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Dock Dispatch

NEWS FROM THE PORT OF STOCKTON

CalPortland Ribbon Cutting

CALPORTLAND CELEBRATES STOCKTON TERMINAL EXPANSION WITH RIBBON CUTTING

The Port of Stockton tenant CalPortland celebrated the completion of its terminal expansion project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 8, 2026. The project includes two new cement storage domes, expanding the terminal's capacity to receive, store, and distribute cement and lower-carbon cementitious materials throughout Northern California.

The celebration brought together local and state officials, including Senator Jerry McNerney, Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom, Mike Anderson, Chief of Staff for San Joaquin County Supervisor Mario Gardea, and Port of Stockton Commissioner Bill Trezza.

This significant investment reflects CalPortland's continued commitment to its Stockton operations while supporting the region's construction and infrastructure needs. The expansion also provides additional capacity for lower-carbon cementitious materials, supporting efforts to reduce the environmental footprint of construction projects throughout the region.

The Port of Stockton congratulates CalPortland on this milestone and its continued investment in the region.

Maritime Update

The Port of Stockton hosted its Annual Pilots Appreciation Dinner this July at the historic Crown Room inside the Fairmont San Francisco. Perched high atop Nob Hill, the iconic venue provided panoramic views of the very waterways these mariners dedicate their lives to protecting, serving as the perfect backdrop to honor the San Francisco Bar Pilots as the economic guardians of Northern California's waterways.

GUARDIANS OF THE GOLDEN GATE

Operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and in all types of weather, the San Francisco Bar Pilots navigate the world's largest commercial vessels through some of the most challenging water conditions on Earth. These highly trained, state-licensed captains board incoming ships—ranging from massive container vessels to mega-cruise liners—miles outside the Golden Gate Bridge in the open ocean.

Their primary mission centers on safety and environmental stewardship. By taking operational control of these massive vessels, the pilots guide them through the treacherous currents, dense fog, and shifting sandbars of the San Francisco Bay and the San Joaquin River system. Their expertise ensures that cargo is delivered safely to and from the Port of Stockton, protecting both a delicate marine ecosystem and billions of dollars in maritime commerce.

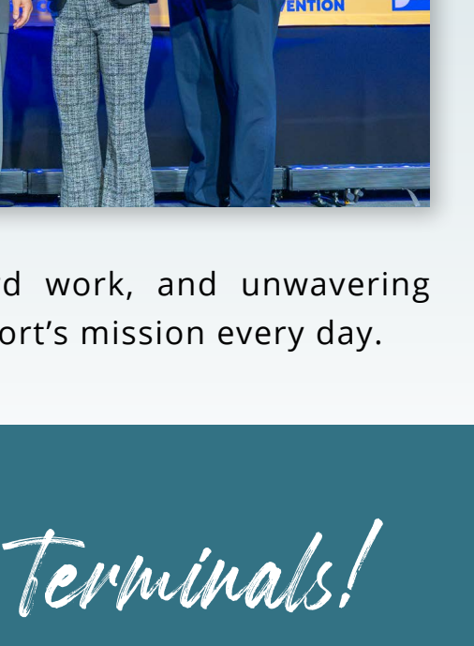
A CELEBRATION OF VITAL TRADE

The gathering brought together Port Commissioners, Port staff, and our valued tenant customers who depend on the Bar Pilots daily for vital trade. Guests enjoyed top-tier hospitality while reflecting on the organization's essential role in keeping global supply chains moving smoothly. The evening underscored a definitive truth: without the precision and expertise of the Bar Pilots, the region's maritime economy would grind to a halt.

We would also like to recognize the retirement of two longtime Port of Stockton pilots. Capt. Dave Weiss retired after 33 years of service, and Capt. Ray Ridens after 20 years. We thank both captains for their dedication, professionalism, and contributions to maritime safety and Port operations. We congratulate them on their well-earned retirements and wish them all the best in the years ahead.

AAPA Lighthouse Award

THE PORT OF STOCKTON RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE IN SECURITY PRACTICES



We are proud to announce the Port of Stockton has been awarded the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) 2026 Lighthouse Award for Excellence in Security Practices – Large Port Category. This award recognizes the Port's innovative project, "Integration of Random Anti-Terrorism Measures into Daily Port Police Operations." Congratulations to our Port Police team for their outstanding leadership and dedication to maritime security.

