

Los Angeles Port Modernization

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A project to modernize a container terminal at the Port of Los Angeles is being trumpeted by a [press release](#) after approval by the Los Angeles Harbor Commission of the final Environmental Impact Report. The container terminal is operated by Eagle Marine Services, a subsidiary of APL. The Eagle Marine/APL project is part of broader redevelopment efforts at the Port which include approximately \$1.2 billion in capital improvements over the next five years.

Sporting a budget of \$196 million, the Eagle Marine/APL project will, according to the Port, “generate nearly 3,400 jobs during construction and add nearly 8,000 permanent direct and indirect jobs to the Southern California economy over the next 15 years.”

Environmental concerns remain a major focus of the Port’s redevelopment efforts, in accordance with environmental standards set forth in the San Pedro Bay Clean Air Action Plan.

According to the Port’s press release, key environmental measures incorporated into the Eagle Marine/APL project and ongoing terminal operations include:

- 70 percent of APL ships to run on electricity at berth by 2017, increasing to 95 percent by 2026;
- APL to seek the maximum number of clean ships calling at its terminal;
- Increased participation in Vessel Speed Reduction Program — ships slowing to 12 knots within 40 nautical miles of the Port – for all vessels calling at the terminal to achieve 95 percent participation by 2014;
- Use of the cleanest available equipment during construction, including electric dredging harbor craft; and the greenest available yard equipment for daily terminal operations;
- Operational and terminal design measures to keep truck traffic flowing and reduce idling to less than 30 minutes total per truck;
- New offices built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards;
- A Port contribution of more than \$4.2 million to the Port Community Mitigation Trust Fund for collaborative projects that reduce the cumulative environmental impacts of Port-related operations on neighboring communities.

Sustainable redevelopment efforts should provide substantial benefits to the local economy. This latest project represents important infrastructure progress during difficult economic times, part of ongoing efforts to prepare the Port for future growth.

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