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From: [Angelina D](#)

Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 11:20:31 AM

To: [CSLC CommissionMeetings](#)

Subject: Items 30 & 31

Sensitivity: Normal

Attention: This email originated from outside of SLC and should be treated with extra caution.

Subject: Request for Public Trust Analysis on Long Beach Tidelands

Dear Members of the California State Lands Commission,

As a Long Beach taxpayer committed to the responsible stewardship of public trust resources, I urge the Commission to take immediate action to safeguard our coastal environment.

Specifically, I request that the Commission direct a public trust analysis be completed, consistent with *Baykeeper v. State Lands Commission* (2015), and revise the revenue split to meet current needs.

Since 2004, the State has taken nearly \$6 billion from oil production in Long Beach's tidelands under Chapter 138 of the Statutes of 1964, which deemed it "economically impractical, unwise, and unnecessary" to dedicate all locally produced oil revenue to Long Beach. Under the 1991 Optimized Water Program Agreement, the City now receives just 8.5% of oil revenue generated in Long Beach. With revenues declining, this allocation is no longer sufficient to maintain and restore a coastline degraded by a century of industrialization that directly benefited the State. Today, the City faces a projected \$300 million shortfall in oil revenue intended for coastal care, while Long Beach's tidelands carry over \$1 billion in unfunded coastal infrastructure needs. Conditions have shifted dramatically, mainly as a direct result of State decisions made without adequately assessing their impacts on Long Beach's tidelands, including:

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The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM)'s Water Injection Schedule, an agency-led effort affecting public trust resources and subsidence control.

Senate Bill 1137, which eliminated wells in Health Hazard Zones, limited maintenance activities of existing wells, and reduced future revenue to cover certain abandonment liabilities

While the State Lands Commission and the City of Long Beach acknowledged many of these changes in the State Lands-approved Long Beach Unit Program Plan, no accompanying Public Trust Analysis was conducted. The State has a continuing duty to evaluate impacts whenever changing conditions threaten public trust uses, as we are now seeing in Long Beach.

Thank you,

Angelina Degen



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From: [REDACTED]

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As you know today my city of Long Beach faces a projected \$300 million shortfall in oil revenue intended for coastal care and unfunded coastal infrastructure that is needed desperately. I specifically request the Commission direct a public trust analysis to be completed, consistent with Baykeeper vs. State Lands Commission and revise the revenue split to meet current needs. This not only benefits Long Beach but all of Southern California that enjoys and appreciates our coastal environment.

Theresa Grimaldi
Board Member Friends of Belmont Shore.

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From: [Julie Dean](#)

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To: [CSLC CommissionMeetings](#)

Subject: Item #56 - CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION; CITY OF LONG BEACH; CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION (PARTIES)

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Dear Members of the California State Lands Commission,

As a Long Beach resident and taxpayer, I urge you to:

1. Initiate a Public Trust Needs Assessment for Long Beach's tidelands, and
2. Sponsor legislation to reinvest Long Beach oil revenues back into our coastline to repair environmental harm and support a just transition away from oil.

The current framework has left Long Beach with unmet coastal needs while the State has taken nearly \$6 billion in revenue since 2004. We face a \$300 million funding gap in coastal care, yet more than \$83 million in excess revenues were generated last year alone.


Long Beach cannot meet its public trust obligations under current conditions. We need State leadership to ensure climate resilience and equity for our coastline and community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie

Julie Dean (*she,her,hers*)



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From: [RC W](#)

Sent: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 4:16:31 PM

To: [CSLC CommissionMeetings](#)

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Subject: Item #56 — Long Beach Unit

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Dear Members of the California State Lands Commission:

As a Long Beach taxpayer committed to the responsible stewardship of public trust resources, I urge the Commission to take immediate and meaningful action to protect our coast. Specifically, I request that the Commission:

1. Direct a Public Trust Needs Assessment for Long Beach's tidelands, and
2. Sponsor legislation that reinvests Long Beach oil revenue back into the local coastline to mitigate the harms of offshore drilling and support a just transition to a post-oil future in Long Beach.

Since 2004, the State has taken nearly \$6 billion in oil production revenue from Long Beach's tidelands under Chapter 138 of the Statutes of 1964, which deemed it "economically impractical, unwise, and unnecessary" to dedicate all locally produced oil revenue to Long Beach. Today, this framework is outdated and fails to meet the obligations of public trust stewardship.

Under the 1991 Optimized Water Program Agreement, the City receives just 8.5% of the revenue generated in Long Beach. This allocation is no longer sufficient to protect and restore a coastline degraded by a century of industrialization that directly benefited the State. Long Beach now faces a \$300 million revenue shortfall for coastal care, while over \$1 billion in coastal infrastructure needs remain unfunded.

The recently submitted Long Beach Unit Annual Plan, set to be approved by the Commission, shows that the Unit generated more than \$83 million above projected revenues. Despite this, we continue to hear that there is no funding to apply the Commission's own Strategic Plan to Long Beach's tidelands. This plan emphasizes equity, climate resilience, and not placing the burden of public trust protection on local communities.

Long Beach, as the local trustee, had a plan in place to end our reliance on oil revenue, but recent State actions have accelerated the phase out faster than we can responsibly adjust. These decisions include:

- CalGEM's Water Injection Schedule, which affects subsidence control and has implications for public trust land stability and safety.
- Senate Bill 1137, which removed production wells in health hazard zones and constrained well maintenance, reducing future revenue for abandonment liabilities and environmental mitigation.

All recent discussions with the State about Long Beach's tidelands oil production have acknowledged the critical need to protect our coastline and how complicated the situation is.

When it's time for action to make changes to protect the future of our coast through a just oil transition, no one wants to lead.

We believe the State Lands Commission should be that leader. The Commission is not merely overseeing an oil operation. It is tasked with protecting our tidelands and right now, Long Beach tidelands and the communities impacted by these oil operations need your help.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Wallace