This recognition is a testament to the teamwork, hard work, and unwavering commitment of all Port personnel who contribute to the Port's mission every day.

Congratulations BWC Terminals!

ASCE OUTSTANDING AIRPORTS AND PORTS PROJECT AWARD

Port Tenant, BWC Terminals has received the 2025 Outstanding Airports and Ports Project Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers, Sacramento Section, for its Stockton Marine Oil Terminal project. The project delivered a new MOTEMS-compliant dock and berthing system designed to safely and efficiently transfer renewable diesel and biodiesel between marine vessels and shore-side storage. The facility incorporates modern safety and environmental systems and is part of BWC's continued expansion at the Port to support California's growing demand for renewable fuel storage and logistics.

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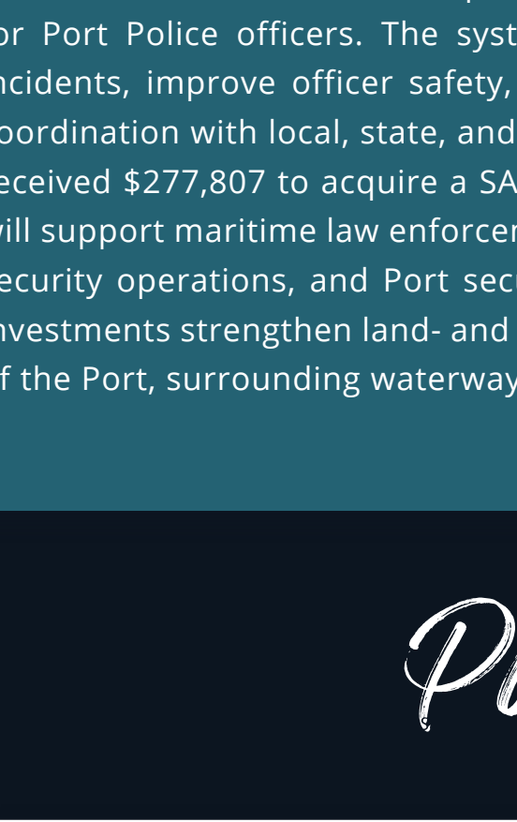
Congratulations K9 Jade!



Officer Craig and K9 Jade competed in the Lodi Police Department K9 Trial, where K9 Jade placed 2nd in the EOD Detection category. This accomplishment reflects the dedication, consistency, and ongoing training that go into maintaining a highly skilled K9 team. Our K9 Unit continues to train to ensure they are prepared to respond when their specialized capabilities are needed to help protect our community and surrounding agencies. Congratulations to Officer Craig and K9 Jade on a job well done!

