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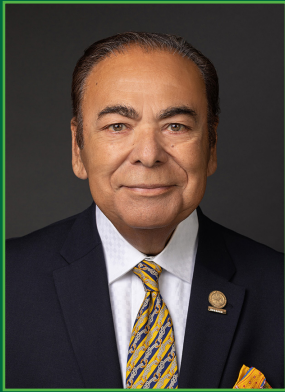


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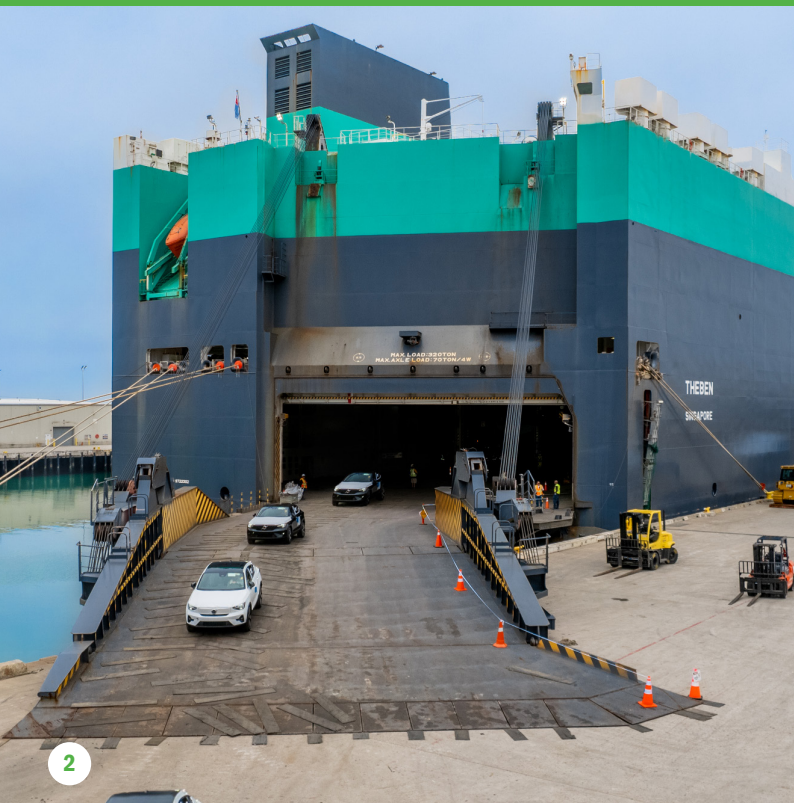
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VISION

To operate as a self-supporting port that enforces the principles of sound public stewardship maximizing the potential of maritime-related commerce and regional economic benefit.

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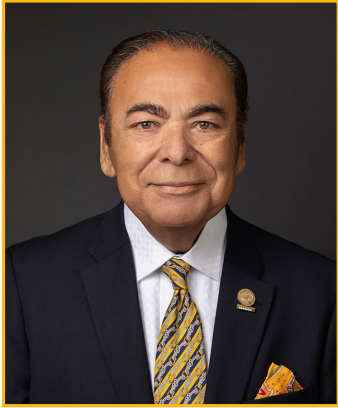
To be the preferred port for specialized cargo and provide the maximum possible economic and social benefits to our community and industries served.



Port Overview

The Port of Hueneme is one of the most productive and efficient commercial trade gateways for niche cargo on the West Coast. Five locally elected Port Commissioners govern the Port. The Port consistently ranks among the top ten U.S. ports for automobiles and fresh produce. Port operations support the community by bringing \$2.8 billion in economic activity and creating 25,000 trade-related jobs. Trade through the Port of Hueneme generates more than \$236 million in direct and related state and local taxes, which fund vital community services. In 2017, the Port of Hueneme became the first port in California to become Green Marine certified and was voted the Greenest Port in the U.S. at the Green Shipping Summit.

Message From The Board President



As I reflect on the past year, it has been a great pleasure to serve the Port for the last 32 years and witness the immense growth that has taken place. I feel appreciative of my ability to serve as the Board President, as well as feel a great sense of pride as I reflect on the various achievements of the Port

over the past 12 months. To truly appreciate how far we have come, it is important to look back at our deep roots in the community.

The Port of Hueneme was originally an idea for a coastal expansion by Thomas Bard in 1876. An idea that has now blossomed into a self-sufficient, port that has been capable of big things. Thomas Bard and his son Richard Bard shared a vision to create something of lasting value in their community, resulting in the creation of the Port of Hueneme and the Oxnard Harbor District in 1937. The Bard family wanted to use their philanthropic efforts to better their surroundings and provide opportunity and prosperity for decades to come. Therefore, it is important to acknowledge that the Port was a creation that, in many aspects, was the result of a community of citizens who came together to champion the vision of a father and son of a harbor that would provide much-needed commerce and jobs.

Not only has the Port historically contributed to the local community but has also played an interesting role in times of national crisis. With the introduction of the United States into WWII, the government required the service of the Port. On March 5th, 1942, they called upon the Port to be a critical conduit, supplying the needed materials to fight the war overseas. An important development for the Port and the maritime history of the West Coast, the Port was taken over via eminent domain and made into a naval base up until the end of the war.

The Port, the Oxnard Harbor District, and the U.S. Navy have developed close partnerships that play a critical role in our local economy. Most notably, the Port has collaborated with the Navy and the District on a joint use agreement that allows the commercial port temporary use of Navy berths and land, and in turn, the District provides compensation to the base that stays local for important military infrastructure projects. Additionally, the Port has developed a variety of strong business partnerships with world-class customers, further promoting job growth and opportunities for local businesses by guaranteeing that billions of dollars in trade-related goods continue to pass through the Port.

Our growth and sustainability efforts require leadership and innovation, as well as a keen focus on future opportunities. All of this not be achieved without the determination of our staff at the Port, and the ability of the Board of Harbor Commissioners to meet the expectations of the communities we serve. I would like to not only applaud our Port staff and fellow Board of Harbor Commissioners, but also fellow District residents, ILWU members, Port customers, and stakeholders who have made the success of the Port feasible and contributed to the vision of Thomas and Richard Bard.

As 2023 comes to a close, we welcome new possibilities to further promote growth at the Port and invest in our community, all while keeping our historical roots in mind. I look forward to continue working alongside Port staff on existing projects and events, as well as introducing and participating in new opportunities. In fact, after the New Year, we will be hosting our first-ever CEO Summit! The CEO Summit will be a great chance for many community members to come together and collectively seek ways to further transform our local area.

President Jess J. Herrera

Port of Hueneme, Oxnard Harbor District



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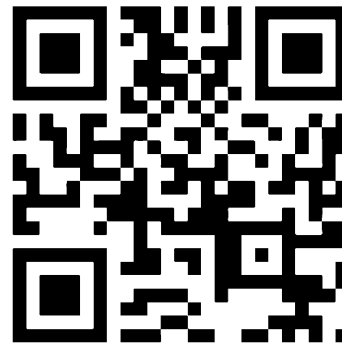
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Welcome from Port Director Kristin Decas



We are excited to bring you our 2023 Year End Review and keep you well-informed on projects and efforts at the Port of Hueneme. This year we achieved a multitude of extraordinary milestones, all of which could not have been achieved without the efforts of our wonderful customers, inspiring community, strong labor force, dedicated elected officials, supportive local & regional

partners, visionary Board of Harbor Commissioners, and Port team!

In July, we were granted a historic amount of funding — nearly \$80,000,000 — by Governor Gavin Newsome for projects that will modernize and expand port capacity, generate social and economic equity, as well as transform the Port into a zero-emissions hub. Total grant funding for PACED amounts to \$103.7 million this year alone with grants coming from the Governor's budget, Ventura County Transportation Commission, US Maritime Administration, US Environmental Protection Agency, California Air Resources Board, and state and federal earmarks. PACED removes dilapidated obsolete buildings, installs zero-emission plug-in units for containers, and builds hydrogen fuel cell technology infrastructure. Further, the project brings efficiency and safety improvements with the deepening of berths that will also allow for the renourishment of local beaches with clean dredged sediment. Of utmost importance, the funding supports shoreside power and emission control systems that make vessels zero emission while in port and provides for port-wide crane electrification and the procurement of zero-emission cargo handling equipment. Components awarded further protect our ocean with the ability to procure an electric sweeper to prevent debris from going into the Port's stormwater system. These game-changing infrastructure projects will be built with the talent of our local trades under the Port's Project Labor Agreement.

