

**HARBOR DISTRICT BOARD ELECTS
NEW OFFICERS
Ramirez, Fosse and Plisky are 2009 Designees**

The Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Oxnard Harbor District, at its annual reorganization meeting on Monday, January 12th, elected Jesse Ramirez as Board President, Raymond E. Fosse was elected Vice President and Michael A. Plisky as Secretary. Immediate past President Jess Herrera and new Commission member former Oxnard Mayor, Manuel A. Lopez round out the five-member Harbor Commission Board. Out-going President Jess Herrera thanked the commission members and district staff for their hard work and dedication saying that it was a steady year for Ventura County's 'Port of Opportunity' and he looked forward to 2009 being a good year with the Port playing a part in the County's economic resurgence.

President Ramirez, an Oxnard resident since 1958 and beginning his fifth four-year term on the Board of Harbor Commissioners said, he plans to continuing shepherding the port in meeting all of today's environmental challenges while continuing to create much needed jobs for the community the Oxnard Harbor District serves.

President Ramirez identified the District's positive relations with neighboring cities and the U.S. Navy as keys to the District's continued success. Attending for the City of Port Hueneme were Mayor Jon Sharkey, newly elected councilmember Douglas Breeze, former Port Hueneme mayor Anthony Volante and city manager Dave Norman.

The ceremonial swearing in for Commissioners Ramirez and Lopez was performed by Superior Court Judge Manuel J. Covarrubias. Following the ceremony the Board took a brief recess before continuing the year's first Board meeting.

Former Mayor, now Commissioner Manuel A. Lopez expressed his pleasure and appreciation to the people who elected him to this important post commenting that this is the 11th public swearing in ceremony in which he has participated. "We serve at the pleasure of the Public," Commissioner Lopez said, recognizing other elected officials who attended the evening's ceremony including Ventura County Supervisor John Zaragoza, Ventura County Community College trustee Art Hernandez, Oxnard School Board member Dennis O'Leary, Oxnard City Clerk Daniel Martinez and newly elected Oxnard City Councilmember Brian MacDonald.

The Oxnard Harbor District is an independent special district which owns and operates the commercial Port of Hueneme. The operations of the Port generate more than \$650 million in positive economic impact and approximately 5,000 jobs in Ventura County annually.