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WHAT'S UP, DOCK?

News from the Port that Makes Cargo Move



November:
#Strongertogether

Together

/təˈgeT͟Hər/ - adverb

a. in or into one place, collection, or group.

b: in or into contact, connection, collision, or union.

c. In partnership; working toward a shared purpose.

syn: jointly, in unison, as one,



Every day, the Port of Hueneme unites people, businesses, and neighborhoods around the world. From the longshore workers and employees who make cargo move, to the partners who help us thrive, to the community we proudly serve, our success is built on working together. This month, we're recognizing the people, partnerships, and shared purpose that move our Port forward.

Together, we're powering our local economy, leading the way in maritime sustainability, creating real opportunities, and connecting Ventura County to markets and consumers around the world. It takes many special groups and individuals coming together to make this happen. As we look ahead, we can't wait to see what's possible as we continue to build on these connections to create a stronger future for our port and our community.



from the CEO

Kristin Decas

Everything we accomplish at the Port of Hueneme is built on collaboration.

Each person, each role, and each partner helps us serve our customers and the community that supports our mission.

Guiding that mission is a five-member Board of Harbor Commissioners, elected by voters in the Oxnard Harbor District. **Together**, these leaders help shape the Port's direction and ensure that the benefits of global trade reach our region.

This month, I'd like to reintroduce you to the five individuals who help guide our Port's future. Their leadership reminds us that meaningful progress starts with a shared purpose, and that what we accomplish together is greater than what any of us could achieve alone.



Jason Hodge
(President)

Jason Hodge, a second-generation Oxnard native and retired firefighter, champions environmental stewardship, economic development, local job creation, and public safety. Drawing on his expertise in emergency response and disaster management, Hodge has helped advance shore power, reduce port emissions, and promote smarter traffic solutions. He holds a B.A. in Political Science.



Mary Anne Rooney
(Vice President)

OHD's first female commissioner is also a past president of the Association of Pacific Ports. A strategic business consultant, Rooney co-founded Nyeland Promise, a nonprofit supporting the Nyeland Acres community. She holds degrees from UC Santa Barbara and Azusa Pacific University.



Jess Herrera
(Secretary)

Jess Herrera, a lifelong Oxnard resident and Vietnam-era Army veteran, has served the Port of Hueneme since 1966 and was first elected commissioner in 1994. He has served eight times as Board President and held 12 terms as an ILWU executive officer. A longtime advocate for dockworkers, Herrera helped advance Port infrastructure and labor partnerships that support local jobs and economic growth.



Celina Zacarias

Celina L. Zacarias serves as Executive Director of Community and Government Relations at CSU Channel Islands, a role she has held since 2007. Elected Port Commissioner in 2020, she became the first Latina to serve as Board President in 2024. The daughter of migrant farmworkers, Zacarias brings extensive experience in business, government relations, and community leadership, earning numerous regional and statewide honors.



Jess Ramirez

Jess Ramirez was born in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, and immigrated to the United States with his family. A Vietnam-era Army veteran, he dedicated more than 51 years to the Port of Hueneme and ILWU Local 46, retiring in 2018. First elected to the Board of Harbor Commissioners in 1994, Herrera has championed dockworkers, education, underserved communities, and Port expansion.

Solar Canopy Ribbon Cutting

In late October, we celebrated an important milestone in the Port of Hueneme's commitment to sustainability with the ribbon cutting of our new solar canopy. Located over an auto staging area near our Administration building, the 913-kilowatt system will generate clean electricity while making productive use of existing Port space. The project is expected to produce approximately 1.4 million kilowatt-hours of electricity annually!