We attribute our tremendous commercial success to our customer base who, since 2012, grew cargo volume an

impressive 80%. We also want to give a big shout-out to our local ILWU labor force for Making Cargo Move efficiently, safely, and fast! Today, the Port moves over \$15.8 billion worth of goods generating over \$2.8 billion in economic impact, creating approximately 25,000 trade-related jobs, and contributing more than \$236 million in direct and related state and local taxes that fund vital community services. These commercial gains are complimented by a decreasing bond debt obligation. We are down to one final bond installment of \$1.8 million scheduled for payment in August of 2024, against an original \$35.7 million revenue bond series financed between 1999 and 2004.

Throughout this year, we have also worked extensively towards ensuring we are doing our part in achieving robust environmental goals and becoming a leader in Green Port efforts. In June of this year, the Port was certified with its highest scores ever during the annual Green Marine re-certification process. We are amongst the first ever ports in California to complete this certification. On World's Ocean's Day in June, the Port held a "Sustaining the Seas Summit," creating the opportunity for a variety of important community players to gather and discuss partnerships focused on the sustainability of the world's oceans. Since 2008, the Port has achieved emission reductions of 85% in DPM, 40% in NOx and 97% in SOx. We installed EPA reference grade air quality monitors that measure local air quality every second, every day, and share this data at community meetings. We will be posting this data online in early 2024 through a to-be launched web-based portal.

Ultimately, we have experienced a tremendously prosperous year at the Port and are all excited to see what comes next. We invite you to join us throughout our journey in the upcoming year. From everyone at the Port, we wish you Happy Holidays and a successful and healthy New Year!

*Thank you for all you do for the Port of Hueneme!
Sincerely, Kristin Decas, CEO & Port Director*

Our Port crew is on call to answer any questions at (805) 488-3677 or visit us at www.portofhueneme.org







FIRST Robotics Competition Brings the Excitement of Sport and Rigor of Science and Tech to the Port of Hueneme

The excitement of sport combined with the rigors of science and technology brought together 1,400 high school students along with their 44 life-sized robots to test the power of collaboration and measure the effectiveness of innovations for the Hueneme Port Regional FIRST Robotics Competition. The Port of Hueneme is host to the competition that took place over two consecutive weekends from March 4-5 and March 11-12.

Jess Herrera, President of the Oxnard Harbor District addressed the students before the start of the competition by stating he was very proud of the skill and determination on display.

“Don’t be afraid to make a mistake because that’s how things progress in life,” Herrera said. “To the students, I salute all of you. You’re talented and be very proud of your outcomes.”

Several Ventura County high school teams competed in this year’s FIRST Robotics Competition including teams from Arizona, Hawaii, and Nevada as well as international teams from Mexico and the Netherlands.

“We started with two teams here in Ventura County and we now have 15 teams. We know what participation in robotics competitions do for kids,” said Velma Lomax, event organizer of FIRST Regional Director of Southern California. “They find out they have a family with FIRST Robotics so that’s why we do this.”

The theme for this year’s competition, presented by HAAS, is entitled “CHARGED UP” to unlock the power of engineering to transform renewable energy and power a better future.

FATHOMWERX staff are serving as mentors by assisting teams of students and their teachers throughout the competition. FATHOMWERX is a collaboration



between the Port of Hueneme, Economic Development Collaborative, Matter Labs, and Naval Base Ventura County. The lab provides a physical collaborative space where government, business owners/entrepreneurs, and academic stakeholders can innovate, experiment, and transfer/transition capabilities.

“Robotics and automation are important building blocks of the future, and we are proud to co-host this event at FATHOMWERX and see how these students are pushing the technologies and capabilities forward in very innovative and creative ways,” said Alan Jaeger, Ventura TechBridge Director, Office of Research and Technology Applications Manager, NSWC Port Hueneme Division.

Port Hueneme Mayor, Bobby Martinez said, “This is a special experience and lifelong memory for everyone. The truth is these students are our future.” During the opening ceremony, the Port of Hueneme and the City

of Port Hueneme presented a check donation to FIRST Robotics in the amount of \$5,000 from their Community Benefit Fund. The CBF was established in 2015 by the Port of Hueneme and the City to achieve the mutual goal of enriching the community through a spirit of collaboration. The Port and City crafted an agreement that states if the Port’s annual revenue exceeds \$13 million, a total of \$100,000 in Port funds is allocated to the CBF. The Port and City then come together to vote on how to invest this funding in the community. They unanimously agreed to support the robotics competition.

“The Port is committed to community enrichment,” said Kristin Decas, CEO & Port Director. “Since the Port’s inception, we have embraced a legacy of trade and engagement by having a meaningful impact in our communities. CBF is one of the ways we are able to forge partnerships that benefit the public by bringing funding to programs like the FIRST Robotics competition.”

Port of Hueneme Signs Memorandum of Understanding on California Ports Data Systems Development

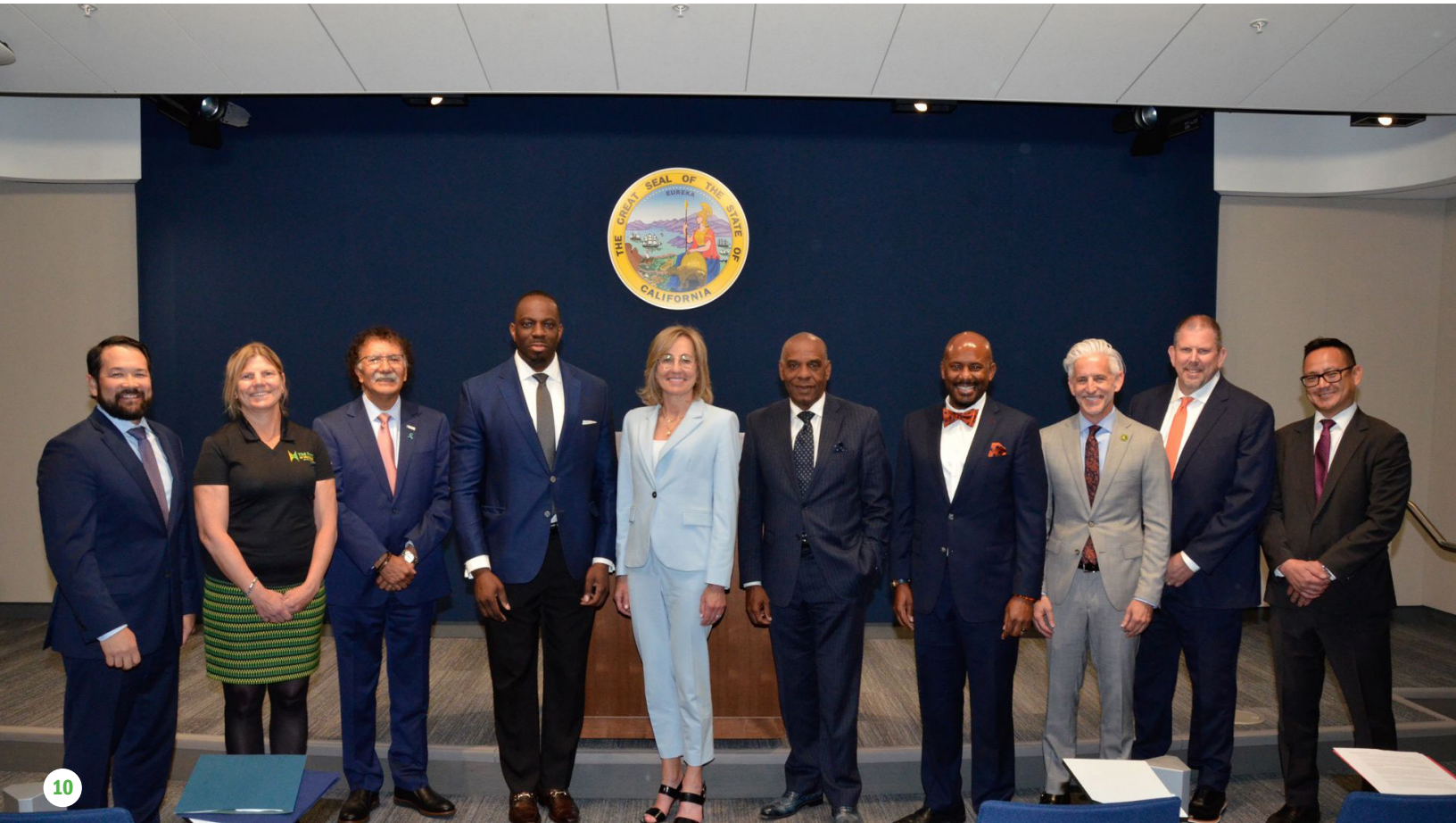
The Port of Hueneme attended the signing of the historic MOU between California’s five containerized ports inclusive of the Port of Hueneme, the Port of Long Beach, the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Oakland, and the Port of San Diego in Sacramento and was proud to be part of this important milestone of launching the California Port Data Partnership alongside state and federal partners.

