

MEETING DATE: 03/24/14

AGENDA ITEM: Update on Recent Developments and Discussion of Options Regarding Hydraulic Fracturing and other Well Stimulation Operations in the Culver City portion of the Inglewood Oil Field.

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Culver City Actions Related to Oil Drilling and Well Stimulation

The following is a list of activities/actions taken by the City of Culver City Councilmembers and staff since 2012 in relation to oil drilling and specifically to hydraulic fracturing.

- 04-05-12 Letter from City Council to Governor Brown Inviting state to hold one of their Oil Drilling/Fracking Listening tour meeting in Culver City
- 07-02-12 Culver City Adopted Res. 2012-R057 urging state ban hydraulic fracturing
- 07-12-12 Attended public meeting of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for agenda item on hydraulic fracturing
- 06-12-12 Department of Conservation held a public meeting in City Hall to receive comments on hydraulic fracturing
- 08-03-12 Met with Assemblywoman Betsy Butler to discuss AB 972 concerning hydraulic fracturing
- 08-14 & 17-2012 Attended American Bar Association two day video course on shale Drilling and Hydraulic Fracturing
- 08-31-12 Letter from Carol A. Schwab, City Attorney, to County of Los Angeles Planning Director transmitting Culver City's comments on STI's Draft Baldwin Hills Air Quality Study Work Plan and Quality Control Plan
- 09-18-12 Attended SCAQMD Technology Symposium on Hydraulic Fracturing
- 10-1-12 Letter from Carol A. Schwab, City Attorney, to County of Los Angeles Planning Director transmitting Culver City's comments on Plains Exploration & Production Company's (PXP) 2013 Drilling, Redrilling, Well Abandonment, and Well Pad Restoration Plan and Mid-Zone Supplement
- 10-04-12 Letter from Mayor Weissman to SCAQMD urging the SCAQMD to take all necessary and appropriate actions to adopt, implement, and enforce comprehensive regulations concerning the practice of hydraulic fracturing
- 10-05-12 Attended SCAQMD board meeting where hydraulic fracturing was discussed

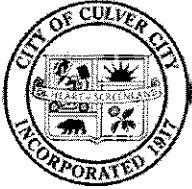
- 10-15-12 Attend PXP Annual Community Meeting and discussion regarding hydraulic fracturing study
- 12-12-12 Attended AQMD Working Group meeting regarding proposed rules relating to oil drilling and hydraulic fracturing
- 12-14-12 Public meeting with City Council Oil Drilling Subcommittee and Assemblymember Mitchell relating to fracking and city ordinance
- 01-09-13 Attended UCLA webinar regarding hydraulic fracturing
- 01-15-13 Attended AQMD Working Group meeting regarding proposed rules relating to oil drilling and hydraulic fracturing
- 02-07-13 Culver City hosted a meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board where PXP permits concerning the Inglewood Oil Field were discussed
- 02-19-13 Attended Department of Conservation workshop on Discussion Draft of Proposed Hydraulic Fracturing Regulations
- 03-07-13 Letter from Mayor Weissman to Chairs of State Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water (Pavley & Gaines) urging support of a ban on fracking
- 03-07-13 Letter from John M. Nachbar, City Manager, to SCAQMD supporting proposed Rule 1148.2
- 04-09-13 Released for review and comment Culver City's Discussion Draft Oil Drilling Regulations
- 04-11-13 Letter from Mayor Weissman to State Assembly Natural Resources Committee supporting AB 1301
- 04-17-13 Letter from Mayor Weissman to State Assembly Natural Resources Committee supporting AB 1323
- 05-20-13 Letter from Mayor Cooper to Honorable Fran Pavley supporting AB 1301 and AB 1323 and stating that the City supports SB 4, if amended to include the stricter, more protective fracking ban language of AB 1301 & AB 1323
- 06-06-13 Public meeting to discuss and comment on the Discussion Draft Oil Drilling Regulations for the City of Culver City
- 09-13-13 Letter from Mayor Cooper to Governor Brown urging to veto SB 4

- 12-05-13 Letter from Mayor Cooper to State Dept. of Conservation inviting to hold EIR scoping meeting on well stimulation
- 01-14-14 Letter from Mayor Cooper to State Dept. of Conservation submitting comments to proposed SB 4 Well Stimulation Treatment Regulations
- 01-16-14 Letter from Mayor Cooper to DOGGER submitting comments on NOP on EIR to evaluate impacts from existing and potential future oil and gas well stimulation
- 02-27-14 Letter from Mayor Cooper to Mayor and Councilmembers of City of Los Angeles supporting motion for 2-28-14 council meeting which would amend their zoning code to prohibit all activity associated with well stimulation and use of waste disposal injection wells until specific conditions are met
- 03-10-14 Culver City City Council directs staff to bring back options for consideration relating to prohibitions on hydraulic fracturing, including discussion of the actions taken by City of Los Angeles

Culver City is represented on the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District Community Advisory Panel (CAP). The CAP meets once a month and is also attended by staff and various councilmembers.

The City Council subcommittee on Oil Drilling has met with staff periodically to discuss policy matters and give direction.

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February 27, 2014

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor
City of Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Subject: Los Angeles City Council Motion for February 28, 2014 Council Meeting –
Item #13-1152-S1 Relating to Well Stimulation and Hydraulic Fracturing**

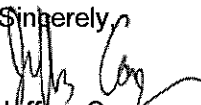
Dear Mayor Garcetti:

The City of Culver City supports the above-referenced motion to amend the Los Angeles City Zoning Code to prohibit activity associated with well stimulation and hydraulic fracturing in the City of Los Angeles, until specific conditions are met.

As the Inglewood Oil Field, the largest urban oil field in the United States, is located within and adjacent to Culver City and the County of Los Angeles, and is also adjacent to the City of Los Angeles, hundreds of thousands of residents and businesses have experienced the impacts of oil extraction. As evidenced by the number of residents who have expressed their concerns during Culver City City Council meetings, there is significant public apprehension regarding the uncertain, additional impacts that may have occurred or may occur in the future, as a result of well stimulation, including hydraulic fracturing. After hearing the concerns of the public and reviewing a significant amount of information, on July 2, 2012, the Culver City City Council adopted Resolution 2012-R057, urging the State to place a ban on hydraulic fracturing and on the disposal of hydraulic fracturing wastewater by injection wells, until DOGGR takes all necessary and appropriate actions to adopt, implement and enforce comprehensive regulations concerning the practice of hydraulic fracturing that will ensure that public health and safety and the environment will be adequately protected.

For the aforementioned reasons, the City of Culver City strongly supports the above-mentioned Motion, under consideration by the Los Angeles City Council, and I appreciate the opportunity to convey our support. Please contact me at (310) 344-8033 should you have any questions or would like to discuss our support in greater detail.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey Cooper
Mayor

Attachment: Resolution No. 2012-R057

cc: The Honorable Members of the City Council, City of Culver City
John M. Nachbar, City Manager