



Interoffice Memo

DATE: October 12, 2021

TO: Kirk DeJesus, Port Director

FROM: Jeff Wingfield, Director of Environmental & Public Affairs

RE: Contract for Emission Reduction Strategy with Starcrest Consulting Group

Starcrest Consulting Group, LLC, (Starcrest) has worked with Port staff to develop a proposal to prepare an emission reduction plan. Starcrest has ample experience developing such plans for seaports across the globe and understands the Port's objectives, needs, and stakeholder dynamics through related work on the Port of Stockton emissions inventory and community engagement support. Starcrest will help the Port develop an emission reduction plan for its port-related mobile sources that complements – and does not duplicate – other external and internal air quality efforts, such as State mobile-source regulations, the Stockton AB 617 Community Emission Reduction Plan, and the Port of Stockton Electric Vehicle Blueprint, which is to be developed. As part of this plan, Starcrest will solicit and incorporate community and industry stakeholder feedback, identify and evaluate potential strategies, and develop a written report, working closely with Port staff.

The sequence of tasks is as follows, although the process is likely to be fluid and iterative:

1. *Develop plan framework:* Starcrest will work with Port staff and management to identify the drivers, goals, objectives, and scope of the plan.
2. *Solicit stakeholder input on framework:* Starcrest will help engage the community and industry to provide feedback on this framework and incorporate suggestions, as feasible. Starcrest will work closely with the Port's other community-engagement consultants on this task, if needed.
3. *Identify and evaluate potential strategies for each source category:* Based on the Port's drivers and desired goals and objectives, Starcrest will identify potential strategies for ocean-going vessels, harbor craft, drayage trucks, cargo-handling equipment, and rail and will provide a qualitative assessment of each one (i.e., strengths and limitations), ensuring alignment with State regulations and other efforts.
4. *Solicit stakeholder input on potential strategies:* Starcrest will obtain feedback from tenants and industry partners and the Port's executive management team. Starcrest also will present these

strategies to community stakeholders. Given that community members are unlikely to be technical experts, Starcrest's outreach will emphasize education and understanding.

5. *Draft emission reduction plan.* Starcrest will create a formal, written emission reduction plan that can be used with multiple audiences.

The estimated cost for this work is \$37,000 and exceeds the Port Director's authority when combined with the cost of the 2020 Emission Inventory effort of \$75,000.

Requested Action-Authorize the Port Director to approve a contract with Starcrest Consulting Group in the amount of \$37,000 to develop an Emission Reduction Strategy.