

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C44 was approved as Minute Item No. 44 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 1-30-02 meeting.

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SPECIFICATIONS AND FORMS
FOR THE SALE OF THE CITY'S SHARE OF CRUDE OIL
FROM VARIOUS TRACTS WITHIN THE FAULT BLOCK IV UNIT
AND FAULT BLOCK V RANGER ZONE UNIT,
WILMINGTON OIL FIELD,
LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

APPLICANT:

City of Long Beach
Department of Oil Properties
211 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 500
Long Beach, CA 90802

BACKGROUND:

The City of Long Beach (City) has a crude oil sales contract with Equiva Trading Company (Equiva) for crude oil allocated to the City from certain tracts (listed on Exhibit A, attached hereto) within the Fault Block IV Unit and Fault Block V, Ranger Zone Unit. Some of these tracts are tidelands tracts. This sales contract commenced on August 1, 2002, and is scheduled to expire on February 1, 2003. Equiva is paying the City a bonus of \$0.915 per barrel above a base price defined as the arithmetic average of the prices posted for oil of like gravity and quality in the Wilmington, Long Beach (Signal Hill), Huntington Beach and Inglewood Oil Fields on the day of delivery by Chevron, Mobil, Texaco and Union. The City's share of production from these tracts is approximately 375 barrels per day of 17.5° API gravity crude oil. The City proposes to re-offer this oil for sale by competitive public bid under a new sales contract to commence on February 1, 2003, and to expire on August 1, 2004. Specifications for the sale are listed in Exhibit B, attached hereto, to this Calendar Item.

The Long Beach City Council will approve the bid package on April 9, 2002. The City requests California State Lands Commission (Commission) approval of the bid package. Under Section 10(a) of the Chapter 29, Statutes of 1956, 1st E.S., the specifications and forms for the purpose of inviting bids for the sale of Long

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Beach tideland crude oil must be approved by the Commission prior to the publication of the notice to bidders. The City plans to hold a bid opening on May 14, 2002. The Commission must then approve the awarding of this contract by the City.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. Section 10(a), Chapter 29, Statutes of 1956, 1st E. S.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines [Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15060(c)(3)], the staff has determined that this activity is not subject to the provisions of the CEQA because it is not a "project" as defined by the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, sections 15060 (c)(3) and 15378.

2. The bid package prepared by the City is similar to bid packages approved by the Commission in the past.

EXHIBITS:

- A. List of Tracts
B. Specifications of Sale

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDINGS

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15060(c)(3) BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15378.

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AUTHORIZATION:

APPROVE THE SPECIFICATIONS IN EXHIBIT B, ATTACHED HERETO, AND FORMS REFERENCED ABOVE FOR INVITING BIDS FOR THE SALE BY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH OF CRUDE OIL ALLOCATED TO CERTAIN TRACTS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A, ATTACHED HERETO, IN THE FAULT BLOCK IV UNIT AND FAULT BLOCK V, RANGER ZONE UNIT; SOME OF WHICH ARE TIDELAND TRACTS, WITHIN THE WILMINGTON OIL FIELD, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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EXHIBIT A

LIST OF TRACTS

FAULT BLOCK IV UNIT

5	29	112A
6	38	114
9	41	115
16	61	125
20	79	126
21	81	127
26	103	132
27	104	136
28	109	143
28A	111	144

FAULT BLOCK V RANGER ZONE UNIT

2	20	37	54	189
3	21	38	55	208
4	22	39	56	248
5	23	40	57	253
6	24	41	64	271
7	25	42	69	405
8	26	43	80	406
9	27	44	90	407
10	28	45	92	408
12	29	46	96	409
13	30	47	104	410
14	31	48	108	411
15	32	49	110	414
16	33	50	113	415
17	34	51	122	
18	35	52	187	
19	36	53	188	

EXHIBIT B

SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications of sale by the City of Long Beach of crude oil allocated to certain tracts in the Fault Block IV Unit and Fault Block V Ranger Zone Unit, Wilmington Oil Field, Los Angeles County, some of which are tidelands tracts.

1. Volume

The oil will be 100 percent of the City's working interest share of crude oil allocated to certain tracts within the Fault Block IV Unit and Fault Block V Ranger Zone Unit, Wilmington Oil Field, Los Angeles County. This is approximately 375 barrels per day of 17.5° API gravity crude oil.

2. Price

The biddable factor will be a bonus bid per barrel above a base price defined as the arithmetic average of the prices posted for like crude oil on the day of delivery in the Wilmington, Long Beach (Signal Hill), Huntington Beach and Inglewood Oil Fields by Chevron, Mobil, Texaco and Union76 or any successor interest to these companies.

3. Term

The contract will be for a term of 18 months commencing February 1, 2003, and expiring on August 1, 2004.

4. Surety

A letter of credit in the amount of four hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000) will be required, as well as public liability and property damage insurance in amounts not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000).

5. Bid Deposit

A bid deposit of \$25,000 will be required which, except that of the highest responsible bidder, will be returned.

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6. Right to Reject Bids

The City reserves the right to cancel this offer at any time and to reject any and all bids received.