The MOU outlines an agreement between the five ports to jointly advance computerized and cloud-based data interoperability with a common goal of supporting improved freight system resilience, goods movement efficiency, emissions reduction, and economic competitiveness.

“California’s ports are an essential link in the global supply chain. Thanks to the leadership of Governor

Newsom and our state Legislature, California is establishing a first-of-its-kind, collaborative data system between all our state’s containerized cargo ports,” said California Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis. “Today’s historic agreement will create a greener, more transparent, and more efficient supply chain unlocking innovation in how cargo moves in California.”

Over the past months California’s five ports and the State have held bi-weekly roundtables to develop the framework for the MOU. The MOU and partnership will serve as the basis of cooperation for the \$27M in grant funds from GO-Biz for port data system development. The funds were included in the Budget Act of 2022, which included a historic multi-billion-dollar state investment in California’s goods movement and supply chain sectors.





“The MOU is a first-of-its-kind agreement on data system development among containerized ports and outlines eleven areas of cooperation, ranging from developing data definitions to ensuring equitable access to data for users,” said GO-Biz Director and Senior Advisor to Governor Gavin Newsom, Dee Dee Myers. “This MOU and the funds that follow will build the basis for greater cooperation and standardization when it comes to data in our supply chain. I want to thank all of our partners across the supply chain as well as our ports for their leadership in this effort.”

“Under Governor Newsom’s leadership, California is making expansive upgrades to our nation-leading supply chain – from infrastructure to workforce development to technology – to create a more dynamic and resilient goods movement system that will power our economy for decades to come,” said California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. “This groundbreaking agreement will help develop a world-class data partnership that, coupled with our strategic infrastructure investments, will improve efficiency throughout the supply chain and keep California at the forefront of innovation.”

The California Legislature additionally emphasized the importance of such investments in the budget in the wake of supply chain challenges in years past.

“The California Legislature has emphasized the

importance of these investments in the budget in the wake of supply chain challenges,” said Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson (D-Carson). “As Chair of the Select Committee on Ports and Goods Movement, I am happy to see all of California’s containerized ports come together and sign the Memorandum of Understanding that will give \$27 million for data system development. I will ensure a continued, collective partnership between the Legislature, state, and ports. Ports are a vital part of California’s economy, and I will work to ensure that California is doing everything to support our ports.”

Each of California’s five containerized ports also weighed in on the importance of the MOU and the partnership’s opportunity to improve the collective supply chain and promote further innovation within the freight and goods movement sectors.

“This historic investment by Governor Newsom leverages the overall competitiveness of California’s container Ports through innovation and access to cutting edge technology,” said Kristin Decas, CEO and Port Director for the Port of Hueneme. “This strategic technological alignment and partnership will specifically enable the Port of Hueneme to best support the ecosystem of California ports as a resiliency hub, and of utmost importance, take the state to the next level by connecting the supply chain with a cloud-based cargo data system that promises to minimize disruptions and prosper fluidity in goods movement.”

Port of Hueneme Receives Recognition from Oxnard Union High School District for Community Outreach Efforts

The Oxnard Union High School District (OUHSD) selected businesses in the community to recognize for its 2023 Business Champions Awards. This celebration was an opportunity to thank the Port of Hueneme and other businesses for their efforts to create prosperity in communities through collaboration, college readiness efforts, and career preparation.

“The Port of Hueneme has gone above and beyond for the students of Oxnard Union High School District—stepping up as a partner to host field trips, tours, talks at our annual District Career Faire, and a Global Trade and Logistics after-school program,” said Dr. Tom McCoy, Superintendent of the District. “We are looking forward to the Port of Hueneme partnering with the District’s Career Technical Education Department to begin a Global Trade and Logistics career pathway course sequence at our new Del Sol High School.”

Twice a year, the Port of Hueneme offers a 12-week Global Trade & Logistics after-school program to OUHSD students that has resulted in dozens of district students earning a deep understanding of the Port’s operations, customers, maritime careers, and environmental initiatives. After completion of the GTL program, excelling students are offered paid internships at the Port of Hueneme. The OUHSD Business Champions Award is a

recognition of the Port's efforts to promote the success of our local youth.

“The Port of Hueneme is proud of our partnership with the Oxnard Union High School District,” said Oxnard Harbor Commissioner Jess Ramirez. “We remain committed to supporting community enrichment and outreach. This is a wonderful example of an effective collaboration that works for the betterment of our youth.”

“We are happy to support our community and especially our local students who will undoubtedly be a part of our future workforce. We pride ourselves in being able to create employment opportunities in our region so that no one will be left out as we continue to grow,” said Miguel Rodriguez, Community Outreach Manager. “At the Port, we are proud to be of service and will continue to partner with everyone interested in creating pathways to education, social equity and economic prosperity in our region.”

Kristin Decas, CEO & Port Director said: “It is important for the Port to be a part of the community by forging partnership with individuals as well as organizations. We hope to inspire the workforce of tomorrow by exposing today’s students to the Port of Hueneme.”





THE PORT APPRECIATES OUR GLOBAL TRADE & LOGISTICS CLASS VOLUNTEER TEACHERS

Each semester, industry professionals volunteer to teach our GTL students about different fields and how their profession fits into the supply chain. Each week of the semester has a different focus bringing in 12 speakers a semester from Maersk, Del Monte, Yara, and more.

If you have participated by teaching a GTL class, the Port values your time and the knowledge you are passing down to OUHSD students.

If you are a professional in the trade industry and you are interested in participating in this GTL class by teaching one session, please reach out to Community Outreach Representative Drew Rodriguez at drodriguez@portofh.org

Congresswoman Julia Brownley Delivers \$375,000 to the Port of Hueneme's Environmental Initiative

Congresswoman Julia Brownley (CA-26) visited the Port of Hueneme to deliver a check in the amount of \$375,000 in support of the Port of Hueneme's Reducing Emissions, Supporting Health (PHRESH) Plan that will assess and address emissions, air quality requirements and goals, as well as look at future growth scenarios, emission control strategies, community involvement, strategy funding, implementation, and monitoring.

"The Port of Hueneme appreciates the continued support of Congresswoman Julia Brownley's office in this important climate action and adaptation plan effort to help secure much needed funding for our environmental initiatives," said Oxnard Harbor Commissioner President Jess Herrera.

PHRESH would be developed in coordination with Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, a collaboration that would include joint work on goal setting and strategy implementation and funding assessments. This type of proactive comprehensive climate action and adaptation plan between the Port and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, an air quality regulatory agency, would be the first of its kind in California.

"The Port of Hueneme is an instrumental and thriving job engine in Ventura County. Over the years, we

have seen the expansion and growth, while the Port remains a global leader in environmental sustainability efforts for cargo movement and operations," said Congresswoman Julia Brownley. "These federal resources will support the Port's bold initiatives to address the climate crisis and aid in the development of a comprehensive climate action and adaptation plan for emission reductions and future zero-emission operations. Addressing the climate crisis is a collective objective, and I am committed to continuing to work with the Port of Hueneme to ensure that our region benefits from the tremendous opportunities for climate-smart economic growth and job creation that clean energy development will produce."

