Port Community Advisory Committee:

The July and August meetings were cancelled due to lack of quorum. PCAC normally does not meet in August or December.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, September 20, 5:30-8:00 pm, at the Wilmington Sr. Center, PCH and Eubank in Wilmington.

Susan Wise Elected President of POLB Harbor Commission:
The POLB Harbor Commission elected Susan E. Anderson Wise as Board President on June 27. The two Harbor Commissions are now headed by women.

Dr. Mike Walter Steps Down, Rich Dines & Doug Drummond Appointed to POLB Harbor Commission:
ILWU SoCal District Council President Rich Dines and former LB City Councilman Doug Drummond were appointed to the POLB Harbor Commission effective August 8, 2011. The vacancies were created by the appointment of Mario Cordero to the Federal Maritime Commission and the resignation of Dr. Walter.

Kaylynn Kim Steps Down, Sung Won Sohn Appointed to POLA Harbor Commission:
Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa appointed Dr. Sung Won Sohn to the Board of Harbor Commissioners on June 27. Dr. Sohn is a Professor of Economics and Finance at CSU Channel Islands and Vice Chairman of Forever 21. He is former President & CEO of Hanmi Bank, and Executive VP & CEO of Wells Fargo.

Petition Filed to Slow Ship Speeds to Protect CA Whales:
On June 6 three environmental groups filed a petition with the US Dept. of Commerce to decrease the speed limit for ships along the California coast to protect areas sensitive to whale migration. The proposal would reduce large commercial ship speeds to 10kts in marine sanctuaries in the Channel Islands (Ventura), Farallones (San Francisco), Monterey Bay and the Cordell Bank (Point Reyes).

Five Year Port Project Labor Agreement Signed:
On June 28 the City approved the Port Project Labor Agreement (PLA), a blanket agreement between the POLA and unions affiliated with the LA/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

New Clean Truck Program Measure:
As of July 1, all Class 7 trucks were included in the POLA/LB Clean Truck Program closing a loophole that left lighter load trucks out of the program. These are truck used to haul empty containers at the Ports which trucking companies have been using to bypass the Clean Truck Program. Pre-2003 trucks will now be banned if not modified to meet 2007 emission standards.

POLA/LB Zero Emissions Workshop:
On July 7 a special Joint POLA/LB Harbor Commission meeting was held to outline plans for bringing zero emissions technologies to the ports. A draft roadmap was provided. The Harbor Commissioners asked for a staff report back no later than October 31st on how these programs are progressing.

Wilmington Marinas Parkway and Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site Plans Approved:
The POLA Harbor Commission approved the 33-acre Wilmington Marinas redevelopment plan at the July 7th meeting. The 2-acre parkway and Wilmington Youth Sailing Center projects are funded through PCAC China Shipping mitigation funds, and will be constructed next year. The redevelopment of the 31-acre Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site is about 6 years off. The design work will be completed in this fiscal year, enabling it to go through the environmental process in about 4 years.

POLA Terminal Island Planning Working Group Meeting July 13:
The first of four working group meetings on long term development of Terminal Island was held July 13.
Clean Truck Program in Ruling:
On July 18 the 9th District Court ruled in favor of the NRDC and Sierra Club against the POLB’s October 2009 agreement with the American Trucking Association to give them (ATA) the authority to oversee future updates to the Clean Truck Program. This would have required the POLB to get ATA’s approval before making program changes or risk an ATA lawsuit.

POLA Port Police Headquarters Open House July 23:
The LA Port Police held a grand opening celebration of their new building on Saturday, July 23.

L.A. Navy Week July 27-31:
As you know, three Navy ships were in port and open to the public for tours during Navy Week, Wednesday July 27 through Sunday July 31. An estimated 42,500 visitors came to the event.

PierPass Fee Increase of $10/TEU:
PierPass rates went up August 1 by $10/TEU to a new rate of $60/TEU (20ft equivalent container) and $120/FEU (40ft equivalent container). PierPass is a non-profit created by the 13 POLA/LB terminal operators to run nighttime operations. Fees are collected on containers moved during the day to enable terminals to remain open at night so containers may be moved when there is less highway congestion. They are now increasing the fees they pay to themselves. Sounds like a profitable venture.

Taste of San Pedro August 5-6:
The POLA hosted the Taste of San Pedro at Harbor Blvd. and 1st St. 30 local restaurants were featured.

LA County Civil Grand Jury Report on the PCAC:
The LA County Civil Grand Jury compiles reports on community outreach activities of various departments. This year’s report was released August 1 and focuses on the POLA and PCAC. It will be a topic of discussion at the next PCAC EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee meeting, Wednesday, August 10, 3:30 – 5:00pm at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank at PCH in Wilmington.

POLA Park Policy Working Group August 10:
The next meeting of the PCAC – POLA Park Policy Working Group will be held Wednesday, August 10 at 5:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Senior Center, PCH and Eubank.

EIR NEWS – CalTrans and POLA Release the I-110/SR-47 Interchange IS/MND:
The CalTrans Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration EIR document was released August 1 for this freeway expansion project. This is being proposed to accommodate current and future truck traffic to West Basin and Terminal Island terminals. The CalTrans hearing will be August 18, 6-8pm at the Port of LA headquarters in San Pedro. The deadline for public comments is August 30.

Gateway Plaza Fanfare Fountain Concert Series:
Through September the POLA is offering free concerts from 7-9pm at the Fountain on Thursdays.

Port Community Advisory Committee – August meeting cancelled.

Los Angeles Harbor Commission Meetings:
- Thurs, August 18, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro
- Thurs, September 1, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro

PCAC Subcommittees (open to the public):
- Wilmington Waterfront Development – Tues, August 9, 5:30pm Wilmington Sr. Center
- San Pedro Waterfront Coordinated Plan – Weds, August 10 – Canceled
- EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee – Weds, August 10, 3:30-5 p.m. Wilmington Sr. Center
- POLA Park Policy Working Group – Weds, August 10, 5pm Wilmington Sr. Center
- PCAC Steering Committee – Tues, September 6, 6pm, Wilmington Sr. Center

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