

Port, Oakland Chamber host sold-out, environmental symposium

More than 300 industry, regulatory and community leaders collaborate on zero-emissions solutions



The Port of Oakland, in partnership with the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, held the first-ever Oakland environmental symposium in February. The event, **Driving Innovation: Zero Emissions Oakland Symposium**, brought together maritime, aviation, commercial real estate, environmental, business, government, and community leaders to collaborate on innovative zero-emissions solutions.

“We are dedicated to growing green businesses and creating green-collar jobs to meet the demands of a clean-energy future,” said Port Board President Barbara Leslie.

The event opened with a keynote by California Energy Commissioner Patty Monahan. She discussed the challenges to reach a zero-emissions goal and how to overcome the obstacles.

Zero-emissions solutions are critical for everyone and every industry. To address climate change in a meaningful way, industries will have to implement innovative, yet practical, zero-emissions solutions.

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Sold-out environmental symposium continues

The event highlighted leaders like aviation expert, Elvis Ebikade, Ph.D. of Southwest Airlines, who is doing groundbreaking work on sustainable aviation fuels. Prologis' Director of Project Development for Hubs, Les Garrison, spoke about how to bring more green businesses to Oakland.

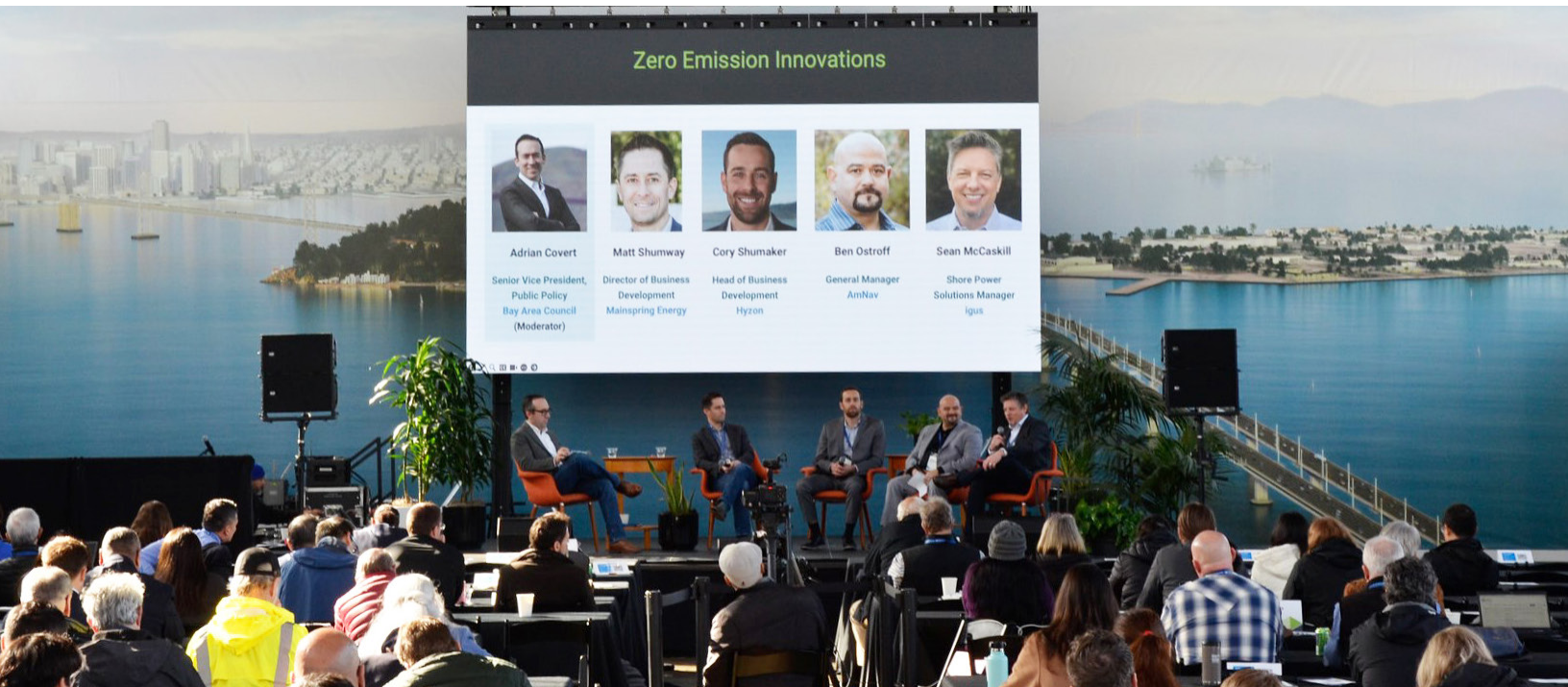
Last year, the Port was awarded \$119 million in funding from the California Port and Freight Infrastructure Program to expand zero-emissions operations while increasing goods movement capacity. This funding supported the conversion of cargo-handling equipment to electric and strengthened the Port's shore power electrical infrastructure.