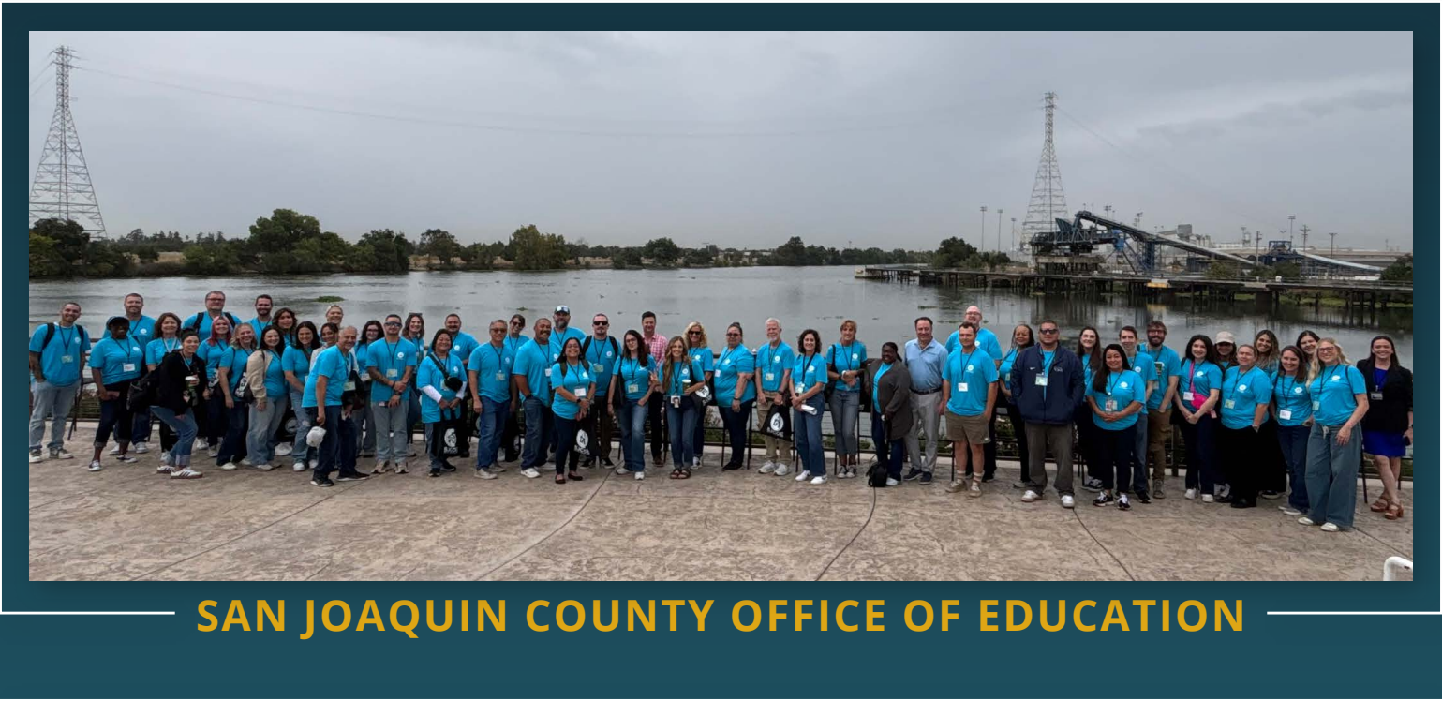
PSGP Grant Award

2026 PORT SECURITY GRANT AWARDS STRENGTHEN REGIONAL MARITIME SECURITY

The Port of Stockton Police Department and San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office received a combined $636,370 in 2026 Port Security Grant Program funding to strengthen maritime security and emergency response capabilities throughout the region.

The Port of Stockton Police Department received $358,563 to acquire Body-Worn Cameras for Port Police officers. The system will enhance situational awareness during security incidents, improve officer safety, support federal security requirements, and strengthen coordination with local, state, and federal partners. The San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office received $277,807 to acquire a SAFE 23 Center Console patrol boat. The all-weather vessel will support maritime law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency response, homeland security operations, and Port security throughout the San Joaquin Delta. Together, these investments strengthen land- and water-based security capabilities and enhance protection of the Port, surrounding waterways, and critical maritime infrastructure.

