

MEETING DATE: 07/07/08

AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Urging Plains Exploration and Production Company to Voluntarily Abide by the Terms of the Expired Los Angeles County Moratorium on the Drilling of New Oil Wells or the Deepening of Existing Oil Wells.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-R____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, URGING PLAINS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY TO VOLUNTARILY ABIDE BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MORATORIUM ON THE DRILLING OF NEW OIL WELLS AND DEEPENING OF EXISTING OIL WELLS, WHICH EXPIRED ON JUNE 26, 2008.

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2006, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (the "County") adopted Interim Ordinance No. 2006-0050U for an initial period of 45 days, which temporarily placed additional development standards and restrictions on the drilling of new oil wells or deepening of existing oil wells on property zoned A-2 (Heavy Agricultural) or M-1 ½ (Limited Heavy Manufacturing) in the Baldwin Hills Zoned District, which includes the Inglewood Oil Field operated by Plains Exploration and Production Company ("PXP"); and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2006, Interim Ordinance No. 2006-0050U was subsequently extended by Interim Ordinance No. 2006-0064U for another ten months and 15 days, until June 26, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2007, the Interim Ordinance was extended a second time by Interim Ordinance No. 2007-0064U, which Interim Ordinance included a moratorium on the drilling of new oil wells or deepening of existing oil wells (the "Moratorium") for a period of one year until June 26, 2008, in order to give the County sufficient time to complete a thorough environmental analysis of the oil field activities in the Baldwin Hills area and to develop permanent oil field regulations; and

1 WHEREAS, the Moratorium expired on June 26, 2008, prior to the County
2 completing its environmental review process or developing any permanent oil field regulations
3 and

4 WHEREAS, state law prevents the County from adopting any further extensions
5 of the Moratorium; and

6 WHEREAS, PXP intends to drill more than 1000 new wells over the next 20
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, in the interest of the public's health, safety and welfare, PXP should
9 wait to drill any new wells or deepen any existing wells until such time as the County has
10 adopted its permanent oil field regulations and those regulations have become effective.

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13 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California,
14 DOES RESOLVE as follows:

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16 The City Council hereby urges PXP to voluntarily abide by the terms of the
17 expired Moratorium until such time as the County has adopted its permanent oil field
18 regulations and those regulations have become effective.

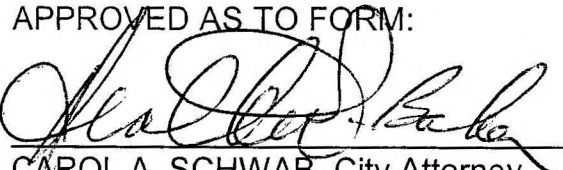
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20 APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2008.

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24 D. SCOTT MALSIN, MAYOR
City of Culver City, California

25 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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28 MARTIN R. COLE, City Clerk


CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney