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**HEARING ON COMPARATIVE  
ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF  
DEVELOPING OFFSHORE OIL RESOURCES FROM  
OFFSHORE OR ONSHORE SITES**

**BACKGROUND:**

At the request of the Lieutenant Governor, staff has prepared a presentation addressing offshore oil and gas development in California waters and the comparative advantages and disadvantages of developing these resources either from onshore or offshore drill sites. The presentation will discuss the current capability of extended reach drilling technology, operational limitations, risk factors, and environmental factors. Presenters will include, in addition to staff presentations, representatives from the oil and gas industry, Santa Barbara County, and the environmental community.