

## **BACKGROUND ON DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND GOALS**

At their June 11, 2007 meeting, the MAQIP Task Force initially reviewed and discussed three documents entitled Draft Guiding Principles, Goals, and Other Parameters. Port staff and the Co-Chairs reviewed comments provided by the Task Force, made revisions, and combined text to create a revised document for Task Force review, entitled Draft Guiding Principles and Goals. At their August 14, 2007 meeting, the Task Force made several additional revisions to the document, and provisionally adopted the Guiding Principles and Goals with these revisions. Primary revisions to the Guiding Principles and Goals have included:

### Guiding Principles

The guiding principles were most significantly revised to incorporate those comments expressed by a large number of Task Force members. These comments address five broad themes:

- Public health impacts.
- Environmental justice principles.
- Effort, not just cost, of emission, exposure, and risk reduction.
- Stronger expression of the Port's commitment as a landlord to pursue emission, exposure, and risk reduction.
- Reflect performance approach to emission and risk reductions where appropriate.

The following comments or categories of comments were not incorporated:

- Specific reference to lease agreements, incentives, and other mechanisms to achieve goals. Such mechanisms will be discussed as part of the implementation portion of the Plan.

### Goals

The Goals were most significantly revised to incorporate those comments expressed by a large number of Task Force members, and to achieve several objectives:

- Clarify the difference between goals and content of the MAQIP.
- Clarify what was previously called "parameters" of the MAQIP.
- Address pollutants other than diesel PM and their impact on ambient air quality.
- Provide consistency with, but subordination to, the Guiding Principles.
- Reflect a performance approach for implementation of portions of the MAQIP.
- Text describing Port parameters/sideboards on the Plan's content was removed from the document, to focus this document specifically on Guiding Principles and Goals.

The following specific comments or categories of comments were not incorporated:

- Quality of life as a stand-alone goal. Quality of life is a general term used to describe the interface of numerous environmental, social, and economic elements in a person's life. The focus of this Plan is on air quality impacts, which may represent only one aspect of a person's quality of life.
- Specific reference to the use of alternative fuels and other technologies (may fit in other parts of the Plan).
- Specific reference to "mitigation" of impacts. Mitigation is a term with very specific meaning under CEQA and to use it in broader, goal-setting terms could be confusing and perhaps legally inconsistent. However, at the August 14, 2007 meeting, the goals were revised to incorporate reference to mitigation in the context of CEQA and potential future development projects.