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**Thiessen Named Chief Harbor Engineer**

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved the appointment of Douglas A. Thiessen as the chief harbor engineer for the Port of Long Beach. Thiessen, who joined the port as the assistant chief harbor engineer in January, has been the acting chief harbor engineer since E. Dan Allen left in August to join Moffatt & Nichol Engineers.

As the chief harbor engineer, Thiessen heads all port engineering and construction projects, with responsibility for engineering design, project and contract management, surveying and mapping, and construction inspection. He will oversee more than \$300 million a year in construction projects.

Thiessen has experience in public engineering projects and transportation. He was born in Williamsburg, Va., and grew up in Hawaii and Micronesia. His father is a former naval officer and transportation director for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, who once ran a shipping business in Honolulu. Thiessen worked for his father as a deck hand and clerk.

He received a bachelor's degree and did graduate work in civil engineering at the University of Southern California. He began his engineering career with Caltrans as a junior civil engineer. Thiessen moved on to the Port of Los Angeles, eventually becoming manager of special projects such as the 235-acre APL-Pier 300 container terminal. He left the port after 15 years to join the Los Angeles City Department of Public Works' Bureau of Engineering, where he was the acting division engineer in the environmental engineering division.

Thiessen and his wife, Pauline, are the parents of four daughters: Marina, Rosalie, Juliana and Isabel.