Port Tours



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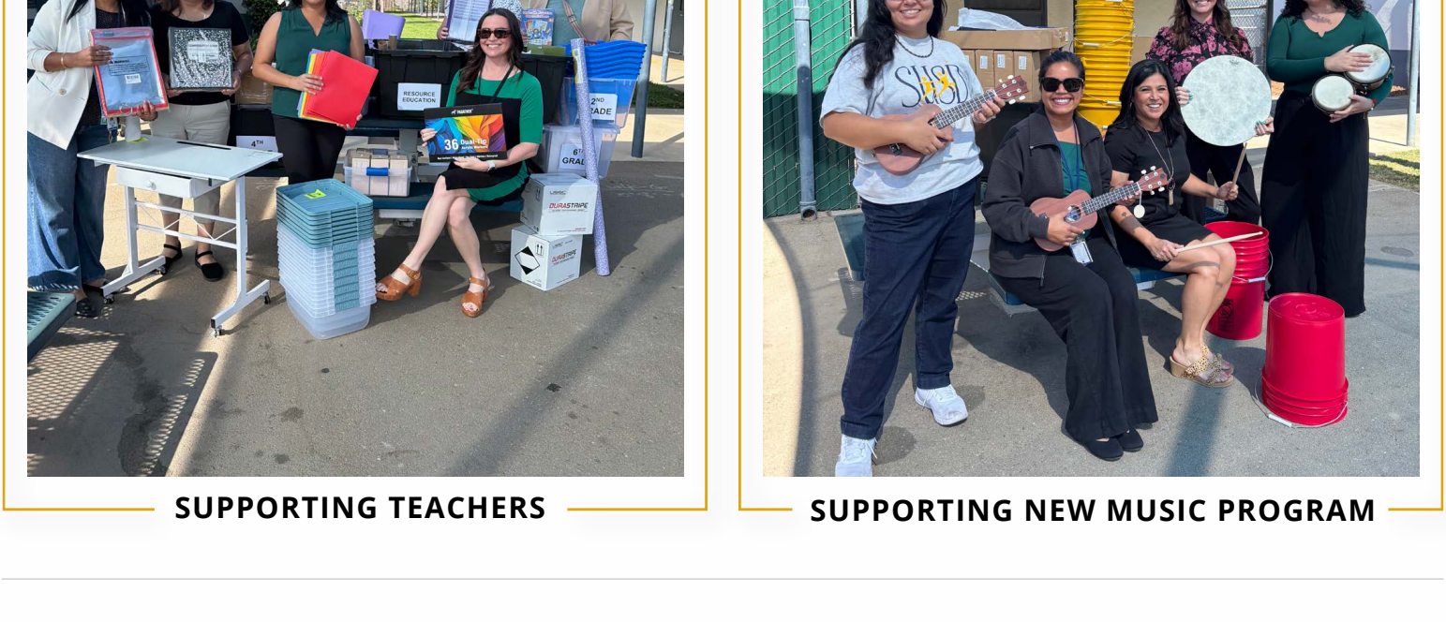
LITTLE MANILA RISING

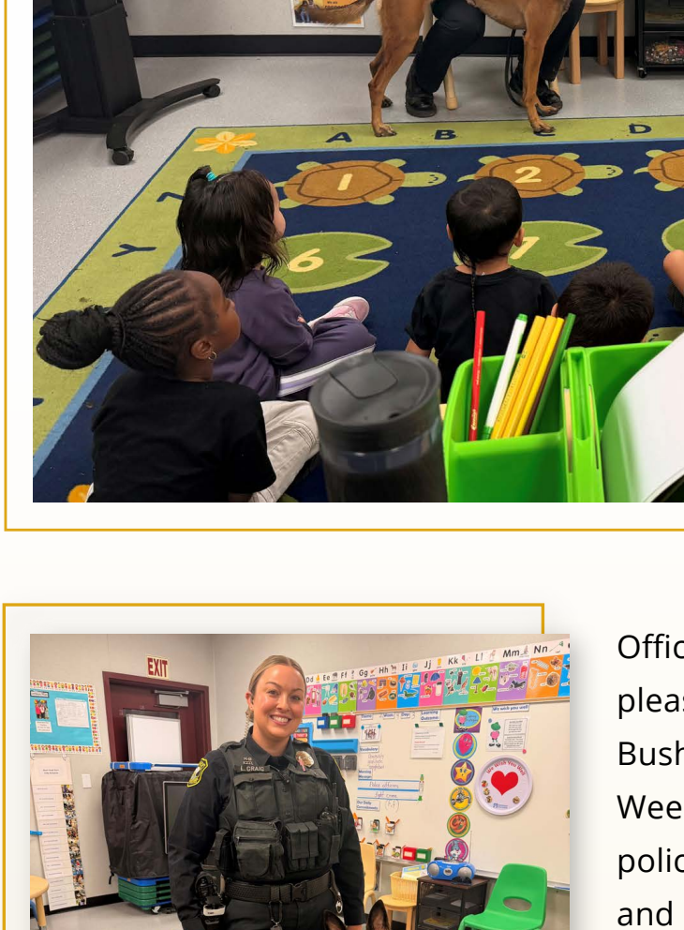
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION



IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW

Community

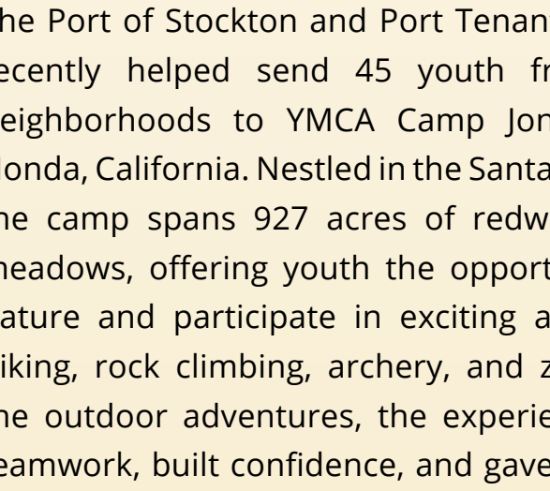
WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY



SUPPORTING TEACHERS

SUPPORTING NEW MUSIC PROGRAM

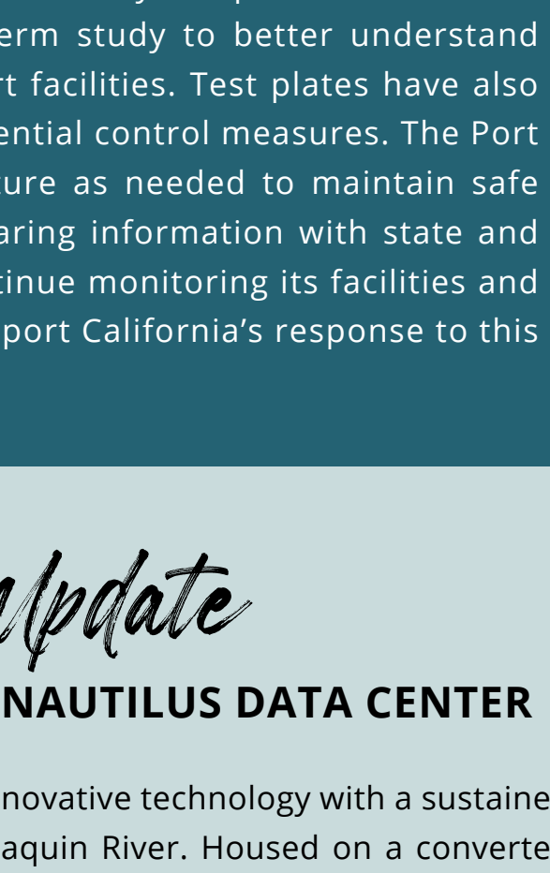
COMMUNITY HELPERS WEEK
GEORGE W. BUSH ELEMENTARY



Officer Craig, K9 Jade, and Officer Aviles had the pleasure of visiting the preschool classes at George W. Bush Elementary School as part of Community Helpers Week! The students learned about the important role police K9s play in helping keep our communities safe and how K9 Jade uses her incredible sense of smell to do her job. The officers answered questions, gave the students a demonstration of Jade at work, and finished the visit by reading a story about police K9s. Thank you to George W. Bush Elementary School for inviting us to spend the morning with such a great group of students. K9 Jade loved meeting all of her new friends!

SENDING STUDENTS TO SUMMER CAMP!

SAN FRANCISCO YMCA CAMP
JONES GULCH



The Port of Stockton and Port Tenant BWC Terminals recently helped send 45 youth from low-income neighborhoods to YMCA Camp Jones Gulch in La Honda, California. Nestled in the Santa Cruz Mountains, the camp spans 927 acres of redwood forests and meadows, offering youth the opportunity to explore nature and participate in exciting activities such as hiking, rock climbing, archery, and ziplining. Beyond the outdoor adventures, the experience encouraged teamwork, built confidence, and gave participants the chance to make new friends, create lasting memories, and simply enjoy being kids. The Port is proud to support opportunities that provide enriching experiences for youth in our community.

Golden Mussel Update

PORT CONTINUES RESPONSE TO GOLDEN MUSSELS

The Port of Stockton continues to take proactive steps in response to golden mussels, an invasive species first detected near Rough and Ready Island in October 2024. As part of the broader statewide response, the Port recently completed underwater surveys at seven locations and launched a long-term study to better understand golden mussel growth and management within Port facilities. Test plates have also been deployed to monitor growth and evaluate potential control measures. The Port continues to monitor and clean critical infrastructure as needed to maintain safe and reliable operations while coordinating and sharing information with state and federal partners. Moving forward, the Port will continue monitoring its facilities and working collaboratively with agency partners to support California's response to this invasive species.

Data Center Update

MONITORING WATER QUALITY AT THE NAUTILUS DATA CENTER

At the Port of Stockton, the Nautilus Data Center pairs innovative technology with a sustained investment in understanding and protecting the San Joaquin River. Housed on a converted floating platform, Nautilus provides data storage for customers including the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County. Unlike traditional data centers that consume significant amounts of water for cooling, Nautilus does not consume any river water.

Behind that innovation is an extensive water-quality monitoring program representing more than $2.5 million in investment. Every week, crews travel by boat to eight locations surrounding the data center to measure temperature, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, conductivity, and pH. Continuous sensors track water temperatures entering and leaving the system, while year-round sampling at six stations monitors cyanotoxins, with twice-monthly checks during the algal growing season. Nautilus also voluntarily funds additional measurements to study how returning water mixes with the river.

More than five years of monitoring have shown no measurable increase in nearby river temperatures associated with the data center's operations, and Nautilus has remained in compliance with its monitoring requirements. Results are shared regularly with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and California State Lands Commission.

For the Port, this ongoing work supports a clear commitment: serving the region's technology needs while keeping river stewardship and transparency at the forefront.

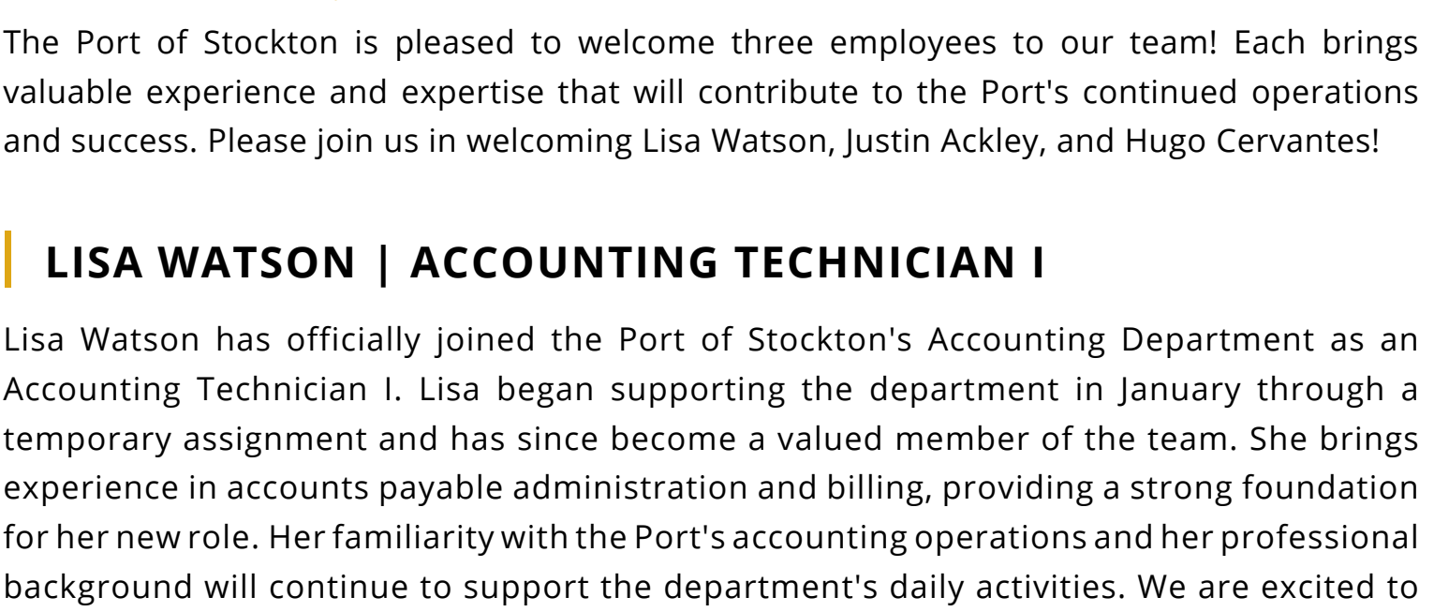
Stormwater Update

STORMWATER SAMPLING SEASON BEGINS!