The Port looks forward to continued work with Rep. Brownley's office and remains appreciative of her continued efforts to support federal funding for infrastructure, environmental initiatives, workforce development and economic growth at the only deep-water port located in Ventura County.

Kristin Decas, CEO & Port Director said: "Congresswoman Brownley's office continues to be a steadfast champion for the Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District as well as the residents of Ventura County. Her support is vital to the Port's success and our community wins every time we get much needed federal funding for critical Port projects."





Port of Hueneme Celebrates World Oceans Day by Raising Awareness with 'Sustaining the Seas Summit'

In celebration of World Oceans Day, the Port of Hueneme held a "Sustaining the Seas Summit" on June 8 at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum in Oxnard. The event was an opportunity for the Port of Hueneme, maritime industry companies, environmentalists, and community organizations to gather to discuss partnerships focused on the sustainability of the world's oceans.

"We are the only planet that has an ocean, and we must sustain it for generations to come," said Jess Herrera, President of the Oxnard Harbor Commission. "The Port of Hueneme is committed to a clean and sustainable environment and ocean. That is why we are here today to learn more from leaders on efforts concerning ocean-based technology, advocacy, and management. Understanding the status and the change in our oceans is a complex issue."

According to the United Nations, the purpose of World Oceans Day is to inform the public of the impact of human actions on the ocean, to develop a worldwide movement of citizens for the ocean, and mobilize and unite the world's population on a project for the sustainable management of the world's oceans.

"This event is something very important to me. I have a very long history with the ocean," said Oxnard Harbor Commissioner Jason Hodge. "Everything is interconnected. I am personally invested in this. We all are. Anyone that lives near a coast, or not near a coast, has to be concerned about our oceans."

"The oceans cover 70 percent of our planet, and it needs our help," said California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, who was the event's keynote speaker. "It's great



that there are so many communities and people around the world that are seeking to bring that balance back into our seas,” Treasurer Ma said. “We need to work creatively to make sure we are bringing back the oceans to abundance that it gives us.”

During the summit, the Port of Hueneme and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration gave their “Blue Whales Blue Skies” award to Wallenius Wilhelmsen, Hyundai Glovis, Maersk, K Line and NYK for participating in NOAA’s Vessel Speed Reduction program that provides incentives to companies for incorporating sustainable shipping practices across their global supply chains.

“Every breath we take and every drop we drink are small but mighty reminders of our connections to the ocean,” said Adam Vega, Community Outreach Specialist at the Port of Hueneme. “The Port of Hueneme convened decision makers, scientists, business executives, indigenous communities, and ocean activists making cutting edge innovations for the ‘Blue Economy’ right here in our own backyard.”

Giles Pettifor, Environmental Manager at the Port of Hueneme, stated: “This event was a great opportunity to acknowledge the history, learn about the present and get empowered to advocate for a more sustainable future.”

The summit also included panel discussions on the topics of “Technology for the Sea,” “Local Ocean and Whales,” and “Attracting Attention & Education.”



\$80,000,000 for Port of Hueneme's Green Jobs & Zero-Emission Operations

Governor Gavin Newsom delivers a historic \$80,000,000 to the Port of Hueneme for projects that generate social and economic equity while providing substantial revenue streams to help transform the Port to a zero-emission hub. California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) served as the lead agency for the allocation of \$1.5 billion in Port & Freight Infrastructure Program (PFIP) funds approved in the Governor's 2023-2024 budget on June 30, 2023. CalSTA Secretary Toks Omishakin announced the allocations of this funding to Southern California seaports at a press event hosted at the Port of Long Beach on July 6, 2023.

The Secretary remarked, "It is a historic and momentous day for transportation in California, for ports in California, and, more importantly, for the people of California. We worked with local partners, we worked with port leaders, we worked with federal officials to come up with a game plan. That game plan included short-term and long-term solutions."

The Secretary then shared the exciting news that an unprecedented \$79.8 million will be awarded to the Port of Hueneme for its strategic PACED (Port Action, Climate, and Environment Development) project. The project's multiple components contribute significant benefits to the Port and our surrounding communities while sustaining supply chain fluidity, flexibility, and resilience, while ensuring continued operational excellence, sustaining, and creating new employment opportunities, improving air and water quality, mitigating the impacts of climate change and promoting transportation equity and environmental progress.

"As a result of this extraordinary funding, we will be in a better position to create more job opportunities for local residents to support vital Port operations and the deployment of clean technologies," said Jess Herrera, President of the Oxnard Harbor Commission.



More specifically, the project removes dilapidated obsolete buildings, installs zero emission plug in units for containers, and builds fuel cell technology infrastructure. Further, the project brings efficiency and safety improvements with deepening of berths that will also allow for renourishment of local beaches with clean dredged sediment. Of utmost importance, the funding supports shoreside power and emission control systems that make vessels zero emission while in port and also provides for port-wide crane electrification and the procurement of zero emission cargo handling equipment. Components awarded also protect our ocean with the ability to procure an electric sweeper to prevent debris from going into the Port's stormwater systems. It helps develop new off-loading infrastructure to support the local squid fishery with partners from Ventura Harbor. Game changing for our local workforce and trades, the project brings millions in construction work under the Port's project labor agreement and brings enhanced port led workforce development and training efforts.

"Our residents are going to get cleaner air, our workers are going to find better jobs, all of the organizations that have been fighting for better quality of life, the trades have been fighting for good, high-paying union jobs are winners with this," Assemblymember Steve Bennett. "All of the stakeholders in Ventura County are extremely grateful to the wisdom of a governor who came up with the concept of this major investment."

"This a first for the Port of Hueneme. This is milestone funding for us," stated Kristin Decas, CEO & Port Director at the June 6 press event. "This significant funding afforded to us today, continues a tradition of community enrichment, that started with the vision of Richard Bard, the founder of the Port in 1937. This investment will deliver us the means to improve the quality of life for our community by strengthening the supply chain and the efficient movement of goods to our citizens, creating good paying green jobs, and prospering a zero-emission economy."

"This historic investment in our public seaports will help goods move faster across the global supply chain, propelling California's economic engine forward by creating thousands of new jobs and keeping our state competitive in a challenging economic environment," said Martha Miller, executive director of the California Association of Port Authorities. "I applaud Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin for their tireless efforts to help our state's supply chain thrive."



Port of Hueneme Achieves its Highest Ever Scores for Environmental Stewardship Certification

It's official! The Port of Hueneme's annual Green Marine certification results are out, and the Port was certified in June 2023 with its highest scores ever during the annual Green Marine re-certification process. These high scores are an acknowledgement of the Port of Hueneme's commitment to leadership in environmental stewardship. Green Marine is the leading voluntary environmental certification program for North America's maritime industry. Green Marine's Environmental Port Program scores an applicant against a rigorous set of more than 160 performance indicators in nine categories, including environmental leadership, community impacts, greenhouse gases and air pollutants as well as waste management. The scores an applicant receives are based upon escalating requirements, all of which are predicated on going above and beyond mere compliance with environmental regulations. In addition, the program categories evolve annually and require ongoing year over year improvement to maintain, let alone improve on, an applicant's score. The Port of Hueneme has been part of this program since 2017 and in addition to the annual re-certification process, there is a third-party onsite program audit every other year of an applicant's participation. The Port of Hueneme was the first port in California to achieve a Green Marine certification in 2017.

"It is an honor that the Port of Hueneme has kept the lead as one of the highest scoring ports in California for environmental action and has become re-certified by Green Marine for continuing to show annual improvements to our environment and communities," said Jess Herrera, President of the Oxnard Harbor Commission. "We see the work that goes into reaching our zero-emission goals every day and we look forward to continuing to pave the path of being good environmental stewards."

Annual, rigorous improvements are required to achieve Green Marine certification — making this



an accomplishment the Port of Hueneme is proud to attain. According to Green Marine, ports make up about 30 percent of its membership. Amongst the nine performance categories, Green Marine saw the biggest improvements made by over 50 member ports in their efforts to reduce greenhouse gasses and air pollutants, and the Port of Hueneme received its highest score ever in this category as well.

