

SAN PEDRO BAY PORTS CLEAN AIR ACTION PLAN

Ports Host Joint Clean Air Plan Workshop

Jan. 24 meeting to get public's feedback on updated strategies

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The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach will hold a joint community workshop on Jan. 24 to gather input on strategies released late last year to update the Clean Air Action Plan, or CAAP.

The community workshop will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Banning's Landing Community Center, 100 E. Water St. in Wilmington. The workshop is open to the public.

The CAAP was adopted in 2006 and has dramatically reduced pollution from maritime-related sources that operate in and around the ports. Programs implemented under the CAAP have reduced diesel particulate matter up to 84 percent, cut nitrogen oxides in half, eliminated 97 percent of sulfur oxides and lowered greenhouse gases an average of 12 percent, all while container volume has increased by 7 percent. The plan was last updated in 2010.

In November, Harbor Commissioners from both ports met to unveil the draft CAAP 2017 Discussion Document, which details proposed new strategies to further clean the air and reduce greenhouse gases. Strategies include aggressively deploying zero and near-zero emission trucks and cargo-handling equipment and expanding programs that reduce ship emissions.

The draft CAAP 2017 Discussion Document is available at www.polb.com, www.portoflosangeles.org and www.cleanairactionplan.org. The review period extends through Feb. 17, 2017.

Written comments may be submitted to caap@cleanairactionplan.org. Interested parties are encouraged to register on the CAAP website to receive the latest information and meeting notices.

The Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach are the two largest ports in the nation, first and second respectively, and combined are the ninth-largest port complex in the world. The two ports handle approximately 40 percent of the nation's total containerized import traffic and 25 percent of its total exports. Trade that flows through the San Pedro Bay ports complex generates more than 3 million jobs nationwide.

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