

Proposition H Revenue and Expenditure Performance Audit: The Public Safety Oil Production Act Generated Nearly \$3 Million in Additional Revenue for Public Safety in Fiscal Year 2024

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Report Summary

Why This Audit Is Important

In 2007, Proposition H (Prop H) Police and Fire Public Safety Oil Production Act passed with 70% in favor of the vote. Since its inception, Prop H has generated \$58 million in total funding for first responders and public safety programs in the Police and Fire Departments at no additional cost to the taxpayers. Prop H funds help support critical City services that address public safety needs.

Audit Objective

The audit objective is to identify Prop H revenues and expenditures and assess whether expenditures comply with the approved uses outlined in the Long Beach Municipal Code.

Acknowledgment

We thank management and staff in the Police, Fire, and Financial Management Departments for their collaboration and assistance during this audit.

What We Found

We found Prop H revenue received during Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 was calculated properly. Our audit reviewed reports from oil companies submitted to the City of Long Beach (City) detailing the amount of oil produced during the fiscal year.

In FY 2024, Prop H continued to generate approximately \$3 million in additional revenue for the Police and Fire Departments.

Additionally, FY 2024 expenditures of Prop H funds adhered to the approved uses set forth in the City's Municipal Code.

In FY 2024, the Police Department spent Prop H funds on personnel costs for the Quality of Life (QOL) and Mental Health Evaluation Team (MET) programs which support homelessness outreach and mental health services, while the Fire Department spent Prop H funds on personnel costs for Fire Truck 17 which support emergency and medical responses. These expenditures complied with the approved uses as set forth in the City's Municipal code.

The audit also examined proposed uses of FY 2025 Prop H funds and confirmed that their allocation to anticipated projects and programs aligned with the approved uses outlined in the City's Municipal Code.



Images of Quality of Life Officers at the Multi-Service Center (left) and Fire Truck 17 (right)





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