"I want to thank everybody who has a role in this ecosystem who was here today," said Port of Oakland Chief Operating Officer Kristi McKenney. "It was about having all the parts and pieces for us to connect because as the Port, we cannot deliver zero-emissions without all of you."

The Port of Oakland is Everyone's Port. Together with its vendors, local businesses, elected leaders, and other partners, the Port will continue to deepen its commitment to a zero-emissions future for everyone.



Page 1 – More than 350 attended the environmental symposium
Above top left – California Energy Commissioner Patty Monahan
Bottom left – Port Board President and Oakland Chamber President/CEO Barbara Leslie
Top right – Hydrogen-powered truck
Bottom right – Port Executive Director Danny Wan with Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao



Zero Emission Innovations

				
Adrian Covert Senior Vice President, Public Policy Bay Area Council (Moderator)	Matt Shumway Director of Business Development Mainspring Energy	Cory Shumaker Head of Business Development Hyzon	Ben Ostroff General Manager AmNav	Sean McCaskill Shore Power Solutions Manager Iigus



Port of Oakland names new Maritime Marketing Manager Shipping veteran Carolyn Almquist will provide global strategic expertise

The Port of Oakland announced the appointment this month of new Maritime Marketing Manager Carolyn Almquist. She brings with her a wealth of private sector experience in international trade.

Almquist joins the Port of Oakland after 25 years with American President Lines (APL), a subsidiary of the CMA CGM Group. She worked her way through the ranks to executive leadership roles, including the Head of Cargo Flow (Americas). Her expertise includes coordinating complex global logistics in rapidly changing domestic and international environments.

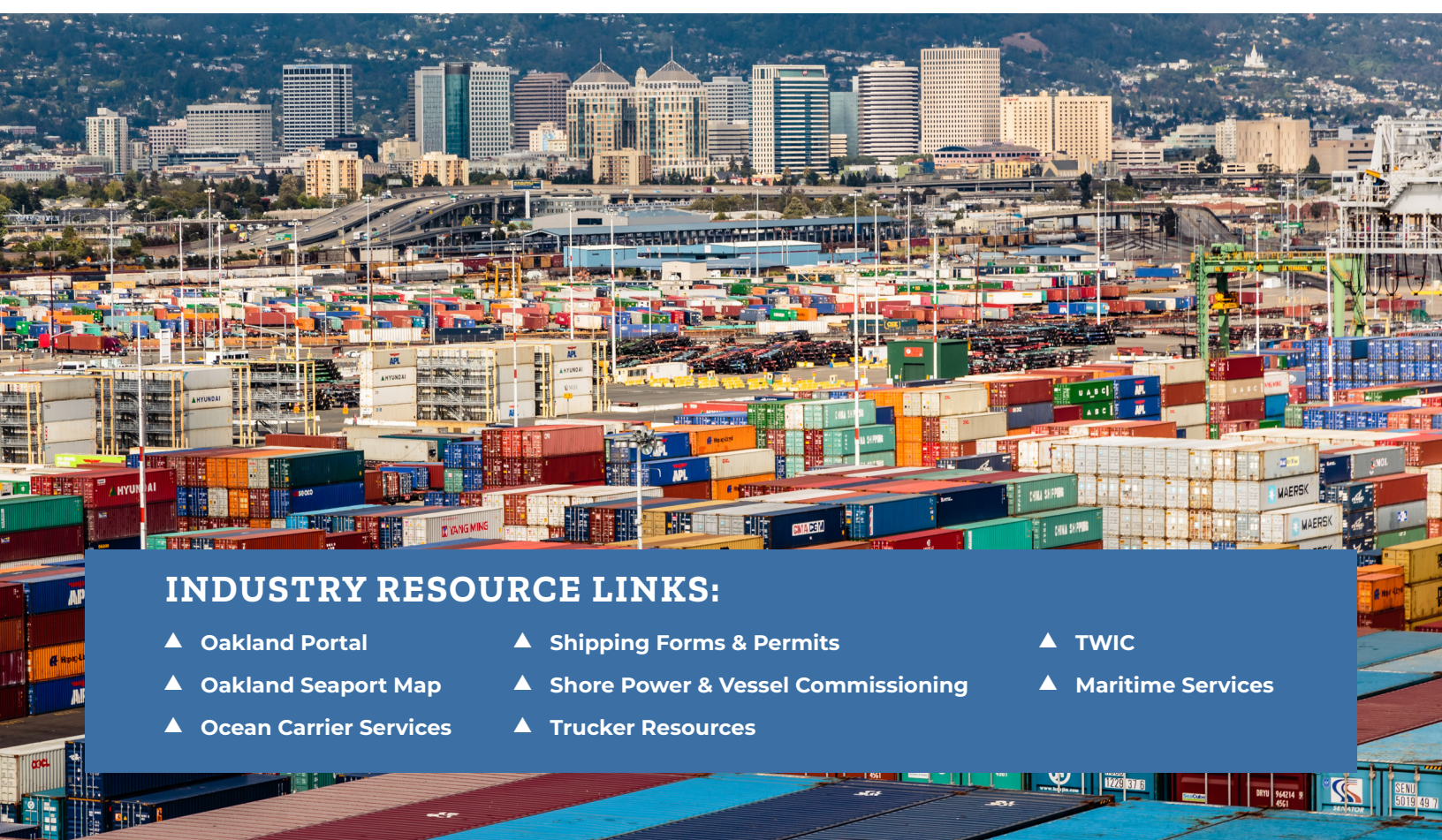
“We are fortunate to have Carolyn Almquist join our maritime team,” said Port of Oakland Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. “Her appointment is essential to our

