



Ex-CMA CGM Exec Named As New Managing Director

Chris Lytle Approved for Key Port Appointment

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J. Christopher Lytle, a former vice president with steamship line CMA CGM (America) Inc., has been named as the Port of Long Beach's new Managing Director of Trade Relations and Port Operations. The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the appointment at the board's regularly scheduled meeting Monday, August 28.

As Managing Director, Lytle will 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.

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

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.

Lytle succeeds 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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