

# Memorandum

To: Robert Oglesby, Executive Director

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From: **California Energy Commission**  
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**Fuels and Transportation Division**

Subject: REQUEST FOR \$16,995 FOR PURCHASE OF PLATT'S cTRACK SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE FOR MARINEVESSEL TRACKING AND HISTORICAL DATA.

Fuels and Transportation Division staff is requesting the purchase of the Platt's cTrack subscription for \$16,995, replacing the existing PortVision subscription at a savings of \$3,000. Platt's cTrack provides real-time and historical tracking of marine vessels being used to import and export refined petroleum products, renewable fuels, and crude oil.

The primary uses of Platt's cTrack will include: verification of tanker activities in California ports and marine terminals including real-time marine tanker locations and Automated Identification System (AIS) ship tracking; analysis of historical marine vessel loadings and discharges by individual refinery location; notification alerts of marine vessel arrivals; and updated schedules of near-term marine tanker loading and discharging activities.

The products provided by the subscription to by the Commission include the following:

- Comprehensive world coverage: over 30,000 ships and tankers tracked
- Historical ship movements back to 2010
- Near real-time ship positions updated hourly
- Platt's bunker fuel price assessments for key marine ports
- Platt's tanker freight rates for key global routes and zones
- Platt's ship fixtures (near-term activities) for refined products and crude oil
- Reports on port-to-port ship movements and historical gross tonnage flows
- Alerts and notifications sent to your email near real-time

The attached agreement is for a one-year term. The cost for calendar year 2013 will be \$16,995 and will be paid from ERPA funding. The Platt's cTrack subscription will replace the existing Port Vision subscription that was previously included in the Fuels and Transportation Division's approved fiscal year 2012-13 work plans, at a savings of \$3,000.

The item will be presented to the full Commission on November 14, 2012 for approval.