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Port of Hueneme “Energized” by \$4 Million Grant to Boost Vessel Plug-In Capabilities

With new funding in place, the Port is charging forward toward its goal of zero emissions by 2030.

PORT HUENEME, CA – April 18, 2025 – The Port of Hueneme, the only deep-water port between Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area, is set to receive an additional \$4 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding that will allow the organization to complete an important North Terminal Shoreside Power Project designed to create vital infrastructure and reduce vessel emissions while improving air quality.

The project was initially funded with a combined \$11.9 million in grants. Upon its completion, berthing vessels will be able to connect to shore power and shut down diesel engines to reduce harmful emissions while in port.

“We’re thrilled to receive this critical funding for our Shoreside Power Project,” said Jess J. Ramirez, President of the Oxnard Harbor District/Port of Hueneme. “The Port takes its longstanding commitment to sustainability seriously, and we can now finish a project that will bring cleaner air to local communities.”

The new funding, approved by the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) that administers the CMAQ program, will allow the Port to add building systems and equipment to protect against weather disruptions, enhance safety, and maximize the lifespan of the shore power system.

The project is the result of an important collaboration. “Partnerships like the one between VCTC and the Port of Hueneme are critical to improving Ventura County. Projects like Shoreside Power are important to move forward, and VCTC is proud to support the Port in this effort,” said Martin Erickson, Executive Director, Ventura County Transportation Commission.

The new funding comes after severe storms caused significant setbacks in December of 2023. “The Port has always been known for its resilience, and we will continue to innovate and move forward in the face of challenges because this power system is important for port-adjacent communities,” said Port of Hueneme CEO and Director Kristin Decas.



With these funds in place, work will begin this summer as the Port of Hueneme continues to improve air quality and reduce its environmental impact.

For more information about the Port of Hueneme or the North Terminal Shoreside Power Project, please contact: Zach Baliva, Director of Communications & PIO at 805-271-2509 or zbaliva@Portofh.org

About the Port of Hueneme

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.

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