

# Staff Report 101

## **PARTY:**

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California State Lands Commission

## **PROPOSED ACTION:**

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Approval of qualifying miles for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 subventions to the cities of Huntington Beach and Seal Beach, located in Orange County, and to the City of Long Beach, located in Los Angeles County.

## **STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:**

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### **AUTHORITY:**

Public Resources Code section 6817.

### **PUBLIC TRUST AND STATE'S BEST INTERESTS:**

Public Resources Code section 6817 provides for subventions (defined as a grant of money) of State tidelands oil and gas revenues to cities and counties, as described below. Pursuant to the above statute, the Commission is required to report to the State Controller the amount of revenue to be paid to qualifying cities or counties as subventions.

Public Resources Code section 6817, subdivision (a), provides that subventions shall be made to cities or counties that have within their boundaries active State tidelands oil and gas leases and that own or operate parks (e.g., public beaches) free of charge to the public for recreational purposes. Any city that is fronted, in whole or in part, by a state oil and gas lease shall be qualified to receive an apportionment under this section. The subvention apportionment for any given fiscal year is based upon the physical facts existing on June 30 of the preceding fiscal year.

The subventions made to a qualifying city or county for each fiscal year are determined by a subvention distribution formula in Public Resources Code section 6817, subdivision (a). A qualifying city or county may receive 1 percent of the oil and gas revenues the State receives during a fiscal year from leases within its boundaries. The 1 percent share is limited to a maximum of \$100,000 for every mile or portion of a mile of qualifying beach park frontage owned or operated by the city or county. However, the \$100,000 limitation does not apply to the portion of revenues from adjacent State oil and gas leases that exceed the revenues paid to the State during Fiscal Year 1983-1984.

The qualifying miles upon which Fiscal Year 2025-2026 subventions are determined are listed on Exhibit A, attached. These miles are reported to staff annually by each city. The list of leases from which the subventions are payable for the qualifying cities for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 are compiled in Exhibits B and C, attached.

The amounts paid to cities and counties shall be deposited in a special tide and submerged lands fund established by the cities or counties, to be held in trust and to be expended only for the promotion and accommodation of commerce, navigation, and fisheries, for the protection of the lands within the boundaries of the cities and counties.

Additionally, for the promotion, accommodation, establishment, improvement, operation, and maintenance of public recreational beaches and coastline for the benefit of all Californians and for the mitigation of any adverse environmental impact caused by exploration for hydrocarbons on state tide and submerged lands within city or county boundaries or caused by production or transportation of hydrocarbons produced on these tide and submerged lands.

The Legislature also declared that these purposes constitute matters of statewide interest and that the expenditure of funds for those purposes will benefit all the people of the State.

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the qualifying beaches and parks, as reported by the subject cities, and verify the qualifying mileage as the basis for subventions in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (see Exhibit A, attached). Staff also recommend that the Commission report to the State Controller the revenue transmitted to the subject cities based on the approved qualified miles for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

The Commission, at the time of remitting Fiscal Year 2024-2025 revenues to the State Treasurer, shall report to the State Controller the total amount of revenue received

from tide and submerged lands shown with respect to each city or county to which such amount is applicable.

Subventions for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 were as follows:

• City of Huntington Beach	\$191,371.47
• City of Seal Beach	\$27,330.12
• City of Long Beach	\$17,749.38
• <b>Total Subventions</b>	<b>\$236,450.97</b>

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

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1. The action is consistent with paragraphs 1 (a) and 3(a) of the “Meeting Evolving Public Trust Needs” Strategic Focus Areas of the Commission’s 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.
2. Acceptance of qualifying miles as a basis for subventions and approval of the associated reporting of revenue are not projects as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act because they are administrative actions that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15060, subdivision (c)(3), and 15378, subdivision (b)(5).

**EXHIBITS:**

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- A. Cities and Counties Qualifying for Subventions and Qualifying Mileage, Fiscal Year 2025-2026
- B. Subvention Leases for the Qualifying Cities and Counties, Fiscal Year 2025-2026
- C. Townlot Leases Associated with Lease 91 Main Zone Units for Current Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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It is recommended that the Commission:

**AUTHORIZATION:**

1. Approve the qualifying beaches and parks, as reported by the cities, and accept their qualifying miles as a basis for subventions in Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
2. Approve the reporting of revenue based on the approved qualified miles to the State Controller as required by Public Resources Code section 6817 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

**EXHIBIT A**

**Cities and Counties Qualifying For Subventions and Qualifying Mileage Under Public  
Resources Code Section 6817**

**Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

<b>City</b>	<b>Park or Beach Owned or Operated by City or County</b>	<b>Footage FY 23-24</b>	<b>Footage FY 24-25</b>	<b>Total Qualifying Miles</b>	<b>Changes from Previous Year's Miles</b>
<b>City of Huntington Beach</b>	Huntington Beach City	5,665	5,665		
<b>(W 4848.1)</b>	Bolsa Chica Beach	11,873	11,873		
	Sunset Beach	6,124	6,124		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,662</b>	<b>23,662</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>No Change</b>

<b>City</b>	<b>Park or Beach Owned or Operated by City or County</b>	<b>Footage FY 23-24</b>	<b>Footage FY 24-25</b>	<b>Total Qualifying Miles</b>	<b>Changes from Previous Year's Miles</b>
<b>City of Seal Beach</b>	Seal Beach Public Beach	8,124	8,124		
<b>(W 4848.4)</b>					
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>No Change</b>

<b>City</b>	<b>Park or Beach Owned or Operated by City or County</b>	<b>Footage FY 23-24</b>	<b>Footage FY 24-25</b>	<b>Total Qualifying Miles</b>	<b>Changes from Previous Year's Miles</b>
<b>City of Long Beach</b>	Alamitos Beach Park	2,005	2,005		
<b>(W 4848.8)</b>					
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>No Change</b>

W 4848.1  
W 4848.4  
W 4848.8

## EXHIBIT B

**Subvention Leases For The Qualifying Cities and Counties  
Under Public Resources Code Section 6817  
Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Subvention Interests (100 percent unless otherwise indicated)

<b>City of Huntington Beach W 4848.1</b>	<b>City of Seal Beach W 4848.4</b>	<b>City of Long Beach W 4848.8</b>
Lease 91*	Lease 186	Lease 3455
Lease 163	Lease 1482	
Lease 392	Lease 3095 (73.0 %)	
Lease 425		
Lease 3413		
Lease 4736		

\*See Exhibit C, Townlot Leases associated with Lease 91 Main Zone Units.

W 4848.1  
W 4848.4  
W 4848.8

## **EXHIBIT C**

### **Townlot Leases Associated with PRC 91 Main Zone Units for Current Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

400	991	1336
401	992	1342
919	993	1345
920	997	1346
976	998	1337
977	999	1338
980	1329	1339
985	1331	1340
983	1332	1343
986	1333	2515
988	1334	2516
989	1335	2517