ocean Protection Council California Labor & Workforce Development Agency California Natural Resources Agency
Local agencies and coastal communities	California Association of Harbormasters and Port Captains San Luis Obispo County San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District City of Morro Bay City of Morro Bay Harbor Department Port San Luis Port San Luis Harbor District Central Coast State Parks Association Cayucos Sanitary District
Educational and research institutions	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Cuesta College Allen Hancock College San Luis Coastal Unified School District
Economic development organizations	REACH Central Coast Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce

Party Type	Name of Party
	San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce Uplift Central Coast Monterey Bay Economic Partnership Economic Development Collaborative Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Cal Poly SBDC Mission Community Services Corporation/Womens Business Center San Luis Obispo County Workforce Development Board
Underserved Communities	Latino Outreach Council Boys and Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast First 5 SLO County Diversity Coalition GALA Center for Pride and Diversity
Environmental Organizations and Working Groups	Pacific Wildlife Care Sierra Club Santa Lucia Chapter Sea Otter Savvy ECOSLO Marine Mammal Center Morro Bay National Estuary Program Morro Bay Open Space Alliance REACT Alliance Piedras Blancas Lightstation Association Hearst Ranch Friends of the Elephant Seal Central Coast Aquarium Monterey Bay Aquarium Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo Morro Coast Audubon Society Cayucos Land Conservancy Surfrider SLO San Luis Obispo County Climate Justice Alliance Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival Ecologistics Community Environmental Council Central Coast Bioneers Friends of Wild Cherry Canyon O'Neill Sea Odessey Save Our Shores Natural Resources Defense Council Environmental Defense Fund Audubon Society Oceana Save the Whales

Party Type	Name of Party
	Whale and Dolphin Conservation The Nature Conservancy American Land Conservancy Greenpeace Ocean Conservation Society The Ocean Foundation Center for Biological Diversity Ocean Conservation Research Environmental Protection Information Center California Marine Sanctuary Foundation Defenders of Wildlife
Commercial Fishing Industry	Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries American Albacore Fishing Association Bodega Bay Fishermen’s Marketing Association California’s Fishermen Resiliency Association California Wetfish Producers Association Central California Joint Cable/Fisheries Liaison Committee Central Coast Women for Fisheries Inc Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara Joint Oil/Fisheries Liaison Office Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust Monterey Bay Commercial Fishermen’s Marketing Association Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen’s Organization Moss Landing Commercial Fishermen’s Association Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen Association Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen’s Association Responsible Offshore Development Alliance San Diego Fishermen’s Working Group Small Boat Commercial Salmon Fishermen’s Association Shelter Cove Fishing Preservation Association Inc. Southern California Trawlers Association Ventura County Commercial Fishermen’s Association Washington Dungeness Crab Fishermen’s Association West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group Western Fishboat Owner’s Association Giovanni’s Seafood Market and Galley Ocean Gold Seafood Pacific Seafood West Coast Seafood Processors Association
Recreational Fishing Industry	American Sportfishing Association California Coastal Conservation Association: Morro Bay Chapter Morro Bay Landing



Party Type	Name of Party
	Pacific Charters Sportfishing Patriot Sportfishing Sportfishing Association of California Sub Sea Tours Virg's Landing



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Appendix C Communications Plans

Please find the following Communications Plans status/location listed below.

- GSW's Agency Communications Plan is located at https://www.goldenstatewind.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/GSW_Agency-Comms-Plan_20231201.pdf.
- GSW's Fisheries Communications Plan is located at https://www.goldenstatewind.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/GSW_Fisheries-Comms-Plan_rev-3_clean.pdf.
- GSW's Joint Native American Tribes Communications Plan is located at https://www.goldenstatewind.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Central-California-Joint-NATCP-rev3_clean_public.pdf.