"Companies and public agencies need to recognize the importance of investing in community organizing training for their employees as well as raise environmental consciousness about their operations from within," said Miguel Rodriguez, the Port of Hueneme's Community Outreach Manager, during his presentation at the Greentech conference in Seattle. "This helps build legitimate community-focused relationships within [the maritime industry]; and serves as a bridge to a future where employees and community members work together to address social and climate challenges in adjacent neighborhoods. This approach helped us achieve our highest score ever and

speaks to the significant investment from the Port of Hueneme to meaningfully engage the local community in our local air quality monitoring efforts.”

The Port of Hueneme has scored highly in many categories indicating excellence and leadership in their environment.

“It was also very eye opening to see how advanced our work is in comparison to many other Ports in the United States and Canada,” Rodriguez added.

“The highly structured, detailed performance requirements of the Green Marine certification process are a perfect fit for helping the Port to assess its year over year progress in the implementation of our sustainability programs,” said Giles Pettifor, Environmental Manager at the Port of Hueneme. “Achieving our highest scores ever this last year is a reflection the Port’s broader commitment to environment, community, and progress, but more specifically to just how seriously the Port is taking the global climate crisis and the urgency with which we are seeking to act now.”

The Port is pushing to reach its goal of zero emission operations, which was unanimously voted upon in 2021 by the Port’s Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Christina Birdsey, Chief of Operations at the Port explained: “We pride ourselves on being at the forefront of sustainable initiatives in our industry and this program ensures that we are documenting improvements year over year. The outside verification process makes sure we are meeting our goals and helps clarify new goals in the coming year.”

In the latest issue of Green Marine Magazine, Ray Johnston, the program’s chair, and president of the Chamber of Marine Commerce said: “Our partners serve an important role in providing the environmental excellence that our industry is demanding in terms of knowledge, products and services...they become keenly aware of our very specific objectives for continuously improving our environmental performance and can work more effectively and efficiently with us in achieving the higher environmental performance standards outlined in our program.”



“August Wave:” Getting Ready for the “Big One”

The Port of Hueneme’s operations team joined by security partners, NAVSEA, Amergent Tech, Oxnard Emergency Services, VCFD, ILWU Local 46, City of Port Hueneme, Ventura County OES, California OES, ocean shipping customers, and port operators, led a full day of training at the Port in the month of August to highlight the importance of successful and timely incident management during a possible tsunami wave to the US West Coast. This year’s exercise program, an integral part of “August Wave”, was born out of a grassroots effort amongst regional partners throughout the County following the Tonga volcano-spurred tsunami of January 2022. “August Wave” consisted of several training events throughout the month of August. On August 16, 2023, the port ran its exercise as part of the series that was coined “August Wave” based on the shared tsunami exercise scenarios all taking place in August.

Over 20 agencies participated in a series of exercises focused on tsunami preparedness and continuity between plans, agencies, and responses. The training was part of the Port’s annual exercise series and led by Operations Manager Mike Morrison who, together with partner agencies and training companies, organizes the topics, scenarios, evacuation plan, and operational response tactics.

Even though the Port of Hueneme has not had a recent tsunami impact on its harbor, the Port’s leadership is investing in detailed and planned training just in case such an event occurs. The training discussed channels of communications, emergency partners, strategies for response, and immediate ways to increase the Port’s levels of security. As one of the busiest refrigerated container Ports in California, and 6th largest auto Port in the nation, the Port of Hueneme often collaborates with security partners and local agencies to ensure it remains safe, and the hub of resilience in case of emergencies.

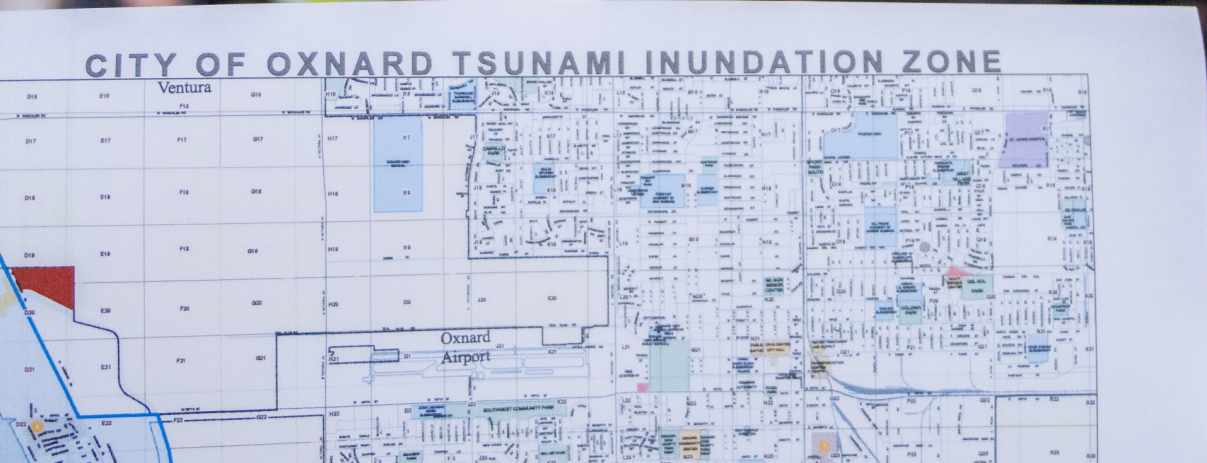
“Communication is the most critical function in incident management. Holding drills and exercises familiarizes teams with events before real events and allows regional

agencies to evaluate and improve upon action plans, communication strategies and find and fill gaps in the plan. We all have to play from the same playbook for actions to work well,” said the Port of Hueneme Operations Manager Mike Morrison.

A tsunami is a likely event that could have an impact on port operations and our coastal community. The Port of Hueneme is committed to safety, and security for its community and it holds exercises like this to ensure it’s prepared to respond and act ahead of a real situation. Focusing on the preservation of life, the environment, and infrastructure, this year’s tsunami exercise aimed to get port staff, operators, and regional response partners continuous in emergency plans and efforts.

About “August Wave” – The training program consists of several of Tsunami related exercises hosted by Ventura County emergency management agencies throughout August. Over 20 agencies utilized the same scenario, a tsunami generated from an Aleutian Island earthquake, and practiced protocols for mass care, shelter, emergency operation center activations, communication strategies, tsunami preparedness and community outreach. The Port’s event also included preparedness specific to facility security plan as required by the United States Coast Guard.





Anchored in Preparedness: Port of Hueneme Hosts Multi-Agency Emergency Trainings

The Port of Hueneme has been working with local fire departments on various training exercises to better prepare for a variety of emergency situations. Through its collaboration with local fire departments, the Port has hosted events that have focused on preparedness specific to facility security plans as required by the United States Coast Guard.

During a week in September, crews from Ventura County, Oxnard and the Naval Base fire departments boarded the Wallenius Wilhelmsen (WW) car carrier vessel Oberon. This exercise was part of the ongoing effort to enhance awareness of Port and maritime operations to the local fire departments. The Oberon training focused on how to respond to emergencies involving electric and lithium powered vehicles and infrastructure. More than 370,000 cars come in through the Port of Hueneme on approximately 300 car carrier vessels annually, which accounts for a major part of the Port's core business as the top 6 auto port in the US.

Additionally, This summer the departments trained in a warehouse that was set to be demolished. The on-dock facility provided the fire agencies a space for real time ventilation, firefighting and rescue drills. This joint effort allowed crews to train and practice skill sets in a rare, perhaps once in a career warehouse structure of this caliber. The training was made possible through the Port's Area Maritime Security Committee.

"When I learned the warehouse was set to be demolished, I saw the opportunity and proposed it to our fire partners in late 2022 at a regional stakeholder meeting," said Port of Hueneme Operations Manager Mike Morrison. "Port leadership supported the idea and the opportunity gained momentum in alignment with graduating fire academies and annual training requirements."

The fire departments' key focus areas were ventilation of the commercial panelized roof, victim recovery, and door/window and interior structure removal.



Oxnard Fire Department Training Captain Nate LaRusso identified the commercial warehouse as a unique and very rare opportunity for training, and collaborated with Ventura County Battalion Chief Gene Fong to ensure all agencies throughout the county were able to participate in the training.

