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NATION'S TWO LARGEST PORTS PREPARE FOR HISTORIC JOINT BOARD MEETING TO VOTE ON SAN PEDRO BAY PORTS CLEAN AIR ACTION PLAN

***Public Meeting at 1pm Monday, Nov. 20, Will Be Held
At Long Beach City Council Chambers and Webcast Live***

LONG BEACH & LOS ANGELES, Calif. – November 16, 2006 – The City Council Chamber at [Long Beach City Hall](#) will be the venue for a historic meeting this Monday, Nov. 20, of the two boards of harbor commissioners for the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The mayors of Long Beach and Los Angeles, joined by other elected officials, air regulatory agency representatives, industry stakeholders and community members are invited to speak at the meeting where the boards of harbor commissioners for the nation's two largest ports will consider approval of the [San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan](#).

Long Beach City Hall and Council Chambers is located at 333 W. Ocean Blvd., in downtown Long Beach. The joint board meeting will be [Webcast](#) live.

About The Clean Air Action Plan

Outlining the most comprehensive clean air strategy ever produced for a U.S. port complex, the draft Final 2006 San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan was released on November 6, 2006, in order to allow time for public review of the changes in the plan before it is formally presented to both port boards for formal consideration on Monday. The Plan was revised following a 60-day public review and comment period initiated on June 28, 2006. The Plan proposes hundreds of millions of dollars in investments by the ports, the state, air quality regulatory agencies and the port-related industry to dramatically reduce pollution-related health risks in the South Coast Air Basin.

Even as trade grows at the two ports, the Plan aims to cut diesel-related particulate matter (PM) pollution by more than 47 percent and smog forming nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions by more than 45 percent within the next five years, resulting in emissions that will be below 2001 levels. Measures under the Plan also will result in reductions of sulfur oxides (SOx) by more than 52 percent.

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The San Pedro Bay Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach move more than \$260 billion a year in trade and more than 40 percent of the nation's containerized cargo. If taken together, the adjacent ports would be the fifth-largest container port in the world. The two ports support more than 500,000 jobs in Southern California. The ships, trucks, trains and other diesel-powered equipment and craft at the ports are major sources of air pollution in a region that already has some of the worst air quality in the nation. Port-related vessels and vehicles account for 12 percent of the Southern California's diesel particulate matter pollution, 9 percent of the region's nitrogen oxide pollution, and 45 percent of the region's sulfur oxides pollution.

The comprehensive San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan Technical Report, a more concise Overview, and the Comment Compendium are available for review at the web sites of the two ports, www.polb.com and www.portoflosangeles.org.

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