



## News Release

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### **Port Adopts Energy Policy Plan will promote innovation, efficiency, conservation**

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The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has unanimously approved a groundbreaking Port of Long Beach Energy Policy to guide efforts that will secure a more sustainable and resilient supply of power as demand grows.

The Energy Policy declares that the Port will implement measures to increase efficiency, conservation, resiliency, and renewable energy in collaboration with port tenants, utilities, other city departments, industry stakeholders, labor unions, the Port of Los Angeles and others.

The Energy Policy was created in anticipation of increasing demand for electricity at the Port with air quality improvement programs such as "shore power," which allows massive cargo ships to shut down diesel engines and plug into landside electricity while at berth.

In 2005, the Harbor Commission adopted the "Green Port Policy," which set down the tenets that have guided the Port's sweeping environmental programs such as the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, a joint agreement between the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Los Angeles to improve air quality.

In coming years, air quality efforts will continue to fuel demand for electricity at the Port, as will the introduction of cutting-edge marine terminal equipment that runs on electricity and not diesel fuel.

"When we look at our future energy demands due to shore power, zero-emissions programs and more, it's imperative that we increase our energy

security,” said Harbor Commissioner Rich Dines, Chair of the Commission’s Energy Subcommittee. “This Energy Policy will guide the creation of an energy program that will improve the environment and business continuity at the Port.”

“Just as our environmental initiatives have changed the way we think about construction, operations, maintenance and properties, this energy policy adds another lens we look through when making decisions as it relates to energy in the future,” said Port Director of Environmental Planning Richard Cameron. “We want to be efficient and we want to be innovative, because this keeps us competitive.”

The program will also look at improving ways to keep the Port operating in the event of a crisis that could impact the flow of electricity to the Port.

The Port of Long Beach is one of the world’s premier seaports, a primary gateway for trans-Pacific trade and a trailblazer in innovative goods movement, safety and environmental stewardship. With 140 shipping lines connecting Long Beach to 217 seaports worldwide, the Port handles trade valued at \$155 billion each year and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs in Southern California.

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