



STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT

Board of Port Commissioners

April 5, 2021

Pursuant to notice duly given, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District was held on April 5, 2021, in Room 18 of the Port of Stockton Administration Building located at 2201 West Washington Street in Stockton, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: R. Jay Allen, Chairman
Anthony Barkett
Elizabeth (Liz) Blanchard, Vice Chairperson
Michael Patrick Duffy
Gary Christopherson,
Stephen Griffen
William R. Trezza

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Aschieris, Port Director
Steve Escobar, Senior Deputy Port Director
Michelle Bowling, Director of Finance
Jason Katindoy, Director of Maritime Operations
Katie Miller, Director of Human Resources and
Administrative Services
Juan Villanueva, Director of Development and
Planning
Jeff Wingfield, Director of Environmental and
Public Affairs
Sylvester Aguilar, Port Real Estate & Properties
Development Manager
Steven A. Herum, Port Counsel
Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board
Susan Shey Dvovich, Managing Partner with Shey-
Harding Executive Search

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Jay Allen at 3:30 p.m. Chairman Allen presided and Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board, acted as Secretary for the meeting.

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.

Mary Elizabeth with the Delta-Sierra Group submitted emailed comments that were read by Chairman Allen and submitted to the Commission.

Commissioner Duffy moved, to adopt the following resolutions:

MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2021 MEETING

Resolution #8225: RESOLVED, that the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District held on the 15th day of March 2021, as the same are endorsed on Page No. 027 to Page No. 034, inclusive, of Minutes Book No. 63, be and they are hereby approved.

AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL: U.S.A. RICE MILLERS' ASSOCIATION (RMA) 121ST CONVENTION, COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO, JUNE 15 – 18, 2021

Resolution #8226: RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District hereby authorizes one or more Commissioners to travel to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for the U.S.A. Rice Millers' Association (RMA) 121st Convention, June 15 – 18, 2021; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the travel expenses incurred by Commission delegates who participate in the U.S.A. RMA Convention shall be paid by the Stockton Port District.

Resolutions #8225 and #8226 were passed by the following vote:

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

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: None

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Allen acknowledged there were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADOPTION OF A CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15304 AND 15333 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PORT DIRECTOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO MCFADDEN CONSTRUCTION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$309,372 FOR THE EASTERN SOUTHDITCH STORMWATER ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Development and Planning Director Villanueva provided an executive summary on this agenda item. The staff report was provided to each member of the Board prior to the meeting and was also available as a link on the Agenda posted on the Port's website.

Mary Elizabeth with the Delta-Sierra Group submitted emailed comments that were read by Chairman Allen and submitted to the Commission.

Jan Warren with the Interfaith Climate Action Network submitted emailed comments that were read by Chairman Allen and submitted to the Commission.

Commissioner Griffen moved, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution #8227: RESOLVED, that pursuant to Port staff review of, and belief that the Eastern Southditch Stormwater Enhancement Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15304 and 15333 the Stockton Port District Board of Commissioners hereby adopts a CEQA Categorical Exemption for the Eastern Southditch Stormwater Enhancement Project and authorizes the filing of a Notice of Exemption related thereto with San Joaquin County; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, by the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District that the Port Director is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to award the Eastern Southditch Stormwater Enhancement Project contract to McFadden Construction for a not-to-exceed amount of \$309,372.00 (Three Hundred Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two and 00/100 Dollars); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Port Director is authorized, empowered and directed to ensure that the provisions of this resolution are appropriately effected.

Resolution #8227 was passed by the following vote:

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

ADOPTION OF A CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15301 AND 15302 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES, APPROVAL OF THE LEAD TRACK RAIL HARDENING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PORT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH JMA CIVIL FOR RAIL PLANNING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$172,760

Development and Planning Director Villanueva provided an executive summary on this agenda item. The staff report was provided to each member of the Board prior to the meeting and was also available as a link on the Agenda posted on the Port's website.

Mary Elizabeth with the Delta-Sierra Group submitted emailed comments that were read by Chairman Allen and submitted to the Commission.

Commissioner Barkett moved, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution #8228: RESOLVED, that pursuant to Port staff review of, and belief that the Lead Track Rail Hardening Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 and 15302 the Stockton Port District Board of Commissioners hereby adopts a CEQA Categorical Exemption for the Lead Track Rail Hardening Project and authorizes the filing of a Notice of Exemption related thereto with San Joaquin County; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District hereby approves the Lead Track Rail Hardening Project; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, by the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District that the Port Director is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to award the Lead Track Rail Hardening Project contract to JMA Civil for rail planning services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$172,760.00 (One Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and 00/100 Dollars); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Port Director is authorized, empowered and directed to ensure that the provisions of this resolution are appropriately effected.

Resolution #8228 was passed by the following vote:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)

Commissioner Barkett attended the April 1, 2021 Zoom SJCOG meeting. Supervisor Rickman requested a Port tour and briefing that will take place on April 12, 2021.

PORT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

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

- Current calendar year-to-date shipping reflects 70 ships. Shipping activity for the same period in 2020 reported 55 ships. Since the last Commission meeting, 11 ships have called at the Port.
- Current calendar year-to-date tonnage totaled 1,209,371 metric tons. Tonnage for the same period in 2020 totaled 1,028,175 metric tons. Since the last Commission meeting, 199,050 metric tons of cement/slag from Vietnam and Mexico, fertilizer from Norway, steel from Korea, sulfuric acid from Japan, molasses from Peru and the Philippines, copper concentrate to Germany and dry bulk to Japan have been handled.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Vice Chair Blanchard shared that she had received a few calls related to the Boggs Tract Community Farm status. She also shared information about San Joaquin Delta College's internship program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mary Elizabeth with the Delta-Sierra Group submitted emailed comments that were read by Chairman Allen and submitted to the Commission.

Jan Warren with the Interfaith Climate Action Network submitted emailed comments that were read by Chairman Allen and submitted to the Commission.

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 906 CROMWELL AVENUE, STOCKTON, CA; (B) CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL/PORT DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54957.6

At 3:58 p.m. Chairman Allen 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 and §54957.6. The general public and other Port staff was excused from the meeting, and the closed session commenced at 4:00 p.m. Port Director Aschieris, Senior Deputy Port Director Escobar, Director of Finance Bowling, Director of Maritime Operations Katindoy, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Miller, Director of Development and Planning Villanueva, Director of Environmental and Public Affairs Wingfield, Port Real Estate & Properties Development Manager Aguilar, Port Counsel Herum and Executive Recruiter Dvonch remained for a portion of the executive session.

At 6:52 p.m., Chairman Allen re-opened the meeting in public session. He reported that the Port Commission took no formal, reportable action during the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. by Chairman Allen.

Melanie Rodriguez
Secretary to the Board

Chairman R. Jay Allen