



STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT

Board of Port Commissioners

January 21, 2020

Pursuant to notice duly given, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District was held on January 21, 2020, in Room 18 of the Port of Stockton Administration Building located at 2201 West Washington Street in Stockton, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: R. Jay Allen
Anthony M. Barkett
Elizabeth (Liz) Blanchard
Gary Christopherson
Stephen Griffen, Chairman

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Michael Patrick Duffy, Vice Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Aschieris, Port Director
Steve Escobar, Senior Deputy Port Director
Michelle Bowling, Director of Finance
Jason Katindoy, Director of Maritime Operations
Jeff Wingfield, Director of Environmental and
Public Affairs
Sylvester Aguilar, Port Real Estate and Properties
Development Manager
Steven A. Herum, Port Counsel
Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Griffen at 3:32 p.m. Chairman Griffen presided and Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board, acted as Secretary for the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PORT EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

The Port's Service Recognition Program honors Port employees for their commitment and dedicated service to the Port of Stockton. The Commissioners were pleased to recognize the following Port employee who recently observed a milestone service anniversary:

Maria Perez, Senior Accounting Technician

15 Years

CONSENT CALENDAR

In compliance with Port Policy Statement #003, the Consent Calendar items of business, having been provided to each member of the Board prior to this meeting, the Commissioners present acted upon all Consent Calendar items of business under one vote.

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the following resolutions:

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2019 MEETING

Resolution #8158: RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District held on the 16th day of December 2019, as the same are endorsed on Page No. 115 to Page No. 121, inclusive, of Minutes Book No. 61, be and they are hereby approved.

AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL

Resolution #8159: RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District hereby authorizes one or more Commissioners to travel to Washington, DC, for the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Spring Conference, March 17 – 19, 2020; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the travel expenses incurred by Commission delegates who participate in the AAPA Spring Conference shall be paid by the Stockton Port District.

APPROVAL OF THE REVISION OF RESOLUTION #8151 TO REMOVE 'WITHIN 60 DAYS' FROM THE PORT OF STOCKTON UTILITY WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN

The above agenda item was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Resolutions #8158 and #8159 were passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR:

Allen, Barkett, Blanchard, Christopherson,
Griffen

COMMISSIONERS AGAINST: None
COMMISSIONERS ABSTAINING: None
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None
COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Duffy

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of the Commission, Consent Calendar Item C. Approval of the Revision of Resolution #8151 to Remove ‘Within 60 Days’ from the Port of Stockton Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan was removed from the Consent Calendar for independent consideration.

Senior Deputy Director Escobar presented an executive summary of this agenda item. The staff report was provided to each member of the Board prior to this meeting.

Chairman Griffen acknowledged Ms. Mary Elizabeth from the Sierra Club. Ms. Elizabeth shared her concerns for the Port of Stockton Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

Commissioner Barkett moved to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution #8160: WHEREAS, the Stockton Port District is a public corporation created for municipal purposes under Section 6290 of the California Harbors and Navigation Code; and

WHEREAS, the Port is generally subject to the legislative and regulatory requirements applicable to local publicly owned electric utilities (POU); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 1028 (stats. 2016), adding California Public Utilities Code, Section 8387, requires each POU to construct, maintain and operate its electrical lines and equipment in a manner that will minimize the risk of wildfire posed by those electrical lines and equipment; and

WHEREAS, SB 901 (stats. 2018), amending California Public Utilities Code Section 8387, requires all POU's to prepare a Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan before January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter; and

WHEREAS, California Public Utilities Code Section 8387(b)(2) specifies the content that must be included in each POU's Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, California Public Utilities Code Section 8387(c) requires each POU to have a qualified independent evaluator review its Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan to assess the comprehensiveness of its plan and to issue a report that is made available on the POU's website and presented at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, California Public Utilities Code Section 8387(b)(3) requires each POU to present its Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan at an appropriately noticed public meeting and to verify that its plan complies with all applicable rules, regulations and standards, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, SB 111 (stats. 2019), adding California Public Utilities Code Section 326.1, established the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, SB 1054 (stats. 2019), amending California Public Utilities Code Section 8387, requires each POU to submit its Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan to the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board by July 1 of each year, starting in the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 326.2, the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board will review each POU's Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan and will provide comments and advisory opinions on the content and sufficiency of each plan; and

WHEREAS, Port staff prepared a Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan for calendar year 2020, addressing all statutory criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Port verified that the Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan complies with all applicable rules, regulations, and standards; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshall is a qualified independent evaluator and, after reviewing the Port's Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan, has determined that the plan meets the requirements of California Public Utilities Code Section 8387; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshall shall prepare a report to be presented at a public meeting of Port's governing board and posted to the Port's website; and

WHEREAS, Port staff will submit its Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan, adopted today by the Port's governing board, to the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board before July 1, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 8387, adopts the revised Stockton Port District's Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan, dated October 25, 2019.

COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR:	Allen, Barkett, Blanchard, Christopherson, Griffen
COMMISSIONERS AGAINST:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSTAINING:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	None
COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:	Duffy

INFORMATIONAL OVERVIEW OF MARITIME, REAL ESTATE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACTIVITIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Port Director Aschieris provided an overview of the calendar year 2019 Port activities. Information presented included highlights of tonnage, the Operations Department marketing strategy, new business, warehouse availability, short and long terms leases, budgeted facility improvements, utilities, Foreign Trade Zone, zero-emission equipment, Antioch Dunes and South Ditch Enhancement projects, Green Marine, dredging, completed, in progress and planned infrastructure improvement projects and grants.

Commissioner Christopherson shared that the overview was beneficial, but it would be helpful to have a marketing report that quantifies and qualifies the changes in the marketing strategy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Griffen acknowledged there were no Committee Reports.

PORT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Port Director Aschieris provided an executive summary of recent Port activities.

- Current calendar year-to-date shipping reflects 12 ships. Shipping activity for the same period in 2019 reported 13 ships.
- Current calendar year-to-date tonnage totaled 202,432 metric tons. Tonnage for the same period in 2019 totaled 219,122 metric tons. The following commodities have been handled since the beginning of the calendar year: anhydrous ammonia and liquid fertilizer from

Trinidad, cement from Mexico, Vietnam and Japan, bulk corn from Turkey, molasses from Guatemala, sulfur to China, food grade oil from Malaysia and Indonesia, steel and dry bulk to Japan.

- Shipping for calendar year 2019 totaled 234 ships. Shipping activity for calendar year 2018 reported 252 ships and 1 barge. Tonnage for calendar year 2019 totaled 4,443,286 metric tons. Tonnage for calendar year 2018 totaled 4,739,249 metric tons. Calendar year 2019 was the third best year in shipping tonnage for the Port.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Barkett shared that he attended the recent San Joaquin Partnership meeting. He also shared that it would be beneficial for Port staff to attend the San Joaquin Partnership meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Griffen acknowledged Ms. Mary Elizabeth from the Sierra Club. Ms. Elizabeth shared information about the San Joaquin Council of Governments upcoming SB617 meeting. She also shared her concerns about the Port's inadequate availability of environmental impact reports and the public's ability to participate in discretionary decisions made by the Port. Ms. Elizabeth also shared her concerns related to the NuStar Marine Terminal Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). She suggested a workshop be held prior to ending the comment period to ensure interested persons are informed about discretionary decisions and have the opportunity to provide input. She also shared that NuStar closed down Highway 80 and Highway 4 due to an explosion of unknown sources in Crockett, California.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

- A. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8 REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION: RECEIVE REPORTS FROM, GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO & CONFER WITH PORT NEGOTIATOR RICHARD ASCHIERIS REGARDING POTENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION RELATIVE TO 320 MCCLOY AVENUE, STOCKTON, CA
- B. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8 REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION: RECEIVE REPORTS FROM, GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO & CONFER WITH PORT NEGOTIATOR RICHARD ASCHIERIS REGARDING POTENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION RELATIVE TO 906 CROMWELL AVENUE, STOCKTON, CA
- C. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8 REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION: RECEIVE REPORTS FROM, GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO & CONFER WITH PORT NEGOTIATOR RICHARD ASCHIERIS REGARDING POTENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION RELATIVE TO 205 PORT ROAD 1, STOCKTON, CA
- D. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8 REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION: RECEIVE REPORTS FROM, GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO & CONFER WITH PORT

NEGOTIATOR RICHARD ASCHIERIS REGARDING POTENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION RELATIVE TO 516 DAVIS AVENUE, STOCKTON, CA

At 4:23 p.m. Chairman Griffen announced that, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, an executive session would be conducted by the Board of Commissioners pursuant to Government Code §54956.8. The general public and other Port staff was excused from the meeting, and the closed sessions commenced at 4:24 p.m. Port Director Aschieris, Senior Deputy Port Director Escobar, Director of Finance Bowling, Director of Maritime Operations Katindoy, Director of Development and Planning Villanueva, Director of Environmental and Public Affairs Wingfield, Port Real Estate & Properties Development Manager Aguilar and Attorney Herum remained for the executive session.

At 5:28 p.m., Chairman Griffen re-opened the meeting in public session. He reported that the Port Commission conferred with legal counsel and took no formal, reportable action during the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m. by Chairman Griffen.

Melanie Rodriguez
Secretary to the Board

Chairman Stephen Griffen