

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: October 28, 2013		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: (1) Consideration of a Recommendation from the City Council Regional Oil Operations Subcommittee that the City Council Discuss the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) for the Los Angeles County Baldwin Hills Community Standards District and (2) (If Desired) Appoint a City Council Member, and an Alternate, as the Culver City Representatives to the CAP.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification: Meetings and Agendas – City Council (10/22/13); Inglewood Oil Field Email Distribution List (10/22/13)			
Department Approval: Carol Schwab (10/21/13)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (10/21/13)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (10/22/13)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (10/22/13)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> That the City Council consider a recommendation made by the City Council Regional Oil Operations Subcommittee (Subcommittee), at its October 15, 2013 meeting, to discuss the Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) for the Los Angeles County Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (CSD) and, if desired, appoint a City Council Member as the City Representative, and another City Council Member as the Alternate City Representative. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> In December 2008, the County of Los Angeles (County) created the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (CSD) which imposed a new set of standards to regulate the portion of the Inglewood Oil Field that is located in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. Section G.7 of the CSD requires that the County conduct a comprehensive review of the CSD at least every five years to determine if the provisions of the CSD are adequately protecting the health, safety, and general welfare. The first five-year review, which is currently underway, shall consider whether provisions should be added, appended, or removed from the CSD and evaluate if proven technological advances, that would further reduce impacts of oil operations on neighboring land uses, should be incorporated into the CSD.			

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Section J.1 of the CSD established the CAP “to foster communication about ongoing operations at the oil field and to allow the community representatives to provide input to the county and the operator.” The representatives include, in part, the operator (Freeport McMoRan Oil & Gas (FM), formerly PXP), impacted governmental entities (including Culver City and the Baldwin Hills Conservancy), landowners, each of the major neighborhoods surrounding the oil field (including Ladera Heights, Windsor Hills, Oak Park, View Park, Culver Crest, Blair Hills, and Raintree) and adjacent school districts.

The CAP meets monthly to discuss activities in the oil field, review studies required by the CSD, and provide an opportunity for the public to comment on issues relating to oil field operations.

DISCUSSION:

In 2009, the City Council appointed then Council Member Gary Silbiger as the first Culver City Representative to the CAP, with Council Member Andrew Weissman serving as the Alternate. In 2010, the City Council appointed the current City Representative, Paul Ferrazzi. Mr. Ferrazzi has represented the City at the CAP for the past three years.

Currently, there are several important activities occurring, that relate to the Oil Field, including:

- * The CSD comprehensive five-year review;
- * The revision of the City’s own Oil Drilling regulations; and
- * Consideration of the Discussion Draft of the City’s regulations that was released for public review and comment in April, 2013.

Given the critical nature of these items, the Subcommittee has recommended that a Council Member should be the City Representative on the CAP, as was the case when the CAP was originally formed. The Subcommittee expressed their appreciation for the service that Mr. Ferrazzi has provided to the City by regularly attending the CAP meetings.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact related to this proposed action.

ATTACHMENTS:

Los Angeles County Baldwin Hills Community Standards District Section J.1 “CAP”

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MOTION:

That the City Council:

- 1) Discuss the recommendation from the Regional Oil Operations Subcommittee; and,
- 2) (If Desired) Appoint Council Member _____ as the Culver City Representative, and Council Member _____ as an Alternate City Representative, to the Community Advisory Panel for the Los Angeles County Baldwin Hills Community Standards District.