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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager to enter into an easement agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District across the Los Angeles River at 6<sup>th</sup> Street for the purpose of installing a natural gas pipeline; authorize the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to obtain the easement; and, authorize payment to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District in an amount of \$143,000. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

The Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (LBGO) is actively engaged in pipeline relocation work required for the construction of the Gerald Desmond Replacement Bridge. The Los Angeles River crossing at 6<sup>th</sup> Street is the last section of pipe to be installed to complete the project. The Los Angeles River, at this location, is owned by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACoFCD). An easement between the City of Long Beach and the LACoFCD is necessary to construct the pipeline. This pipeline section will replace a pipeline crossing the Los Angeles River, attached to the Ocean Boulevard Bridge, which was abandoned to accommodate the new bridge alignment. The Los Angeles River crossing will be accomplished by boring under the riverbed at 6<sup>th</sup> Street, allowing for the southern section of the City to be supplied with sufficient gas pressure throughout the year. The pipeline construction work to complete this relocation was part of Plans and Specifications No. G-301 authorized by the City Council at its meeting on February 12, 2013. The City will purchase the easement rights from LACoFCD and be reimbursed by the Port of Long Beach.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption Number CE-31-12 has been issued for this project.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on January 28, 2014 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on January 31, 2014.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on February 18, 2014, so that Los Angeles County Flood Control District can authorize the easement and construction can begin in June 2014, lasting through July, 2014.

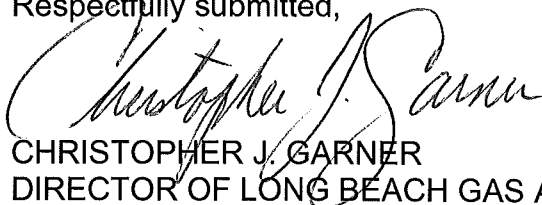
FISCAL IMPACT

The project is being paid for by LBGO with reimbursement from the Port of Long Beach. Sufficient appropriation is budgeted in the Gas Fund (EF 301) in the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (GO). The project will provide continued support to our local economy by assisting in the preservation of four full-time employees residing in Long Beach.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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