



News Release

Harbor Commissioners Name Port of Long Beach Chief Harbor Engineer as Interim Executive Director

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Today, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners announced the appointment of Al Moro, chief harbor engineer, as the Port of Long Beach's interim executive director. Moro, who joined the Port in 1997 as a civil engineer, currently oversees all administrative and technical activities for the Port's engineering programs, including nearly \$4 billion in capital improvement projects.



"The Board is extremely pleased that we have unanimously selected Al Moro as our interim executive director. He is highly respected by all of the commissioners, very well regarded in our industry, and well liked by the Port staff. Al will lead the Port of Long Beach on a steady path forward as the search begins for a permanent director," said Susan Anderson Wise, president of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Moro's appointment will go into effect following a formal vote on June 17, said Wise. Moro, who said he would not be a candidate for the permanent position, will fill in for Chris Lytle, who announced on May 23 that he was leaving the Port of Long Beach to head the Port of Oakland.

"I am honored to have been selected by the Board of Harbor Commissioners to serve as interim director," Moro commented. "A major goal of mine will be to provide stability and continuity during the transition. It's important that we continue to move forward with all of our projects."

As chief harbor engineer, Moro has overseen all administrative and technical activities for the Port's four engineering divisions, including construction management. He supervised 135 engineers, surveyors, technicians, and support staff, and managed the Port's extensive capital improvement program, including the replacement of the Gerald Desmond Bridge.

Moro has more than 40 years experience as a professional engineer. He is active with the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Association of the Port Authorities Facilities Engineering Committee, and the Western Dredging Association. He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from UCLA and an MBA from Cal State Los Angeles.

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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