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San Pedro Bay Ports Release Clean Water Plan

Environmental strategy focuses on coordinated, scientific approach

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Environmental staff at the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles have released for public input the draft version of a comprehensive strategy to target and control remaining sources of water and sediment pollution in San Pedro Bay.

The draft Water Resources Action Plan, or WRAP, outlines a coordinated, scientifically based approach for effective cleanup strategies designed to work in conjunction with regulations soon to be issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

"This joint strategy puts water quality management for the port complex under one umbrella," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "It will allow both ports to combine their efforts and expertise when it comes to managing water quality."

The ports began creating and designing the plan in August 2008, with input from multiple stakeholders, including regulatory agencies, the maritime industry, environmental groups and others.

The draft WRAP was released today, April 29, 2009, for stakeholder and public input. Comments will be received through May 22, 2009, after which the ports will finalize the plan and present it to their respective harbor commissions for approval.

The draft WRAP is available for viewing at www.polb.com/WRAP or www.portoflosangeles.org.

A public meeting to review the plan and solicit further input will be held at 1 p.m., May 20, 2009, at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Avenue, Wilmington, CA 90744.

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