A Green Way of Doing Business

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Agenda

• 5th anniversary of the Port’s landmark Green Port Policy

• What has the Port achieved?

• What is still ahead?
What is the job of the Port?

The Port serves as a important economic engine, promoting international trade and supporting thousands of jobs.
Why the Green Port Policy?

• Port operations adversely impact the community
• We had to minimize those impacts
• We needed to change the culture at the Port so we could continue to promote trade and support jobs
Green Port Policy

In January 2005, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the Green Port Policy – changing the Port forever.
Green Port Policy

- Protect the community from harmful impacts of Port operations
- Distinguish the Port as a leader in environmental stewardship
- Promote sustainability
- Employ best available technology
- Engage and educate the community
What has been achieved?

As well as a pioneer in goods movement, the Port has become a trailblazing environmental steward, aggressively and creatively addressing the impacts from ships, trucks, trains, tugs, cargo-handling equipment.
Air quality improvements

- Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles adopted milestone Clean Air Action Plan to reduce air pollution 45% by 2012

- Comprehensive strategies for cleaner ships, trucks, trains, tugs, cargo-handling equipment

- The result: 50% reduction in diesel pollution from 2005 to 2009
Cleaner fuels, Green Flags

Ships required to use cleaner-burning, low-sulfur fuel; and to reduce speed in and out of the Port.
Plugging in

Ships switch off engines at berth, and shift to shore power
Clean Trucks Program

Ban on old trucks, so clean trucks serve the Port, reducing truck pollution 80% by 2010 – two years ahead of schedule

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Pacific Harbor Lines replaced all of its locomotives with less-polluting locomotives.
Green terminals

$750 million Middle Harbor Project will improve efficiency, cut pollution 50%, create 14,000 new jobs
$15 million for schools, senior facilities and health care centers to offset pollution; and reduce greenhouse gases
Other initiatives

- Water quality
- Protecting coastal habitats
- Soils and sediments
- Sustainable operations
- Community engagement
Greening the community

10,000 friends, neighbors visit Green Port Fest to learn about sustainability
Still ahead

We’re embedding a sustainable culture at the Port, developing cost-saving practices and conserving resources so this can be a more prosperous, sustainable, greener port now and in the future.