

# Board Inquiry Form

Inquiry Number: 25

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Department: Planning & Dev.

Date: 6/10/12

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**Request/ Question:**

What can the County do to increase the amount of production and development?

Response Prepared by: Glenn Russell

**Response:**

The County cannot directly cause an increase in the amount of oil production and development. The demand for oil development and production permits is driven by the cost of oil. Currently, the County is experiencing an increase in the number of oil production permit applications likely due to the increase in the market cost of oil.

Delays in the permitting of oil production projects can occur due to requirements of the Endangered Species Act, the CEQA process, and appeals.