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PORT OF LOS ANGELES STATEMENT ON PASSAGE OF WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRRDA) OF 2014

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – May 22, 2014 – The United States Congress has approved the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014, a piece of infrastructure legislation designed to advance the modernization of America's waterways and ports, ensuring the efficient flow of domestic and international commerce.

Port of Los Angeles Interim Executive Director Gary Lee Moore issued the following statement in support of WRRDA:

"The Water Resources Reform Development Act makes an important advancement toward a more equitable allocation of harbor maintenance dollars. The customers of the Port of Los Angeles are the single largest contributor to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, so we're pleased to see the bill expand uses to fund port maintenance projects. We are particularly grateful to Sen. Barbara Boxer, Rep. Janice Hahn, Rep. Grace Napolitano, and their staffs for their leadership and support."

Through WRRDA, Congress authorizes the development, maintenance, and support of economically vital waterway infrastructure, and support of effective, targeted flood protection and environmental restoration needs. It also authorizes needed investment in America's ports, strengthens ports that move the majority of the nation's commerce, and ensures equity for those ports that contribute the most to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, a federal fund dedicated to the operation and maintenance of ports and harbors.

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