

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE
MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES

PIER 35
July 14, 2009

1. Quorum Call

Paul Martin called the meeting to order at 1020.

CAPT Lynn Korwatch confirmed that there was a quorum of the committee.

2. Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed without discussion or dissent.

3. Comments by the Chair

CAPT Paul Gugg thanked the host for hosting the meeting. Mentioned that Ed Gomez and he had attended a law enforcement summit; there was excellent information sharing.

4. Member Agency/Industry Reports

CAPT Paul Londynsky, Matson Navigation Company: He had attended an FBI meeting regarding terrorism.

John Davey, Port of San Francisco: Working on preparing for a possible BART strike and preparing for increased ridership on the ferries. **Mentioned something** about Pier 80 that he was pleased with.

Deputy Robert Brandt, Alameda Sheriff: **Couldn't hear his comment.**

Tom Wilson, Port Richmond: **Couldn't hear him at all.** Port of Richmond lost some business and revenue. They're still looking at the ramifications. Honda is coming to Richmond.

Mike O'Brien, Port of Oakland: Went to Washington D.C. with other port officials. Met with several elected representatives. Advocated for security issues. Mentioned cost share waivers. Jane Harmon signed a letter in support.

George Lerner, Port of Stockton: Working on revision to security plan. Working with Lynn Korwatch. Working through the grant process and with the City of Stockton on their grant applications. They're about 80 percent complete on marine terminal project.

Beginning two projects under Proposition 1B. **Paul Gugg** mentioned Delta Blitz Two in San Joaquin River. Multi-agency event.

Eric Napralla, Port of Redwood City: Happy that Proposition 1B is up and running. Been involved in planning meeting for Golden Guardian 2010

Henry Ryan, MARAD: Introduced John Hummer, a new employee, and **another gentleman**. Reported that MARAD is ready to offer reserve ships for law enforcement agencies to use for training. They're in discussion with public health groups to have one of the ships on the list of possible storage locations for a national stockpile of vaccines. The ships are available if anyone needs them.

Edward Gomez, TSA, San Francisco Airport: Discussed resource levels. Freeways, SFO—should continue to hold resource levels where they are. Attended a meeting with the Secretary who showed up with a check for \$25 million. SFO is refurbishing the old international terminal. There will be a new eight-lane checkpoint. Intelligence about H1N1 continues to be disturbing. Recommended that everyone continue to educate their employees about the virus, etc. SFO has a quarantine facility. Massive vaccination programs are under consideration. Mentioned the new whole body imagers at SFO. There's some controversy about them because some people think they're too invasive. The machines are very thorough. They're attempting to deal with privacy issue. The deployment schedule was robust, but has been delayed because of the privacy concerns. Gomez thinks it's a good tool. "Puffer" machines are being phased out because they take up so much space and they're not as effective as they thought. The new Secretary is very interested in having the TSA place more resources (mass transit, waterways, railways, pipelines, etc.).

John Leonard, CBP: **Missed first part of what he said**. If you need assistance with filing you can reach out for help. This Thursday at 700 Maritime at 1000 their agriculture specialist will hold an outreach session regarding Asian gypsy moth.

Paul Markham, San Francisco: AARA grants [?]. Received an email saying that investment justifications would be ready beginning today, but then the server broke so they won't be ready until "soon." That process is moving forward.

CAPT Lynn Korwatch, SFMX: Held off on her comments until the general reports part of the meeting.

RADML Frances Johnston: Nothing to report [?].

Patrick Koeneker, Office of Homeland Security: Trying to get a budget resolution for the entire state asap. Cancelled the California Maritime Security meeting because of the state's fiscal situation.

Bruce Clark, California Maritime Academy: Made a visit to the Port of Humboldt last week. Because Humboldt is geographically remote, he feels they haven't done a good job

of bringing them into the fold as an active participant. He went up there and made a presentation that covered what they can offer. He felt the visit went well.

Bob Chedsby, California State Land Commission: Not much to report. **Missed some of what he said.**

LT Will Duke, Contra Costa Sheriff Department: Budget affecting them severely; they had to lay off deputy sheriffs. They're suffering because of the budget issues.

Richard Clark, PICYA: Nothing to report.

Michael Terry: Missed his comment.

Gentleman from ILWU, standing in for Dave Gonzales: Reported on **something regarding the business agency** for security personnel on Oakland container ships. Some of the terminals use turnstiles controlled remotely by camera, so no one is physically there. There's no way to stop maritime workers from "doubling up."

