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Subject: **THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES FUNDS \$2.8 MILLION CLEAN AIR PROGRAM**



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(SAN PEDRO, CA) – As part of its on-going efforts to improve the air quality in the Port of Los Angeles, the Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved and funded the Port of Los Angeles Clean Air Program (POLACAP). This program encompasses numerous initiatives by the Port, and provides \$2.8 million in funding for many innovative terminal and ship operations programs aimed at reducing polluting emissions.

Mayor Jim Hahn commended the Board and the Port for adopting a creative set of initiatives designed to reduce pollution.

“I am committed to no net increase in air pollution emissions from the Port in order to protect the health of Los Angeles residents,” Mayor Hahn said. “When I made that pledge, I was confident that Port staff and my appointees to the Commission would find innovative ways to make Port operations cleaner and more efficient. This is a great beginning, and I remain confident we will find more cost-effective pollution control methods as we change the way we do business at the Port.”

“Mayor Hahn and the Board of Harbor Commissioners want to send the message that we are serious about reducing air pollutants in the Port of Los Angeles,” commented Commission President Nick Tonsich. “Programs of the caliber being presented by the Port do not happen without the strong cooperation of our customers

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and guidance of our in-house and local agency environmental experts. We realize that these clean-air initiatives have a financial impact on our customers and we are subsidizing these programs for the sake of cleaner air,” concluded Tonsich.

Of the \$2.8 million approved for the Clean Air Program, \$1 million has been set aside as matching funds for a grant by the California Air Resources Board under the NOx and PM10 Reduction Program, also known as the State Mitigation Program. These matching funds will be used to reimburse terminal operators using emulsified diesel fuel for the incremental cost of using this fuel. It is estimated that use of lower-emission emulsified diesel fuel costs nearly thirty-cents per gallon more than conventional diesel fuel.

The Port of Los Angeles has identified and implemented several other emission-reducing initiatives that are part of the Port’s overall Clean Air Program.

These initiatives include:

Marine Vessels

Vessel Speed Reduction Control Measure
Vessel Clean Fuel Use During Berthing
Ship Retrofit Program
Ship Emission Research

Tugboats/Workboats

Repowers/Retrofits
Electrical Infrastructure

On-Dock Equipment

Fuel Emulsification
Biodiesel
After Combustion Treatment

Locomotives

Diesel Fuel Emulsification
Repowers/Remanufacture

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Additional measures will be added to the Port of Los Angeles Clean Air Program as results from environmental studies currently underway become available.

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