This work reflects how we're bringing **together** environmental responsibility and economic stewardship to build a stronger, more sustainable Port. Developed through a power purchase agreement with ForeFront Power, the solar canopy required no upfront capital investment from the Port. Charging forward to Zero Emissions by 2030 requires the careful combination of many small steps, and the solar canopy is yet another example of how working together can deliver tangible benefits and measurable results.

by the numbers

Energy could power

250

homes for 1 year

Offsets

730

metric tons of C02

Thats like removing

170

cars from the road for 1 year





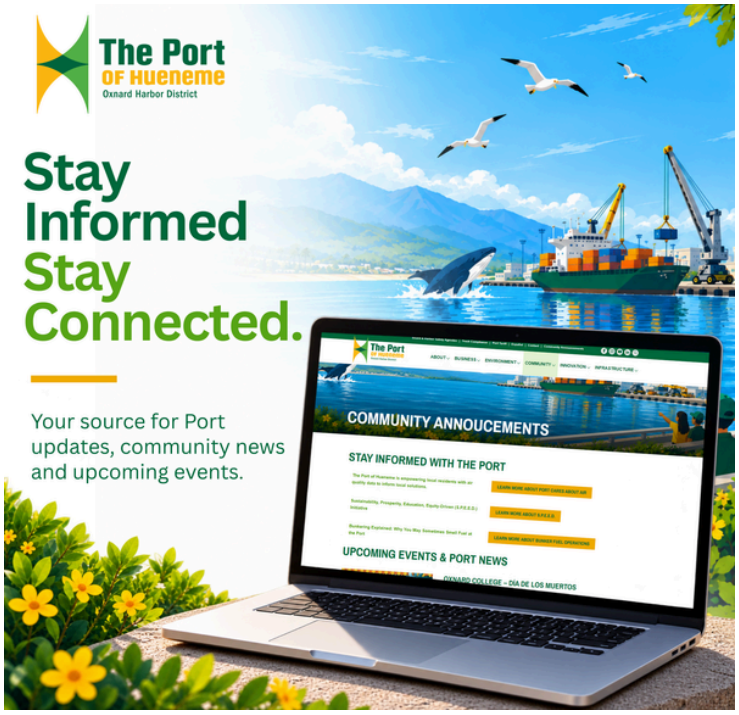
Celebrating innovation, collaboration, and new opportunities.

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Get in the Know

With Important Port Updates



We recently launched a new Community Announcements page on our website to help keep our community connected and informed. From updates on Port operations and environmental initiatives to upcoming events and local news, find helpful information all in one place.

portofhueneme.org/community-announcements

OPT IN

Important Alerts

Text “portinfo” to 888777 to sign up for our text messaging system. You’ll receive timely updates on construction and other port-related activities.

TIK TOK

Expanding our Reach

Follow the Port’s new TikTok channel @theportofhueneme

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Harbormaster Line

Have a time-sensitive question or concern? Reach our Harbormasters anytime at 805-488-4615.

STATE OF THE PORT

The Port of Hueneme welcomed business leaders, elected officials, labor representatives, customers, and community partners to its 2026 State of the Port, hosted by the West Ventura County Business Alliance at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. The annual event highlighted the Port's continued growth, economic contributions, major infrastructure investments, and vision for the future, while recognizing outgoing Congresswoman Julia Brownley for her longstanding support and advocacy.

GROWTH THAT MOVES US FORWARD

Over the past decade, the Port has grown 70 percent and is now the nation's No. 1 banana port, the West Coast's No. 1 blueberry port, and the nation's No. 4 auto port. Port leaders also highlighted approximately $246 million in active grant-funded projects, 896 jobs created through partnerships with ILWU Local 46, and continued investments in environmental sustainability, workforce development, and regional economic opportunity.





CELEBRATING JULIA BROWNLEY

The Port of Hueneme proudly recognized outgoing Congresswoman Julia Brownley for more than a decade of advocacy and partnership. Since her election to Congress in 2012, Brownley has helped secure more than $155 million in federal funding for critical Port projects, supporting infrastructure modernization, enhanced security, environmental initiatives, and economic development. Her continued support has helped strengthen the Port's competitiveness while creating lasting benefits for Ventura County and the surrounding region. During the State of the Port, Brownley praised the Port as a national model for innovation and sustainability, noting that business growth and environmental responsibility can go hand in hand. The Port extends its sincere gratitude for her years of service and commitment.

