

California Area Maritime Security Committee  
Meeting (unclassified) Minutes  
Online Meeting via ZoomGov  
April 13, 2021

1. **Quorum Call** – Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM and confirmed there was a quorum.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.
3. **Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Marie Byrd, USCG: Introduced Bruce Murley, CBP Area Port Director and new co-chair of the AMSC. There are more people out on the water due to easing of Covid-19 restrictions and warming weather. Enforcement is a priority. The Bay Guardian PRND exercise was successfully held last month. The USCG is in the process of hiring additional cybersecurity experts focused on protecting the maritime industry from cyber-attack. PSGP guidance has been released and funding will be similar to last year. \$100 million is available nationally with a 25% public and 50% private cost-share.

4. **Member Agency/Industry Reports - AMSC Membership**

Paul Martin, USCG: The 2021 PSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity was released in February. There are no significant changes this year. Cybersecurity is prioritized. The grant submission deadline is May 14<sup>th</sup>. The AMSC PSGP Field Review Work Group will review grant packages between May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The final field review report will be issued on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Participation is welcome but representatives cannot review their own grant packages. Capt. Byrd advised that the field review may be held in-person unless too many people want to participate.

Joel Hudson, FBI: Nothing to report.

Hank Ryan, MARAD: Several MARAD ships are being moved to different locations in the region and none will be docked in Alameda. Training will be resuming.

Nephi Camacho, HSI: Nothing to report.

Erik Swanberg, LLNL: Nothing to report.

Tom Cullen, OSPR: Teleworking will continue for the foreseeable future.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: The Mexican border region and San Diego are priorities in addition to Covid-19 vaccine distribution, testing and contact tracing. A workshop is being held next week on marine transportation operations. A USCG Summit on Maritime Domain Awareness will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Aboudi, Oakland Maritime Support Services: There has been a terminal slowdown at the port. Vessel schedule issues have been causing delay and confusion for truckers. The port has agreed to provide a schedule of vessels and additional container storage.

Bryan Wendleton, Everport Terminals: There have been labor shortage issues. No positive Covid-19 tests have been reported in three months.

Amanda Wallace, Chevron: Nothing to report.

Henry Russel, SSA: CBP improvements are being made at the terminal. Labor issues are easing up.

Catharine Hooper, Maritime Consultant: The Draft EIR for the Oakland A's Howard Terminal stadium proposal has been released. The project presents several challenges and risks for the maritime industry and safe navigation. PMSA and the SF HSC are addressing the concerns.

Chris Gallup, Hornblower: Dinner cruises have been restarted with reduced capacity.

Colin McDermitt, Golden Gate Ferry: The posture regarding Covid-19 is unchanged. Vessel repairs are being made. Support for security exercises continues including the recent Bay Guardian exercise.

Dominic Yin, Bay Area UASI: A grant has been obtained for detection and deterrence of terrorist acts.

Dave O'Neill, TraPac: Labor issues are improving. Software upgrades are being made at the terminal. Terminal expansion is being considered.

Jessica Feil, City of Oakland: Fire department staffing is being restored. Vaccination support is a priority.

Keith Mathews, SFPD: SFPD participated in the Bay Guardian PRND exercise. A Bay Swim event took place recently and more are expected. As recreation increases, safety is a priority. Upcoming UASI funded training includes tactical training, a GPS forensics course, and boat SAR.

Greg Bosworth, Chevron: Vaccination has been a priority and employees are scheduled to return to work in May. Training has resumed.

Lauren Gularte, WETA: A pandemic recovery program has been put in place with increased ferry service and lower fares. Vaccination is over 50%. WETA will be applying for a PSGP grant this year.

Nancy Navarro, Shell: Nothing to report.

Michael Brown, Contra Costa County Sheriff Office: Boating and recreation have increased requiring more law enforcement.

Mike Melin, State Lands Commission: Employees are still working remotely.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: Nothing to report.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: The backlog of ships waiting to dock at the port is expected to ease by June. A commissioning ceremony will be held for the Navy's USS Oakland.

Steve Longoria, Port of Redwood City: The port is working with CISA on a cybersecurity assessment and a report will be issued. Planning is underway for a FEMA funded biological and Rad/Nuc detection system.

Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: The Oakland A's Howard Terminal Stadium Proposal DEIR is posted to the Marine Exchange website: [www.sfmex.org](http://www.sfmex.org). The Marine Exchange is now using social media to share information with the maritime community.

## **5. Work Group Reports:**

- a. PRND Subcommittee – Mr. David Trombino advised of PRND program expansion. The Bay Ferry V exercise has been postponed but the Bay Guardian PRND exercise recently took place. Thirty agencies participated in the exercise which included Rad/Nuc detection, vessel boarding, and a counter UAS drill. Results of the

exercise will be released. Golden Gate Ferry provided a vessel for the exercise and SFFD provided a fire boat.

- b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: The latest Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORT website. A subcommittee meeting was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**6. General Reports:**

- a. Neptune Coalition Brief – LT Hernandez, Sector SF: There is increased law enforcement presence on ferries and in port facilities. Recent security incidents have occurred in Martinez and are being addressed. Fleet Week planning is underway.
- b. Security Breach Report – CPO Sawyer, Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Incidents in Martinez include a threat on a facility, crewmember security issues, and theft.
- c. CISA Report – Joseph Oregon, CISA: CISA is focused on cybersecurity mitigation and resilience against cyber-attacks. The agency is working with the USCG, AMSC and others to provide resources for risk management in addition to asset and threat response. CISA partners with many agencies including the FBI for intelligence and situational awareness. The SF Bay region is CISA Region 9. Increasing supply chain security is a priority and services are available to help organizations build resilience and reduce cybersecurity vulnerabilities. Best practices include implementing multiple factor authorization, strong passwords, firewalls, and software security patching. Workshops and table-top exercises are held. Risk assessments are provided free of charge for critical infrastructure and tools are available. CISA protects proprietary partner information. More information: [www.cisa.gov](http://www.cisa.gov). Contact: [cyberadvisor@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:cyberadvisor@hq.dhs.gov)

**7. Public Comment: None**

**8. Old Business: None**

**9. New Business: None**

**10. Closing Remarks from the COTP:** Capt. Byrd thanked CISA for their presentation and for providing cybersecurity assessments. Capt. Byrd announced that this is her last AMSC meeting before Change of Command and thanked the community. Partnerships are a priority.

**11. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, July 13, 2021. The meeting will be held online via ZoomGov.

**12. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.