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Harbor Commission Names Director of Environmental Planning Cameron to Lead Reorganized Division Responsible for Key Port Initiatives

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The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has selected Rick Cameron, the Port's manager of environmental planning, to head the newly created Division of Environmental Planning at the Port of Long Beach.

Cameron has more than 11 years of experience in the field of environmental planning. In his new role as Director of Environmental Planning, he will lead the division most directly responsible for the Port's signature environmental program, the Green Port Policy, and the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan. Under the Green Port Policy, the Division coordinates programs to improve air, water and soil quality, preserve wildlife habitat and integrate sustainability into Port practices.

The creation of the Environmental Planning Division is part of the Port's ongoing administrative reorganization to improve operational efficiencies at the Port. Under the new structure, Environmental Planning is now part of a three-division Environmental Affairs and Planning Bureau that also includes Master Planning and Transportation Planning.

Elevating the former Planning Division to bureau status recognizes the importance of the environment in the Port's organizational structure. Cameron will report to Dr. Robert Kanter, Managing Director of Environmental Affairs and Planning.

Before joining the Port, Cameron managed various environmental programs at the Port of Los Angeles and other organizations as a project manager for Essentia Management Services. From 1996 to 2002, he was an environmental specialist for the Port of Long Beach, working in the areas of water quality, air quality, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation and more.

Cameron is a resident of Redondo Beach, where he serves on that city's Harbor Commission. He has a bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

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