

## White House Port Envoy and Port of Oakland meet to discuss supply chain solutions



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White House Port and Supply Chain Envoy, retired General Stephen R. Lyons toured the Port of Oakland August 29, and met with Port officials and stakeholders. General Lyons has been visiting U.S. ports to address on-going supply chain issues in America. He toured the Oakland Seaport to take a first-hand look at the maritime operation and learn more about Oakland's port terminal activities.

General Lyons met with Port of Oakland Executive Director Danny Wan and Maritime Director Bryan Brandes to discuss the challenges Oakland's maritime activities are facing and continue the federal dialogue to support solutions to goods movement at Oakland.

"I am committed to looking for ways to stabilize the entire supply chain across the nation and restore consumer confidence → 02



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in the system, and the Port of Oakland plays an important role in our nation's freight network," said General Lyons.

"We fully appreciate General Lyons coming to Oakland to see our operations and explore solutions to the current supply chain congestion," said Port of Oakland Executive Director Danny Wan. "Oakland has been a decades-long port of choice for agricultural exports; we need to restore a full complement of services here to help all of our customers move their goods."

In the afternoon, General Lyons met with agricultural exporters, importers, and maritime terminal operators who rely on the Port of Oakland for their business. They expressed how their operations are impacted by disruptions at various supply chain points such as:

- **Overflowing warehouses,**
- **Lack of labor at distribution centers,**
- **Equipment shortages,**
- **Need for more vessel services to increase export capacity, and**
- **Need to move imports off marine terminals faster and reduce cargo dwell time.**

This meeting is a continuation of the close working relationship between the federal government and the Port of Oakland.

"We continue to look for creative ways to reduce port congestion and supply chain disruptions at Oakland, including building infrastructure and increased transparency of data to increase the fluidity of commerce through our port," said Port of Oakland Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. ●



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*Left to right: Port of Oakland Maritime Manager of Business Development and International Marketing Andrew Hwang; Port of Oakland Maritime Director Bryan Brandes; White House Port Envoy General Stephen R. Lyons; Port of Oakland Executive Director Danny Wan; Mid-Pacific Gateway Region U.S. Maritime Administration Director Gus Hein; and Senior Supply Chain Advisor Elaine Travino with the US Department of Transportation's Office of the Secretary.*



**Maritime Moments**

EXCAVATING THE TIDAL CANAL, CIRCA 1890. DEvised BY THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THIS ONE-MILE-LONG WATERWAY LINKED THE ESTUARY TO SAN LEANDRO BAY.

*Courtesy of Oakland History Room, Oakland Public Library.*





## Pasha's new environmentally friendly, high-tech ship makes landmark port-of-call at Oakland

### First LNG (Liquefied natural gas) powered vessel visits

The Port of Oakland welcomed the inaugural call of a new Pasha Hawaii ship, **MV George III** to the Oakland Seaport, the gateway for containerized ocean cargo shipments in Northern California. The George III is the first Liquefied Natural Gas (“LNG”) powered vessel to call Oakland. This is a significant milestone because the new ship is designed and built to be environmentally friendly. It is the first of its kind to call the US West Coast.

Operating on natural gas from day one, the new ship surpasses the International Maritime Organization (IMO) 2030 emission standards for ocean vessels, representing the most technologically-advanced vessel to serve Hawaii. Energy efficiencies are achieved with a state-of-the-art engine, an optimized hull form, and an underwater propulsion system with a high-efficiency rudder and propeller. The 774-foot LNG-fueled containership is the first of two new ‘Ohana Class vessels to join Pasha Hawaii’s fleet, connecting the West Coast and Hawaii.

“We thank Pasha Hawaii for bringing the first LNG-powered containership to call the Port of Oakland,” said Port of Oakland Executive Director Danny Wan. “This visit by the MV George III supports the Port’s overall vision of a zero-emissions seaport operation.”


Pasha Hawaii is part of 75-year-old, third-generation, family-owned company The Pasha Group, whose roots were planted in the Bay Area in 1947. The MV George named after the late son of the company’s founder, honors his entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to community stewardship. [→ 04](#)

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Photo Caption:

Executive  
Director  
**Danny Wan**  
speaks at a  
ceremony  
commemorating  
the maiden  
visit of the  
**George III.**



## MV George III arrives in Oakland *from page 3*

“My late father (George Pasha, III) and grandfather (George Pasha, II) would be incredibly proud to see the George III arrive in the Bay Area today. Her arrival signifies the positive impact and environmental strides this containership will make in our local communities,” said George Pasha, IV, President and CEO, Pasha Hawaii. “My father played an integral role in building our family business into the global transportation and logistics company that exists today. His legacy of innovation lives on with the introduction of this remarkable vessel and marks an important step towards the decarbonization of shipping in the West Coast/Hawaii trade lane.” 

### INDUSTRY RESOURCE LINKS:

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

## Port of Oakland August volume drops 8 percent from August 2021

### Decline in port traffic points to softening demand for imports

The Port of Oakland’s total loaded container volume dropped by 8% in August compared to August 2021. Last month 155,682 loaded TEUs (twenty-foot containers) transited the port, compared to 169,602 in August 2021.

Loaded imports declined by 10.2% recording 87,844 TEUs last month compared to 97,850 in August 2021.

Loaded export containers experienced a 5.5% decline, with 67,838 TEUs passing through the port in August compared to 71,753 TEUs in August 2021.

Full imports in 2022 year-to-date were down by 5% compared to the first 8 months of 2021.

““We’re beginning to see signs of supply chain recovery after a multi-year pandemic-related congestion, but have a significant way to go,” said Port of Oakland Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. “We will continue working with industry partners to boost cargo fluidity and vessel service.”

Freight rates for cargo shipped from Asia to the US continue to drop, pointing to a softening in demand for imports.

Continued congestion at container yards may still be a factor in ship delays at the Oakland Seaport, with most docked vessels staying two or more days. ●



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