comprehensive strategy to reach new overseas markets.”

Almquist’s experience in leveraging foreign market opportunities and developing strategic market plans will support the Port’s goal to grow its maritime business portfolio. As Senior Director of Transpacific Export Trade, Almquist helped lead APL to capture top ocean carrier market share status of U.S. West Coast ports.

“I’m excited to be joining the Port of Oakland in this role,” said Almquist. “My goal is to use my expertise in promoting international trade at the Port of Oakland while maximizing our existing business potential.”

Almquist holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Business, Trade and Commerce from the University of Washington, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.



INDUSTRY RESOURCE LINKS:

- ▲ Oakland Portal
- ▲ Shipping Forms & Permits
- ▲ TWIC
- ▲ Oakland Seaport Map
- ▲ Shore Power & Vessel Commissioning
- ▲ Maritime Services
- ▲ Ocean Carrier Services
- ▲ Trucker Resources



Maritime Moments

June 14, 1955 - A 150-ton rotor, the largest single piece of cargo ever received at the Port of Oakland at that time, was placed aboard a railroad flatcar at the Ninth Avenue Terminal for shipment to Moffett Field. It was part of a new \$27,500,000 wind tunnel designed to produce wind speeds of up to 2,600 miles an hour.



Port of Oakland January container volume continues to rise

Full imports and exports show encouraging year-over-year growth

The Port of Oakland January container volume continues its upward trajectory, following a trend first seen in 2023.

Full imports increased 8.2%, with the Seaport handling 72,081 TEUs (twenty-foot containers) in January 2024, versus 66,637 TEUs in January 2023.

Full exports saw an increase of 9.3%, with 62,596 TEUs transiting the Seaport in January 2024, compared to 57,279 TEUs in January 2023.

“Imports benefitted from strong consumer demand, as well as the normal seasonal uptick each January prior to factories in Asia closing for the Lunar New Year,” said Port of Oakland Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. “The increase in export volume can be partially attributed to consumer demand in Asia remaining high for U.S. agricultural exports.”

January container volume continues

Empty imports declined 1.1%, with 17,117 TEUs passing through Port facilities in January 2024, in contrast to 17,299 TEUs in January 2023. Empty exports also dropped 24.5%, with the Seaport handling 28,694 TEUs in January 2024, compared to 38,014 TEUs in January 2023.



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