

Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee  
Meeting (unclassified) Minutes  
Port of Oakland, Exposition Room  
530 Water Street, Oakland CA  
July 11, 2023

1. **Opening Remarks** – Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance.
2. **Quorum Call** – Mr. Paul Martin: Confirmed the presence of a meeting quorum.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Mr. Scott Humphrey, Marine Exchange: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023, AMSC meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.
4. **Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Taylor Lam, USCG COTP: Broadening AMSC membership continues to be a priority. Sail GP was held successfully in May. The President of the United States visited the region in June and security zones were established. The Fourth of July SEAR event was safe and secure. San Francisco will be hosting the APEC summit in November with enhanced security. Additional SEAR events including Fleet Week in October and New Year's Eve are planned. The Bay Ferry VI maritime security exercise will be held September 18-21 and participation is encouraged. The USCG PSGP review is complete, and FEMA is now reviewing the grant packages. Funding award letters are expected in August. USCG cybersecurity advisories are provided by the CYBER Subcommittee to be led by Fred Ellison. New USCG personnel have joined Sector San Francisco.
  - a. Capt. Lam swore in a new AMSC member:
    - i. Mr. William Nickson, Retired Ship Agent: Introduced himself to the committee as a longtime ship agent for Transmarine Navigation and Marine Exchange board member.
5. **Member Agency/Industry Reports - AMSC Membership**

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: Nothing to report.

Dominic Moreno, Port of San Francisco: Fourth of July was a successful event at the port with security provided by the SFPD Marine Unit, among others. Fleet Week will be held on October 5-8. The Parade of Ships is on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The port is supporting security planning efforts for APEC. The cruise ship Ruby Princess recently allided with Pier 27 and an investigation of the incident is ongoing.

Todd Piantedosi, FBI: Weapons of Mass Destruction are a primary concern. Agents were involved with security for the San Francisco Pride Parade.

Bill Nickson, Retired Ship Agent: Efforts are being made to update Marine Exchange membership.

Paul Martin, USCG: The US Navy is conducting a triannual Interagency Underwater Port Assessment (IUPA) of the region. The assessment will focus on waterways strategic to the military including channels into the Port of Oakland and Concord Military Ocean Terminal. The Navy will be giving a presentation on the IUPA at the October AMSC meeting. The current IUPA is an annex of the AMSC Plan and is being updated. Troy Hosmer advised that Port Readiness Committee findings be included in the assessment. Paul Martin advised that the USCG completed the 2023 PSGP Field Review. Thirteen grant packages were considered and are now being reviewed by FEMA.

Phil White, Bay Ferry VI Exercise Panner: A tabletop Active Threat exercise will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> in preparation for the full-scale Bay Ferry VI exercise on September 18-21. PRND training is available for agencies prior to the exercise.

Scott Humphrey, SF Marine Exchange: The Marine Exchange IMIS database system is being upgraded with PSGP funding. The new system will include additional vessel tracking and emergency response features. Remote capabilities will also be available. Future vessel tracking at the Port of Eureka is being considered to promote safety.

Erik Swanberg, LLNL: LLNL is providing PRND support for the Bay Ferry VI exercise.

Andrea Tenner, San Francisco Dept. of Health: Support is being provided to the Drug Market Agency Coordination Center (DMACC) in San Francisco. Planning for APEC is underway. San Francisco only has one Level 1 trauma center which complicates mass casualty planning. A hospital exercise is being planned for next year.

US Customs and Border Protection (CBP): Nothing to report.

Gregory Bosworth, Chevron: Nothing to report.

Gus Hein, MARAD: Fleet readiness is at 65 percent and overall seaport readiness is at 97 percent. Port infrastructure funding has been approved for Port of Oakland modernization.

Jessica Feil, City of Oakland: A recent power outage disrupted 911 dispatch and a backup plan was enacted resulting in minimal impact to the public. The city will be participating in upcoming tabletop exercises on earthquake response and wildland-urban interfaces.

Darron Epperson, Sacramento County SO: California legislation AB 748 is being considered to address commercial derelict and abandoned vessels which is an ongoing historical issue. Support for the bill is encouraged.

Keith Matthews, SFPD Marine Unit: Fourth of July events were held safely. Bay Area UASI PRND training will be held on August 28-30. SFPD is hosting accelerated emergency medical training for agency partners.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: Nothing to report.

Steve Longoria, Port of Redwood City: Christy Coats has been appointed as the new Port Director. PRND training will be held the week of August 7<sup>th</sup> using PSGP funded equipment purchased by the port. A functional PRND exercise is being planned and may be part of Bay Ferry VI.

Kevin Krick, Matson Navigation: The next NMSAC meeting will be held on August 22-23.

Nancy Navarro, PBF Energy: Nothing to report.

Dave Sullivan, NCRIC: There are partnerships with the USCG and the Central California Intelligence Center to strengthen suspicious activity reporting. National Special Security Event planning is underway for APEC. Maritime Security West will be held August 14-16. UASI PRND training will be held August 28-30.

#### **Subcommittee Reports:**

- a. PRND Subcommittee – Mr. David Trombino: The Bay Ferry VI exercise is being planned and observers are welcome to attend. PRND will be included in the exercise using boat mounted radiation detectors.

Equipment specific PRND training is available. Phil White advised that PRND equipment can be loaned out to agencies who wish to participate but do not currently have PRND capability. Expanding agency participation is a priority.

- b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Paul Martin: The subcommittee met on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The latest Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORT website. Information is provided on cyber risk management and cyber threats. Fred Ellison, USCG Cybersecurity Specialist, will be the new chair of the AMSC CYBER Subcommittee. Fred Ellison advised that prevention and detection of ransomware is a priority.
- c. Neptune Coalition Brief – Sector SF: The next Neptune Coalition meeting will be held tomorrow. Planning for Fleet Week, APEC, and New Year’s Eve is underway. Threats to the ferry system are an ongoing concern. Ferry ridership has increased significantly.
- d. Security Breach Report – Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Trespassing continues to be a concern, but most incidents were unintended. A cybersecurity breach was reported.

**6. General Reports:** None

**7. Public Comment:** None

**8. Old Business:** None

**9. New Business:** None

**10. Closing Remarks from the COTP:** Capt. Lam thanked all in attendance. USCG Cyber Protection Teams will be fully staffed by September and are available to conduct cybersecurity assessments. The Maritime Security West anti-terrorism event will be held on August 14-16.

**11. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, October 17, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Port of Oakland, Exposition Room, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA.

**12. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.