

MINUTE ITEM

25. POLICY RELATIVE TO APPROVAL OF SUBSIDENCE PROJECTS, LONG BEACH -  
L.B.W.O. 10,112.

At the request of the Executive Officer, action on Calendar Item 37 was deferred until the next meeting of the Commission for further modification to make certain that the proposal, which is satisfactory in principle, can be in complete legal form.

Attachment

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CALENDAR ITEM

37.

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Prior approval of subsidence costs required of the State Lands Commission by Chapter 29, Statutes of 1956, 1st E.S., has heretofore been granted subject to the expiration of the approval on each project at the close of the then current fiscal year. Many projects continue beyond the fiscal year of original approval and therefore the City of Long Beach has been required to resubmit such projects for additional approval prior to the beginning of a new fiscal year.

Certain advantages would result from adopting a policy of approvals extending to the estimated termination date of the project. These advantages are summarized as follows:

1. Re-evaluation of continuing projects prior to the beginning of each fiscal year would be unnecessary. There would be a consequent reduction of a peak load and a saving in the time of the staff and of the Commission members.
2. Elimination of the possibility of loss to the City through oversight in not resubmitting a project for renewal of approval.

The proposed change is favored by the staffs of both the City and the Commission. It is believed, however, that approvals for operational and maintenance projects should continue to be restricted to a particular fiscal year.

In order to expedite approval of engineering design and specifications and other preliminary costs incidental to bidding procedures, it is proposed that a prior approval of such costs in lump sum be made by the Commission prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, with authority delegated to the Executive Officer to allocate, prior to disbursement, portions of the approved amount to specific projects as may be determined to be necessary. Prior approval of the Commission will be required for each subproject for all costs other than engineering design and other preliminary costs.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION ADOPT A POLICY OF APPROVING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS CONTAINING AN ELEMENT OF SUBSIDENCE FOR A PERIOD EXTENDING TO THE ESTIMATED TERMINATION DATE OF THE PROJECT, SUBJECT, HOWEVER, TO THE FURNISHING BY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH OF SPECIFICATIONS ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMISSION'S ENGINEERING STAFF FOR ITS REVIEW OF THE PROJECT PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE COMMISSION. IT IS RECOMMENDED FURTHER THAT THE COMMISSION ADOPT A POLICY OF GRANTING PRIOR APPROVAL, UPON REQUEST OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, IN LUMP SUM COVERING ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND OTHER PRELIMINARY COSTS FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, WITH AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ALLOCATE, PRIOR TO DISBURSEMENT, PORTIONS OF THE APPROVED AMOUNT TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS AS MAY BE DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY.

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