by the numbers

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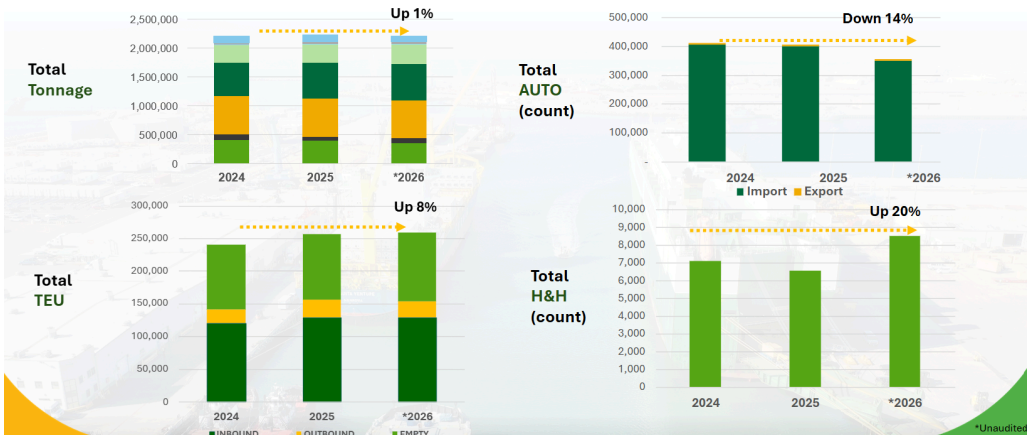
4.5%
Port-generated county GDP

25,000
Trade-related jobs supported

ON THE RISE

THE STATE OF THE PORT IS STRONG

LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS / %s FY24 COMPARED TO FY 26



What's in the Numbers?

Over the past three years, the Port has experienced growth across nearly every category. While shifting trade policies created uncertainty in the automotive market in 2026, temporary declines in auto volumes were offset by significant gains in other cargo sectors, demonstrating the strength of our diversified business and resilient operations.

THANK YOU, Port Customers

While we were honored to share some milestones and achievements at the State of the Port, we firmly believe that the Port of Hueneme's success is built on the trust, collaboration, and commitment of our wonderful Port customers. Your partnership keeps cargo moving, creates local jobs, strengthens our local economy, and helps prepare us to meet future demands. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and look forward to achieving even more **together.**

Thank you for being a big part of the Hueneme Way!



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Community Spotlight

The Port of Hueneme | committed to COMMUNITY

GLOBAL TRADE AND LOGISTICS

25 OUHSD STUDENTS

The Port of Hueneme's award-winning Global Trade & Logistics (GTL) program gives local high school students a behind-the-scenes look at the industries that connect our community to the world. Through 12 sessions, students learn about global trade, supply chains, port operations, and maritime careers directly from industry professionals. The program also creates pathways to paid internships and future career opportunities.



Providing Unique Experience From Industry Professionals



Learning That Grows Beyond the Classroom

FULL S.P.E.E.D AHEAD

Gaining Momentum

GTL is just one part of our $2 million investment into workforce development through our S.P.E.E.D. initiative, which is bringing tangible results!

- **13 interns and apprentices this summer**
- **37 ESL graduates this year**
- **10 Women in Construction participants**

FROM GTL STUDENT TO EMPLOYEE

MEET KRYSTAL

Krystal's journey with the Port began as a Global Trade & Logistics student. Today, she's joined the team as our newest Community Outreach employee, bringing her experience full circle and helping inspire the next cohort of GTL students by showing what's possible.



Visiting Port Customers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 11 - Join us for a special Veterans Day Ceremony:

11a - 2p at Plaza Park, Oxnard

Nov 16 - Board of Harbor Commissioners Meeting:

3p - 5p at the Port of Hueneme
333 Ponoma Street, Port Hueneme

Nov 26 - Happy Thanksgiving!

Celebrating Halloween the Hueneme Way!

Our Port team took a break from making cargo move to celebrate Halloween together! From creative costumes to sweet treats and plenty of Halloween spirit, our annual employee celebration brought coworkers together for some fun and friendly competition. It was a great opportunity to enjoy the season, share a few laughs, and celebrate the people who make the Port of Hueneme special. Take a look at two highlights from this year's celebration!





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