It's time to prepare for another year of monitoring our stormwater system, this year's sampling season coincides with persistent El Niño conditions. Although the effects vary from year to year, this pattern typically brings heavier rainfall, faster stormwater runoff, and greater strain on drainage systems. These intensified conditions make stormwater monitoring especially important, as high-volume flows can carry pollutants more rapidly and in larger quantities into local waterways. Stormwater itself is simply rainwater, but once it travels across streets, soil, and hard surfaces, it can pick up a variety of pollutants. These include sediment, fertilizers, pesticides, oils, heavy metals, trash, and other contaminants. During large storm events, these materials can bypass natural filtration processes and enter storm drains that lead directly to rivers without treatment. Because of this increased risk, early-season sampling is crucial. The data collected helps refine management plans, identify emerging trends, and strengthen overall pollution prevention strategies.

Preventing pollution from entering the stormwater system is a shared responsibility. Even simple daily habits make a meaningful difference. Regular equipment maintenance, spill prevention training, proper material storage and disposal, as well as securing loose waste and recycling, all help reduce the potential for pollutants to reach stormwater pathways. By combining careful monitoring with proactive planning, we can better manage stormwater impacts and maintain healthier waterways throughout the season!

Employee Event at Sac Song and Wine



Port of Stockton employees recently came together for an evening at Sacramento Song & Wine. The event provided a great opportunity for employees from across the Port to connect outside of the workplace while enjoying dinner, live music, and line dancing. Events like this help strengthen relationships, build camaraderie, and celebrate the people who work together every day to keep the Port moving.

Welcoming Our Newest Team Members!

The Port of Stockton is pleased to welcome three employees to our team! Each brings valuable experience and expertise that will contribute to the Port's continued operations and success. Please join us in welcoming Lisa Watson, Justin Ackley, and Hugo Cervantes!

LISA WATSON | ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN I

Lisa Watson has officially joined the Port of Stockton's Accounting Department as an Accounting Technician I. Lisa began supporting the department in January through a temporary assignment and has since become a valued member of the team. She brings experience in accounts payable administration and billing, providing a strong foundation for her new role. Her familiarity with the Port's accounting operations and her professional background will continue to support the department's daily activities. We are excited to officially welcome Lisa to the Port team!

JUSTIN ACKLEY | JOURNEY-LEVEL PLUMBER

Justin Ackley joins the Port of Stockton's Engineering and Facilities Department as a Journey-Level Plumber. Justin brings more than 10 years of experience from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, where he proficiently managed complex plumbing projects such as lift station repairs, hydration system installation, fire sprinklers, and crafting various piping. His extensive plumbing background includes installing piping systems, detecting leaks, and servicing sewer and domestic water lines. Justin also holds a backflow certification to excel at backflow prevention. His technical expertise and hands-on experience will be valuable assets in supporting the Port's infrastructure, facilities, and ongoing maintenance operations.

HUGO CERVANTES | JOURNEY-LEVEL ROOFER

Hugo Cervantes joins the Port of Stockton's Engineering and Facilities Department as a Journey-Level Roofer. Hugo brings more than 12 years of experience from T.A. Krause Roofing Solar & Specialty Coating, where he specialized in the installation, repair, and replacement of various roofing systems. His background includes conducting roof inspections, identifying structural issues and leaks, and supervising roofing crews on residential and commercial projects. His technical expertise and leadership experience will be valuable assets in supporting the maintenance, safety, and improvement of Port facilities.

RECENT PORT STAFF PROMOTIONS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PORT EMPLOYEES:

Julie Andereggen promoted to Senior Administrative Assistant

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING PORT EMPLOYEES:

Steve Cookerly, Facilities, Maintenance, and Construction Manager – 40 Years
Everardo Mendoza, Roofer Working Foreman – 25 Years
Scott Ballard, Plumber – 20 Years
Lacy Edwards, Security Manager – 20 Years
Katie Miller, Deputy Port Director, Administration – 20 Years
Eric Osterlie, Carpenter – 20 Years
Arturo Gamboa, Laborer – 15 Years
Tricia Rosenow, Senior GIS Analyst – 10 Years
Hunter Cradit, Police Officer – 5 Years
Vaidas Sukys, Maritime Operations Superintendent – 5 Years

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