“This is a great example of the partnerships amongst community stakeholders and our continuing collaboration with the Port of Hueneme,” said VCFD Battalion Chief Gene Fong. “All of our truck, engine, and rescue ambulance companies had the opportunity to train in fireground operations on a commercial wharf terminal. This included using specialized ventilation and forcible entry equipment on a terminal building slated to be demolished. Such training keeps us prepared to respond to the next emergency and fortifies our ability to answer to the community’s diverse needs.”

“Our local community is our top priority,” said Jess Herrera, Oxnard Harbor District Board President. “We are proud to be able to support our local fire departments with a training space so that they are better prepared to keep our community safe.”

The Port of Hueneme has MOUs and mutual aid agreements with outside agencies for emergency response. Having all agencies take part and come to the Port served multiple purposes including general Port familiarization, identifying obstacles, outlining response maps and improving tactics, all of which help in a swifter and safer response within the facility.



Going Bananas at the Port of Hueneme's 10th Annual Port Festival

Yellow banana wigs, boat rides, sounds of a tropical steel drum band and perfect late summer weather got the party started at the Port for the 10th Annual Banana Festival! Welcoming people inside the Port, Oxnard Harbor District President Jess Herrera stated, "The Banana Festival is a way for us to say thank you to our community partners and stakeholders. We are grateful for the wonderful partnership we have with all of you. This festival shows the interest level about the Port of Hueneme is at an all-time high and we can't wait to celebrate your local Port with you today! The reason we exist is for you- to improve your lives."

Eager festivalgoers were excited to take part in the Port's famous boat tours of the harbor to get a behind-the-scenes look at Port operations. As the community explored, they learned that the Port is one of the nation's top six automobile ports and a gateway to move the crops grown here in Ventura County to global trading partners.

Of course, the banana was a big part of the show, being the Port's largest import commodity. Tour attendees also

learned that the Port is the Greenest Port in the USA. In fact, attendees had the opportunity to observe one of the most advanced zero emissions Heavy Duty trucks in the world. Attendees were able to explore and learn about the Kenworth truck, which is powered by a Toyota hydrogen fuel cell and, when driven, only emits water vapor! It is just one example of the kind of cutting edge zero emission technology that the Port is bringing more of to Ventura County!

"We congratulate our customers and stevedores for leading the way and investing in green technologies along with the Port of Hueneme. Together we are walking closer to our goal of being the first zero emissions Port in the country," said Vice President of the Board of Oxnard Harbor District Commissioners Celina Zacarias.

The Port's union labor partners were present at the Festival, showcasing their trades work with the Port of Hueneme. Last July, an unprecedented \$79.8 million was awarded to the Port of Hueneme for its strategic PACED (Port Action, Climate, and Environment Development) project. The project's multiple





components contribute significant benefits to the Port and our surrounding communities while sustaining supply chain fluidity, flexibility, and resilience, while ensuring continued operational excellence, sustaining, and creating new employment opportunities, improving air and water quality, mitigating the impacts of climate change, and promoting transportation equity and environmental progress. The labor projects for this historic funding will help support local jobs and fund the environmental leadership initiatives at the Port.

“The Port is a community partner, for generations we’ve been helping grow the economic opportunities for people with family sustaining jobs and I’m proud that we are now also leading the nation in environmental sustainability,” said Oxnard Harbor Commissioner Jess Ramirez. Attendees danced their way around the Festival celebrating the over 5 billion bananas that come through the Port of Hueneme each year, making it the banana capital of the West Coast. They were treated to free



bananas from Dole, Chiquita and Del Monte Fresh, the Port’s largest banana importers and major sponsors of the event.

Attendees were delighted with banana-inspired foods including banana taffy, deep fried banana fritters, banana-flavored popcorn, banana beignets, chocolate frozen bananas, banana funnel cake — and on the savory side, banana empanadas, banana lumpias and peanut butter banana melts from the grilled cheese truck!

“We are pleased to host the 10th annual Banana Festival to celebrate all of our community, workforce, and customers; they make our port the economic engine that creates prosperity and an astounding \$2.4 billion economic impact,” said CEO & Port Director Kristin Decas.



Port of Hueneme's Consecutive Wins Represents the Ability to Reach Highest Standards in Government Finance Reporting

The recognition streak continues for the 13th consecutive year! The Oxnard Harbor District was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada. This award was given to the Oxnard Harbor District, which owns the Port of Hueneme, for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2022.

"I am extremely proud of the hard-working financial team we have at the Port of Hueneme," said Jess

Herrera, President of the Oxnard Harbor District. "They have consistently demonstrated an obligation to uphold program and industry standards which is important to our stakeholders who have entrusted us to be fiscally responsible by maintaining a high level of professionalism, transparency, and experience."

According to GFOA, the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the areas of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.



“The Port team put together an ACFR highlighting FY 2022 Port activities in an easy-to-understand, 110-page report that includes information about cargo trends, market updates, environmental framework, CAPX projects, marketing, community outreach, Port statistics as well as a breakdown of financial information,” said Austin Yang, the Port’s Chief Financial and Chief Administration Officer. “It goes beyond a financial report. As the name suggests, it is a comprehensive report that took a great deal of time and effort to compile from every department in the district.”

The Port’s ACFR was thoroughly reviewed by a team of independent, industry auditors, professional financial statement preparers, academics, and other finance professionals. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program encourages and assists state and local governments

