

# Strategy for the Decline in the Price of Oil

The Tidelands Capital Budget and 5-Year Capital Plan

#### **Presentation Outline**

- Background on oil prices
- Impact on Uplands Oil Fund and General Fund
- Impact on Tidelands Operating Budget
- Impact on Tidelands Capital Budget and 5-Year Capital Plan
- Updated strategy for the Tidelands Capital Budget and 5-Year Capital Plan
- Next Steps



## Oil Prices Declined After the FY15 Budget was Developed

- Oil was at about \$100 per barrel for three years
- In August 2014 prices began declining; oil is currently at about \$40 a barrel
- Price decline is caused by basic economics supply exceeds demand



#### The Price of Long Beach Oil





### Operating and Capital Budgets Based on Different Oil Prices

- Operating budgets assume oil is at \$70 a barrel; Tidelands capital plan assumes \$100 a barrel
- ► The assumption of \$70 for the operating budgets allowed the price to drop 30 percent or more before there was a potential operating budget shortfall
- ► The assumption of \$100 for the Tidelands Capital budget allowed planning for the allocation of oil funds to projects if oil remained at what had been a relatively constant price

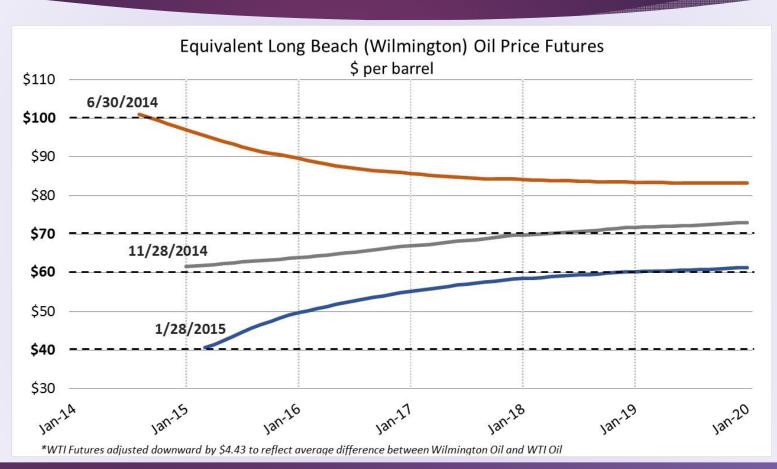


### Current Projection Assumes \$60 to \$70 Oil

- Projection based on market at the end of November 2014: \$60 for FY 15 - FY 16, and \$70 for FY 17 - FY 19
- Any long-term projection of oil revenue is problematic; the future price of oil is unpredictable
- No indication of a return to \$100 oil, but history indicates the price could rise (or fall) at any time
- ► The current \$40 price of oil requires an updated projection. It will be updated in the first quarter of 2015



#### 5-Year Futures Market View of Future Oil Prices





#### Uplands Oil Fund Revenue

- Uplands Oil Fund revenue is budgeted at \$70 per barrel. Revenue above \$70 is budgeted the next year for one-time expenditures
- ▶ The Uplands Oil Fund has two sources of revenue:
  - Revenue from the sale of Uplands oil
  - Revenue from a contractual fee assessed on oil production and exploration costs
- Uplands oil revenues will be adversely impacted by several million dollars from both a lower price of oil, lower oil production costs, and from less investment in exploration



### Uplands Oil Revenue Supports the General Fund (GF)

- ► The Uplands Oil Fund supports (GF) operations with \$17 million a year; this occurs by way of a transfer of the \$70 oil revenue (4.4% of GF)
- ► This transfer that supports general City services will likely be reduced for the foreseeable future
- In addition, there may not be any one-time revenue available from Uplands oil
- During the first quarter of 2015, staff will be updating Uplands oil revenue projections along with development of potential budget adjustment strategies
- ► The GF oil barrel tax (including Prop H) will likely also be impacted (currently about \$6 million a year)



### Tidelands Oil Revenue Impacted by Three Factors

- ► Tidelands oil revenue is impacted by: 1) the price of oil, 2) the amount of oil produced, and 3) by the cost of production and exploration
- Both production costs and investment in oil exploration are being reduced
- Lower production and investment costs will somewhat temper the revenue loss due to a lower price of oil, but will have adverse longer-term impacts on revenue
- For the current market, \$70 oil may generate less revenue than previously assumed



#### Tidelands Operating Budget May Have a Deficit

- All Tidelands oil revenues will be needed to support operations
- Even with all oil revenue to operations, Tidelands Operations may still have a revenue shortfall of \$1 million to \$2 million in FY 15
- Revenue shortfalls appear likely for future years
- An updated projection will be done during the first quarter of 2015, along with development of potential budget adjustment strategies



#### Tidelands Capital Funds are Still Available

- No new capital monies are expected until market changes – but that will likely happen at some point
- A total of about \$95 million in existing funds could be assigned to capital projects as the City Council determines
  - ▶ \$22 million in unassigned funds available
  - ▶ \$73 million previously assigned to existing projects, either incomplete or not under construction
- Available capital funding will be updated in the first quarter of 2015



### Approved Projects Exceed Current Funding

- ► \$232 million in projects budgeted or in the 5-Year Capital Plan that are incomplete or construction not started amount exceeds the \$95 million available
  - Remaining phases of the Alamitos Bay Marina Rebuild
  - Remaining phases of the Seawalls
  - Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center
  - Seaside Way Bridge
  - ▶ Belmont Pier
  - Pine Avenue Public Dock
  - Concession stands
  - Many other smaller projects



### Strategy for Tidelands Capital Budget and Plan

- For City Council's consideration, staff will prioritize incomplete and unconstructed projects based on prioritization criteria
- Based on prioritization, projects are funded using unassigned funds and potential reassignment of previously assigned funds
- New oil revenues, when received, are also assigned to projects based upon the prioritization
- Projects will proceed when funding matches the estimated current project cost
- The priority list and revenue projections will be reviewed during the annual budget process



#### Proposed Prioritization Criteria

- 1. Public health and safety
- 2. Number of California residents impacted
- 3. Urgency
- 4. Poor condition/need
- 5. Contribution to Quality of Life
- 6. Revenue generation and operating costs
- 7. Ability to attract additional funding
- 8. Lack of alternative funding sources
- 9. Capital cost

The overall diversity and balance of projects will also be considered



#### Next Steps

- Comments/direction from the City Council
- Development by staff of proposed Tidelands prioritized capital projects list for consideration by the City Council during the first quarter of 2015
- Update projections for Tidelands capital and operating budgets and Uplands Oil Fund budget during first quarter of 2015
- Update in March on overall budget status, threeyear outlook, and FY 16 budget strategy

