



Ex-CMA CGM Exec Considered for Managing Director

Executive Director Recommends Chris Lytle for Key Port Appointment

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Port of Long Beach Executive Director Richard D. Steinke announced Friday, August 25, that he is recommending the appointment of J. Christopher Lytle, a former vice president with steamship line CMA CGM (America) Inc., as the Port's Managing Director of Trade Relations and Port Operations.

As Managing Director, Lytle would oversee the Port's Trade Relations and Port Operations Bureau, which includes the Communications, Trade Relations, Security and Maintenance divisions. He would report to Deputy Executive Director Kevin J. Eldridge. Steinke's recommendation will go to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners for a vote at the board's regularly scheduled meeting Monday, August 28.

"Chris has a wide range of maritime industry leadership experience that will be of tremendous value to the Port of Long Beach," Steinke said.

As a vice president with CMA CGM, Lytle was responsible for the company's entire West Coast operations, including significant marine and terminal operations at the Port of Long Beach and similar operations in Oakland, Tacoma and Seattle. He has also held executive positions at P&O Ports North America, Sea-Land Service, Inc. and the Denmark-based APM (Maersk) Terminals.

Lytle holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Puget Sound and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Central Washington University.

If appointed by the Board on Monday, Lytle would succeed Tom Teofilo, who retired in March. The Port's Trade Relations and Port Operations Bureau was recently restructured as part of a Port-wide reorganization and strategic plan approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners earlier this year.

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