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## **Port's Top Environmental Scientist Promoted to Managing Director**

Board Appoints Robert Kanter, Ph.D., to Newly Created Position

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The Board of Harbor Commissioners has promoted Robert Kanter, Ph.D., from Director of Planning and Environmental Affairs to the newly created position of Managing Director of Environmental Management and Planning. The Commissioners made the appointment at their Monday, March 12 meeting.

As Managing Director, Kanter will oversee the Port's reorganized Environmental Management and Planning Bureau, which includes three divisions: Planning, Environmental Services and Transportation Planning.

"Bob's skills and experience will be an excellent fit for the Port in this higher position," said Port Executive Director Richard Steinke. "His relationship with state and federal regulatory agencies and his work on the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan will serve the Port well as he takes on these new responsibilities."

In addition, Steinke said, the reorganization of the Port's environmental divisions reflects the increased importance of environmental improvements at the Port. "It updates our administrative structure to better reflect the high level of importance we place on environmental issues," he said.

As Director of Planning and Environmental Affairs, a position he has held since 1999, Kanter was one of the chief architects of the industry-leading Green Port Policy and the Clean Air Action Plan, the most aggressive environmental strategy adopted by any seaport complex in the world.

As Managing Director, Kanter will oversee divisions involved in implementing the Green Port Policy and Clean Air Action Plan, along with additional environmental planning and regulatory compliance issues, land use and legislative issues, transportation planning and short- and long-range forecasting.

Kanter holds a master's degree and Ph.D. in biology with a focus on marine environments from the University of Southern California. He has more than 30 years experience in the field of environmental management. Kanter serves as a California ports representative on federal, state and local advisory committees. He has served as a member of numerous environmental committees including the National Academy of Science Advisory Committee on Coastal Science Policy and the National Research Council Advisory Committee on Ecosystem Health and Research.

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