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Ports Agreement Expands Commitments to Include Cleaner Ships, and Clean Truck Deployment to Reduce Emissions from Goods Movement

Includes \$40 million investment of zero-emission technology

Diamond Bar, CA — Today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (South Coast AQMD) Governing Board approved an addendum to the landmark Cooperative Agreement with the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. The addendum strengthens the original agreement by adding three new actions, including new incentives for cleaner ships and zero-emission trucks and a \$40 million investment in regional charging infrastructure designed to accelerate emissions reductions from port-related operations.

The original Cooperative Agreement was signed and executed in December 2025 and established a framework for advancing zero-emission infrastructure at the Ports—the most important step to deploy zero-emission technologies for cargo handling equipment, harbor craft, trucks, trains, and ocean-going vessels that will reduce emissions and improve air quality across the region.

"Delivering a cleaner goods movement future requires meaningful action," said South Coast AQMD Governing Board Chair, Michael A. Cacciotti. "The new commitments approved today will help to advance the cleanest solutions for the largest port complex in the western hemisphere that will deliver air quality improvements for the communities surrounding our ports."

"Today, the Port of Los Angeles has the lowest pollution footprint per container move since measurements began more than two decades ago," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka. "This next phase of the Cooperative Agreement, pending Harbor Commission approval, builds on our success by focusing on the infrastructure and incentives that will help accelerate the transition to zero-emission goods movement."

"As we prepare to handle 20 million TEUs by 2050, we are building the Port of the Future — a 100% zero-emissions port," said Port of Long Beach CEO Dr. Noel Hacegaba. "This new set of

clean-air strategies strengthens our commitment, accelerates the zero-emissions transition and ensures cleaner air across the South Coast Air Basin.”

The updated actions include enforceable deadlines and financial consequences if milestones aren’t met. Public transparency and engagement are also required including public review of new programs, public meetings, and annual reporting and program evaluation so that the public can track progress. The three new actions included in the updated agreement are:

- 1. Enhanced Clean Ship Incentive Program:** The Ports will provide increased rewards for companies to increase port calls from the cleanest ocean-going vessels.
- 2. Zero-Emission Truck Utilization Incentive Program:** The Ports will provide new incentives for zero-emission trucks for visits or activity at the ports.
- 3. \$40 million Toward Regional Charging and Fueling Infrastructure:** The Port of Long Beach and the Port of Los Angeles will each provide \$20 million for charging and fueling infrastructure to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission drayage trucks. South Coast AQMD will manage project selection, funding and implementation of the program.

The new addendum must be approved by the Boards of Harbor Commissioners for both the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, before they can be executed. Those approvals are expected to take place in the next several weeks.

Beyond the Cooperative Agreement, the Ports and South Coast AQMD will continue working together to address port emissions, including evaluating cleaner marine fuels, developing a Clean Marine Fuel Pilot Project, studying vessel emissions, planning future clean funds use and zero-emissions projects.

To learn more about the Ports Cooperative Agreement, visit aqmd.gov/portsagreement.

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