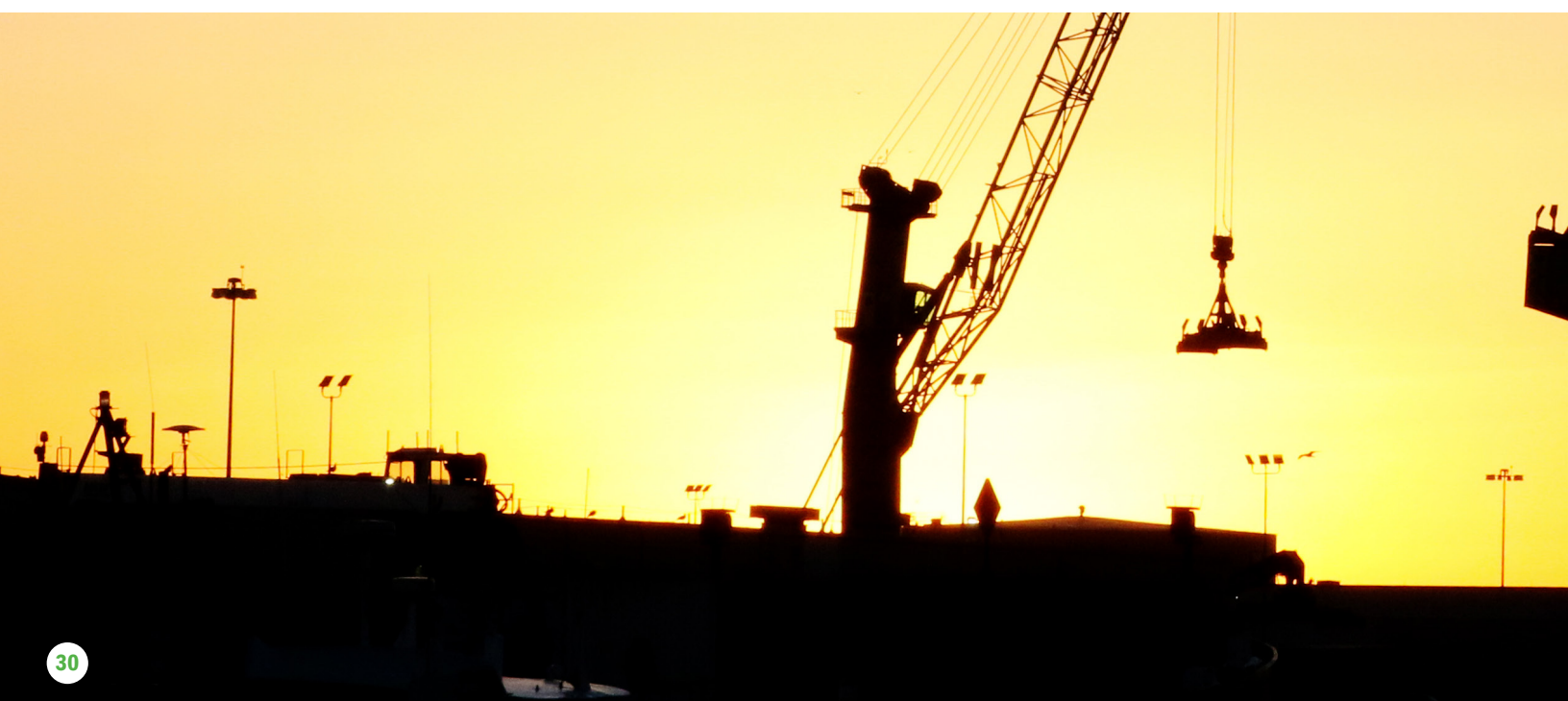
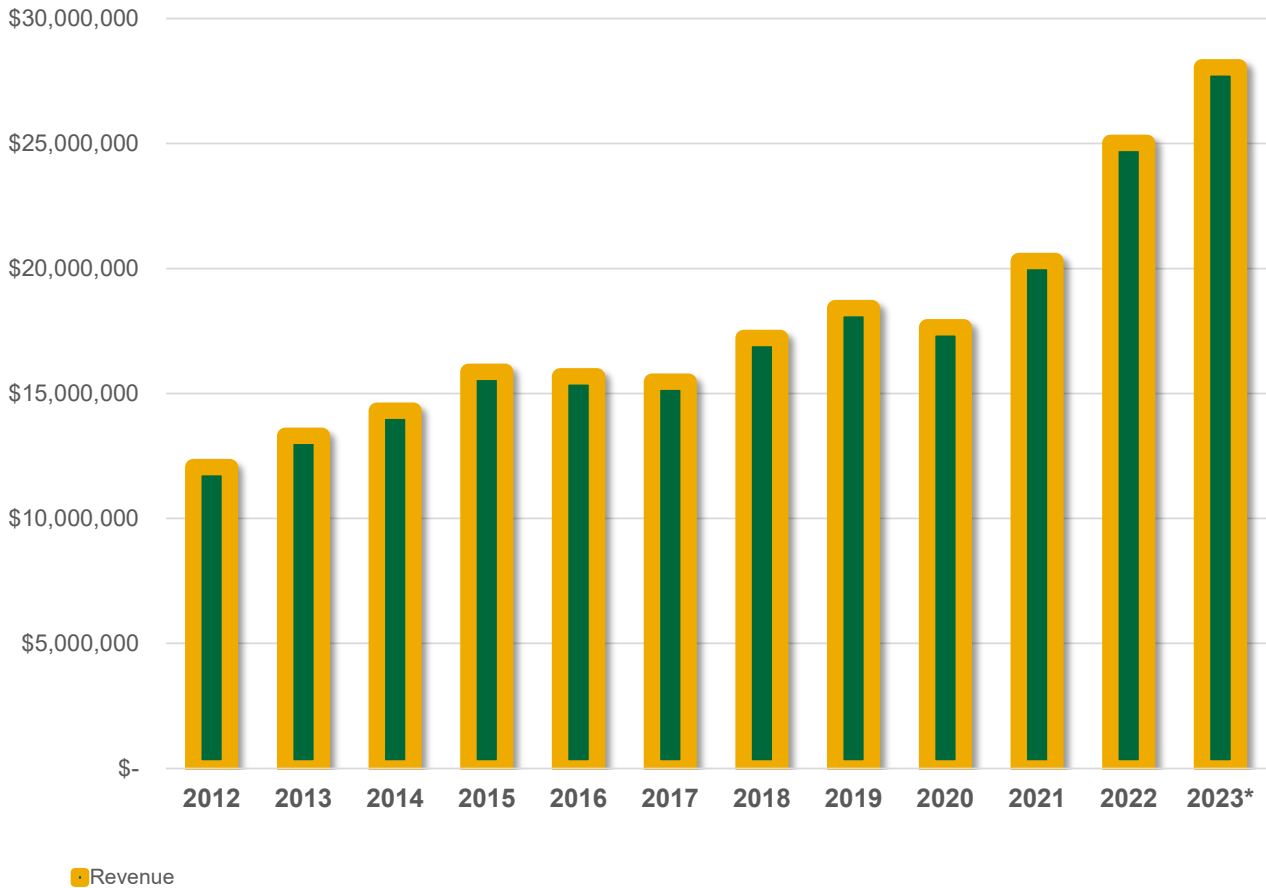
to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles, to prepare annual comprehensive financial reports that demonstrate the spirit of full disclosure, and to succeed in achieving that goal.

The Government Finance Officers Association was founded in 1906 and represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association’s more than 21,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. GFOA’s mission is to advance excellence in government finance by providing the best practices, professional development, resources, and practical research for its members and the communities they serve.

