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AROUND THE PORT . . .

A series of informational workshops on the ports' proposed clean trucks program drew hundreds of independent truck drivers and trucking company owners to hear presentations on the program and offer input.

Port officials discussed how the clean trucks program, recently introduced by the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles as part of their Clean Air Action Plan, proposes to reduce air pollution from harbor drayage trucks by more than 80 percent in five years.

The plan calls for a gradual phasing out of older, dirtier diesel trucks beginning January 1, 2008, to be replaced by new or retrofitted trucks. The two ports plan to subsidize the cost of the replacement and retrofitted trucks, and shift from the current owner/operator system to an employees system. The proposed contractual/concessionaire program would ensure that trucks upgraded under port subsidies are used for port business, are safely maintained and comply with all government security mandates.

Port officials acknowledged that the proposed clean trucks plan, if adopted by the harbor commissions, would result in significant changes to the harbor trucking industry.

The ports are working closely with a diverse group of stakeholders, including representatives from the trucking industry, labor and environmentalists, to gather input on the plan before the final plan is presented to the harbor commissions this summer for a vote.

Port officials received comments at three informational workshops in Long Beach and Wilmington in early June. Additional comments on the plan can be e-mailed to caap@polb.com. For detailed information on the proposed clean trucks plan, please visit www.polb.com.

The Port presented its highest honor, the Honorary Port Pilot Award, to Robert (Bob) Malone, the chairman and president of BP America, Inc.

Harbor Commission President James C. Hankla, in his presentation speech May 22, cited Malone's strong record of environmental and safety leadership, including BP's conversion to safer, double-hulled oil tankers, and his ongoing support for the Port of Long Beach's environmental Green Port Policy. Hankla said the honor for Malone was Long Beach's first "'Green' Port Pilot Award."

BP operates a petroleum terminal at Pier T. Later this year, the terminal is scheduled to become the first at the Port to use shoreside electricity to reduce air pollution from visiting ships.

Since 1954, the Port has honored individuals for their leadership and achievements in international trade. The Port has presented the award to CEOs of leading

corporations, prime ministers, ambassadors, members of Congress, Cabinet officials and presidents, including President Ronald Reagan.

Major security projects to improve undersea surveillance and integrate security systems will be funded with a \$4.6 million federal security grant awarded to the Port in May.

The grant was part of \$15 million awarded to agencies and businesses for security in the Long Beach-Los Angeles port complex and from a total of \$202 million handed out by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The funding will allow the Port to enhance integration of security systems and coordination between the Port, its terminal customers and local law enforcement agencies. It will also be used to purchase new underwater sonar equipment, additional cameras and enhanced radar to improve the Port's ability to monitor the movement of vessels through its waterways.

The Port has awarded \$27,000 in scholarships to 13 local college students preparing for careers in international trade or port-related industries.

The scholarships were presented Friday, May 18, to an outstanding group of students, six of them from Long Beach City College and seven from California State University, Long Beach.

Every May the Port sponsors the scholarships to help launch a new generation of leaders in international business and the maritime industry. Since 1993, the Port has given \$177,500 to 161 students to assist with educational expenses.

"The Port is proud to support these outstanding scholars," said Heather Morris, the Port's Director of Communications and Community Relations. "They represent the future of international business and the maritime industry."

Port terminals reported a 6.5 percent decrease in container cargo movement in April compared to the same month a year ago.

Port terminals moved a total of 579,235 twenty-foot equivalent container units (TEUs) in April, a 6.5 percent decrease over the same month a year ago. While the growth in imports slowed slightly, export growth increased.

Imported containers decreased by 5.6 percent, to 303,138 TEUs, while export containers increased by 8.4 percent, to 121,191 TEUs. The movement of empty containers, most of which are sent overseas to be refilled with products, decreased by 17 percent, to 154,235 TEUs.

In the first four months of 2007, container trade growth slowed by 1 percent compared to the same time period in 2006.

Port officials will conduct two public hearings to gather input on a proposed Chemoil Corp. plan to add two storage tanks at its Pier F facility.

Chemoil, which operates a bulk petroleum product terminal at Pier F, is proposing to add the storage tanks to help meet market demand for low-sulfur gasoline and low-sulfur diesel fuel. The Port will release a Notice of Preparation and seek public input through two "scoping" meetings before developing an Environmental Impact Report.

The scoping meetings will be June 26 at 6 p.m. at the Port of Long Beach's Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza, and June 28 at 6 p.m. at Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd. For more information on the project, visit www.polb.com.