Ed Hughlett, Ports America: Had three emergency response improvement meetings that were successful. They came up with best practices.

Mark Christensen, APL: The APL is moving to Arizona. The handling of both U.S. flag and non-U.S. flag crew, visitors, and vendors is running smoothly. The East Coast is not quite as good.

Chief Mark Ayers, Chevron-Texaco: No major incidents in Bay Area. They're laying off 1200 or 1300 workers.

CAPT Pete Bonebakker, Conoco-Phillips: **Missed what he said. Boarding [missed this]** ships seems to be going well.

5. Work Group Reports

Firefighting and Salvage Work Groups – Mr. Jerry Bynum, USCG

Work groups arrived at the following concerns:

- 1) Equipment
- 2) Realistic response times
- 3) Funding and contracting issues
- 4) Qualifications and evaluation standards for marine firefighters
- 5) Is what training needs to we need to focus on? (This ties into concern #4.)
- 6) Both marine firefighters and marine salvage plan
- 7) The roles and responsibilities to be clearly spelled out in both plans
- 8) Considerations in developing regulations to support the roles and responsibilities
- 9) Issues external to vessel response plan regulations.

There was a question regarding who is in the working group.

[Missed second question.]

There was a question asking if they've come up with a list of their top three priorities.

There was a question mandatory regulations for tankers working with salvage.

6. General Reports

Neptune Coalition Brief – LCDR Sean Ryan

Their primary focus of last few months has been Operation Delta Blitz, where they had increased visibility in the Delta where there's a lot of boating. Cited arrest and citation figures. Felt the operation was successful. Operation Delta Blitz No. 2 will occur this weekend. No. 3 will occur later this month. He expects to continue this program. Their primary focus at the moment is these operations. Delta Blitz is not entirely about law enforcement—it's also about educating the public about boating safety.

There was a question asking what a “terminated” boat is and what action they take. (They take the boat back to the pier.)

There was a question asking if there is an opportunity to use Delta Blitz as a platform to spread information about the America's Waterways watch program? Everyone felt it was a possibility. Could give out brochures.

Fiduciary Agencies Report – Lynn Korwatch

Explained that she has interpreted guidance that came out of FEMA to mean that there was an exemption for projects under \$25,000, but that she recently learned that that's not how FEMA interprets it. Any award is a total award, and every dollar that has been granted to your region requires a match of 25%. She reviewed all investment justifications, prioritized them, and came up with a list of 29 projects that were viable and within funding guidelines. She doesn't agree with FEMA's interpretation and is working on getting clarification. All projects require a match is her understanding as of today. Not very optimistic.

Question for **Paul Gugg**: Based on Lynn and Mike's reports, and the fact that FEMA has such a large effect on the maritime security picture, would it be appropriate to invite them to become a member of this committee or to be available to us? **Paul Martin** responded: He's agreed with that position since the beginning of this committee. A representative of FEMA did attend once, but hasn't attended since. They extended an invitation several times.

Someone made a motion to invite the FEMA representative to attend their meetings and be an active partner. **Paul Martin** repeated motion and the motion was seconded by

RADML Johnston. Paul Martin asked, “All in favor?” The ayes have it by unanimous consent. The motion is carried.

Question for Lynn regarding strategy for going forward with projects. Discussion followed as to how and/or whether to move the projects forward.

TWIC Update – ENS Laura Gould

This report was regarding a deadline extension for replacement items [?]. She also reported on **an issue** regarding access to facilities.

August MTSA Seminar – Paul Martin

The August MTSA seminar regarding changes in newly approved maritime plan for Northern California is coming up. The plan is ready to go. The seminar will be held on August 12, at the California Maritime Academy from 0800 to 1200. At Beachman Hall [?]. Topics: Changes in maritime security plan, updates in port security plan, and introduction on region’s port salvage recovery plan.

Guest Speaker – Colonel Steven Goff of CAL-EMA

Colonel Goff gave an update on Governor Schwarzenegger’s exercise of the Golden Guardian 2010 event. The theme for 2010 is terrorism. They have aligned the state’s exercise with exercises on the national level. The three-day exercise beings in May 2010. Discussed the exercises planned for each of the three days, including various terrorist attack scenarios for Bay Area ports.

7. Public Comment

There was none.

8. Old Business

There was none.

9. New Business

There was none.

10. Next meeting:

The next meeting was announced for 1000, October 13, 2009, at Pier 35.

11. Adjournment

Paul Martin adjourned the meeting at 1150.