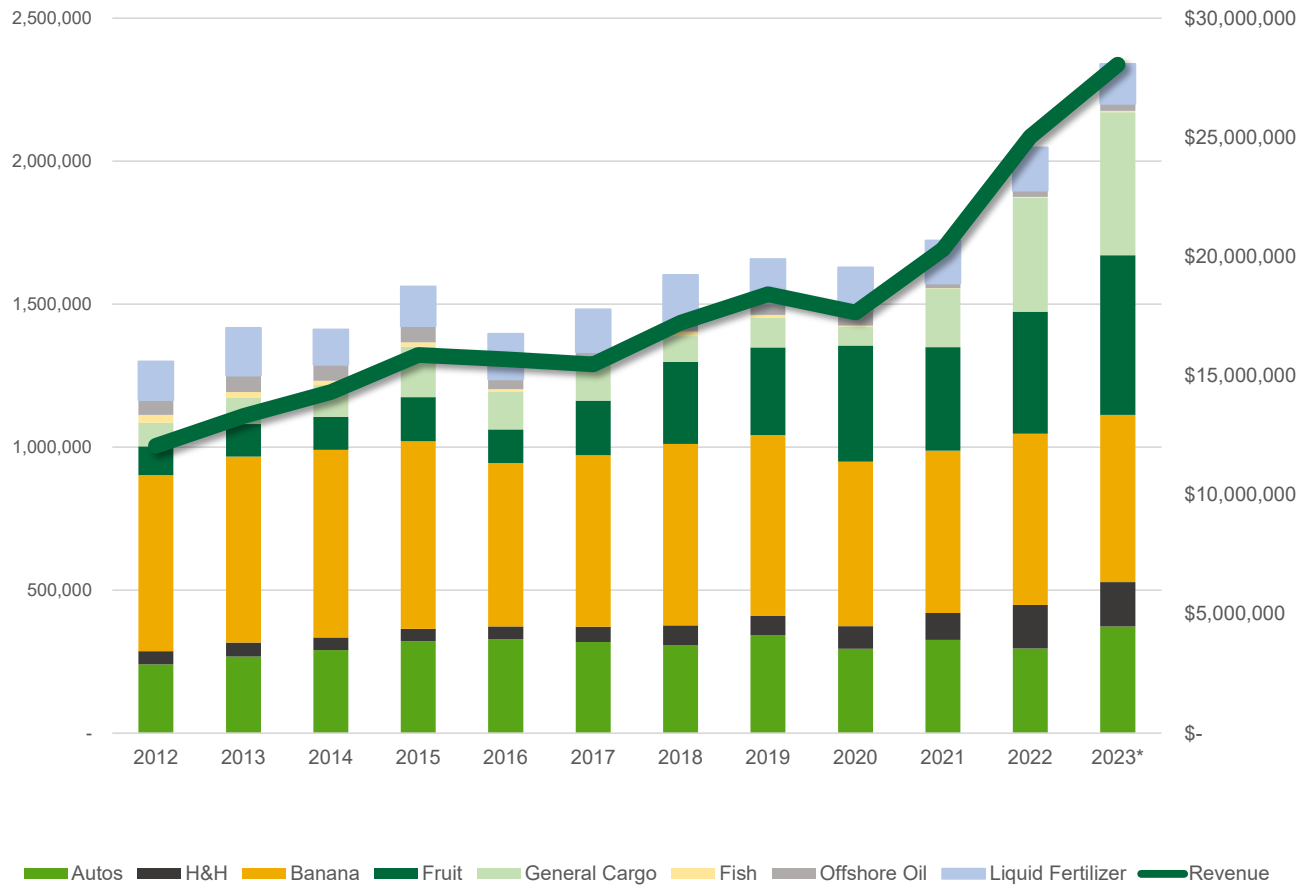


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Operating Revenue



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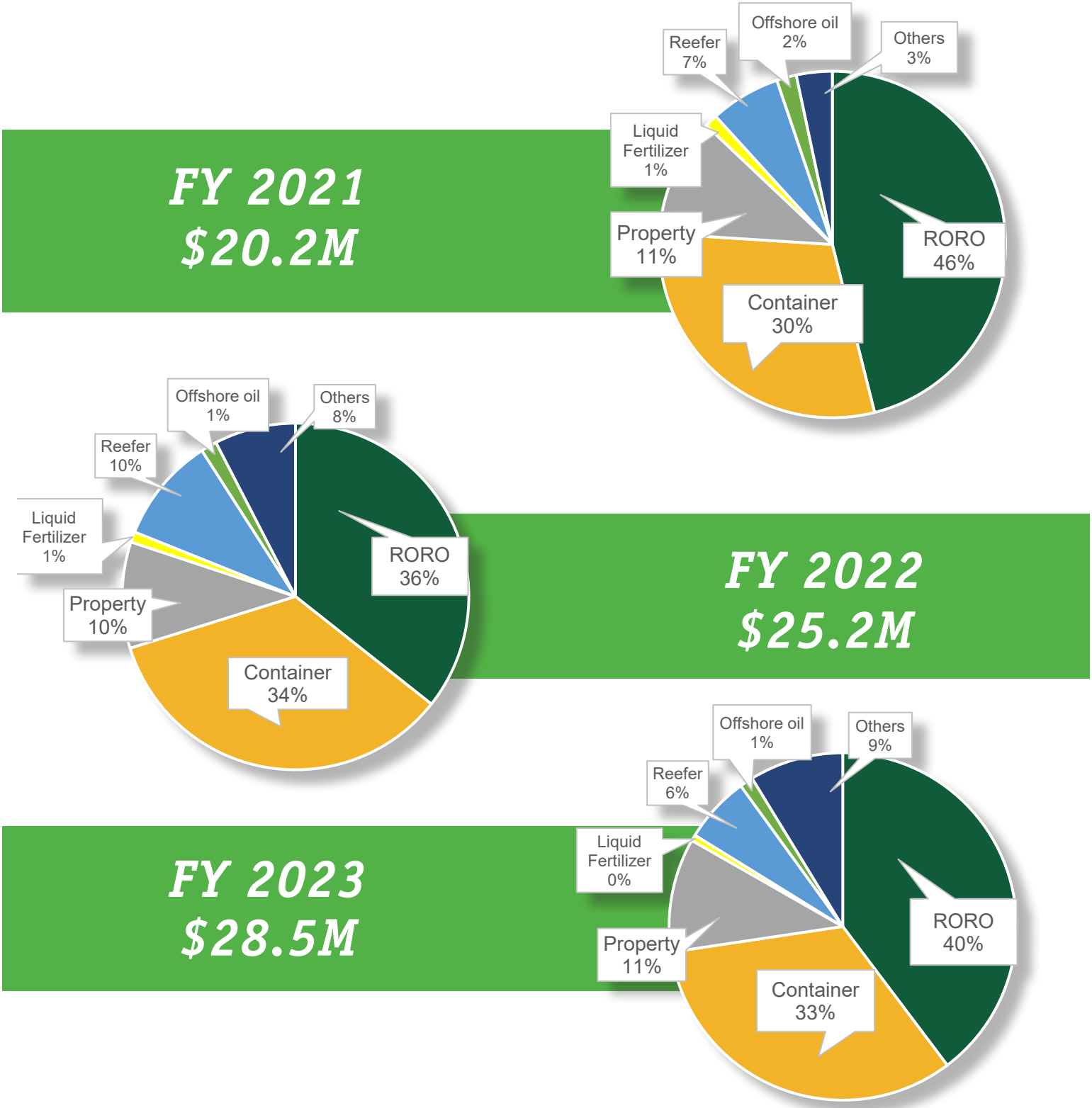


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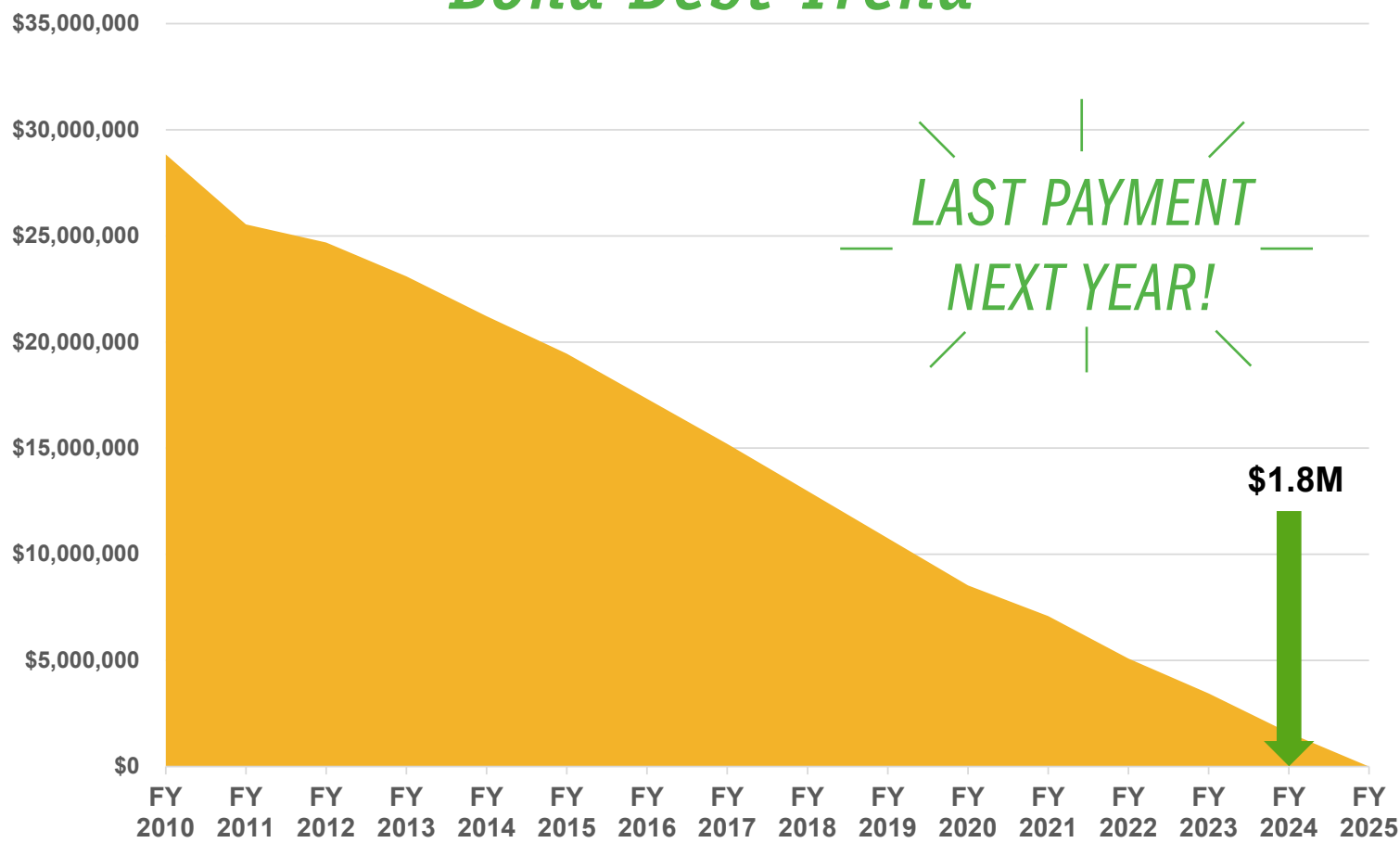


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