What's the key to moving cargo by train? What are the Port's ears and eyes under the sea? What's Harbor Arbor Day? What has made driving between Long Beach and San Pedro a breeze? Find out on the latest episode of the Port of Long Beach's television program, *Pulse of the Port*.

The latest episode features the Alameda Corridor rail system, new underwater security technology assisting the Port's Harbor Patrol, a Port-sponsored tree-planting project and the new, \$65-million Ocean Boulevard interchange project.

To view the program on the web, visit www.polb.com and scroll down the home page to the "Featured Video" section. *Pulse of the Port* is a monthly program broadcast on the web, local cable television (Long Beach Channel 8), and syndicated to cable stations throughout California, reaching an audience of more than 800,000 viewers.

The Port has received two prestigious programming awards, for *Pulse of the Port*, its cable television program, and *Sustainability: A New Work Ethic*, an environmental employee training video.

Pulse of the Port was awarded 1st Place honors in the "Star Awards" from SCAN NATOA (States of California and Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors) in a May 24 awards ceremony.

Sustainability: A New Work Ethic received a 2007 "Telly Award." The national Telly awards are considered to be the "Emmys" of government video programming. The video is used by the Port to train employees on how to "think green" and contribute to the Port's Green Port Policy program goal of increased sustainability.

Harbor Commissioner Mario Cordero recently joined Long Beach Councilwoman Tonia Reyes Uranga to honor Birney Elementary School students who participated in the Port's Harbor Arbor Day Poster and Essay Contest.

The contest was part of the Port-sponsored neighborhood celebration in Long Beach's Wrigley neighborhood. The May 5 event celebrated a weeklong Earth Day cleanup and landscaping project that planted more than 325 trees and shrubs in the neighborhood.

Port officials welcomed the new CMA CGM vessel *White Shark* in a maiden voyage ceremony May 12 at Pacific Container Terminal's Pier J facility.

The *White Shark* is a new vessel added to CMA CGM's fleet in April. It has a capacity of 5,078 TEUs. CMA CGM is the world's third largest shipping company, managing a fleet of 336 vessels with a total capacity of 801,000 TEUs.

May was an active month for ocean vessels calling at the Port of Long Beach for the first time.

In addition to the *White Shark*'s maiden call ceremony, Port officials presented "first call" plaques to the 2,700-TEU COSCO vessel *Damman* on May 11 at Pacific Container Terminal's Pier J facility; to the 3,506-TEU NYK vessel *Kai* on May 15 at International Transportation Service's Pier G terminal; and to the 5,446-TEU COSCO vessel *Hamburg* on May 28 at Pier J.

Be sure to catch the Smithsonian maritime exhibit "From Sea to Shining Sea: 200 Years Charting America's Coasts," at Long Beach's El Dorado Park Library.

The exhibit, hosted by the Port of Long Beach in partnership with Long Beach City Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske, tells the story of America's first federal science agency,

the Coast Survey, and its direct descendent, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The exhibit, which is co-sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, recognizes NOAA's 200th anniversary through a series of 20 posters illustrated with photos, charts and artwork from the Survey's archives.

The exhibit will be at the El Dorado Park Library, 2900 Studebaker Rd., from June 21 through August 30.

PORT PEOPLE . . .

The Board of Harbor Commissioners has promoted Assistant Chief Harbor Engineer Al Moro, P.E., to the position of Assistant Managing Director of Engineering.

As Assistant Managing Director of Engineering, Moro will serve as the Chief Harbor Engineer, overseeing administrative and technical activities for the Port's three Engineering Divisions: Design, Program Management and Construction Management.

Moro, who reports to Doug Thiessen, Managing Director of Engineering, has more than 35 years experience as a professional engineer. He joined the Port in 1997 as a Senior Civil Engineer and was promoted to Assistant Chief Harbor Engineer in March 2001. Moro has served as Acting Chief Harbor Engineer since Thiessen was promoted in March 2007.

Moro is a licensed professional engineer in the state of California and active in the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Association of 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.

Former NYK Line sales representative Roger Wu has joined the Port's Trade Relations Division as its newest marketing manager.

Wu, who reports to Don Snyder, director of Trade Relations, has more than 10 years' experience in the shipping industry. In his previous position at NYK Line he was responsible for major accounts in Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego and Riverside counties and Phoenix, Ariz.

As a Port marketing manager, Wu's responsibilities include maintaining contacts with the Port's terminal operators and shipping lines, analyzing trends, evaluating cargo projections, planning trade missions and representing the Port in industry organizations.

Wu was with NYK Line, one of the world's leading shipping companies, for seven years. Prior to that he worked for Evergreen America and supervised cargo operations for EVA Airways.

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