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Notices

The Governor signed Executive Order No. 2022-05 regarding social gatherings: EFFECTIVE 6:00 P.M. ON MARCH 4, 2022: social gatherings indoors shall be increased to no more than one hundred (100) persons, regardless of vaccination status. Outdoor gatherings shall continue to be limited to one hundred (100) persons, regardless of vaccination status, subject to applicable DPHSS guidance.

World Record Rower Visits Guam

Turkish record-setting ocean rower Erden Eruç included Guam as part of his historical journey when he made a stopover at the island on February 12, 2022 as part of his voyage to become the first person in history to row from North America to Asia and across the Pacific Ocean. He was greeted by Port GM Rory Respicio and DGMs Dominic Muna and Luis Baza when he docked at the Marianas Yacht Club.

Eruç launched by rowboat from California on June 22 of last year with the original goal of reaching Hong Kong nonstop with an estimated arrival of March 2022. He stopped at Waikiki in Hawaii making landfall on Sept 10, 2021 to address minor repairs and to time his crossing with the typhoon season. Seeing that China's borders were still closed and entry to Hong Kong was stricter due to the pandemic, Eruç decided to follow the trade winds toward Guam. He left Hawaii for Guam four months ago.

During his ocean crossing, he will raise awareness about plastics problem in our oceans in collaboration with Ocean Recovery Alliance and is collecting ambient sound data for NOAA scientists using a high frequency hydrophone to identify the range of Beaked Whales along his transect. Other species may also be identified once the data is archived and made public.

Eruç was on island until February 21, 2022 and while he was here he spent a lot of time addressing



some repairs to his rowboat and making preparations before leaving for the next leg of his journey. While on island, he was able to see the sights of Guam and experience the local cuisine and warm hospitality. Eruç holds fifteen Guinness World Records including being the first to complete a solo circumnavigation of the world by human power, first to row the three oceans: Atlantic, Pacific and Indian, and greatest total distance rowed solo on the oceans. After reaching his destination in mainland Asia, Erden intends to continue overland to the foothills of Mt. Everest before attempting that climb in fall of 2022.

A sendoff ceremony was held on February 21, 2022 at the Marianas Yacht Club for Eruç as he departed Guam to complete his solo human-powered circumnavigation across the globe. In attendance were Gov Lou Leon Guerrero along with First Gentleman Jeff Cook, Vice Speaker Tina Muna Barnes, Senators Amanda Shelton and Joseph San Agustin. Safe journey and God speed Erden!



Thank you to Pacific Ports Magazine for this article recognizing the accomplishments of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio and the Board and Management of the Port Authority of Guam! The latest edition of their magazine puts the spotlight on Guam's accomplishments in the article "Bright future for U.S. Marine Highway System."

The article highlights the huge accomplishment of our MARAD Marine Highway designation. The U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) last year announced that Guam had been granted the designation as one of six new Marine Highway Projects and a new Marine Highway Route under the America's Marine Highway Program (AMHP). The AMHP encourages the use of America's navigable waterways for the movement of freight and people as an alternative to land-based transportation. A designation makes projects on Marine Highway Routes eligible for grants from available AMHP funds. Guam's new Route and Project Designations include:

Route Designation

Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Route Designation (M-GNM1): This Route Designation will allow the expansion of existing containerized freight service between Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' (CNMI) main islands of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. Nearly all commodities and household and commercial goods needed by local residents—including food, clothing, fuel, vehicles, construction materials, and medical supplies—are transported through the islands' seaports.

Project Designation

Guam Marine Transportation Enhancement Initiative (Guam): This designation will expand and promote inbound and outbound cargo



within the islands. Service providers transporting freight utilize U.S. ports in Hawaii and the West Coast before making their way through Guam and the CNMI. The Port of Guam operates as the only commercial seaport on the island and serves the regional population of more than 225,000, including communities on the neighboring islands in the CNMI.

WSP Team Visits Port



The Port's OAE Consultant was on island From February 21 to February 26, 2022 to continue gathering and updating information for the continuing efforts of updating the Port's 2013 Master Plan.

Throughout the week the WSP team of Blair Garcia, Jim Reed and Shannon McLeod met with PAG Management and Staff as well as stakeholders within the community - shipping agents/carriers, Guam Customs, Piti Mayor, Community Defense Liaison Office, Guam Visitors Bureau, Tristar, Guam Power Authority, South Pacific Petroleum Corporation, Cementon Micronesia, Hansen Cement, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, Joint Region Marianas, and Naval Facility. Various topics were addressed with respective stakeholder which included the following:

- New Owners/Agent Engineer Contract
- Environmental, Health & Safety
- Information Technology Master Plan
- Tariff Simplification
- Customs Container Facility Plans/Funding Status
- Land Use Plans
- Facility & Equipment Maintenance
- Capital Improvement Programs

- Tourism Update and Future Outlook
- Marinas and Harbor of Refuge
- Fuel Pier Status
- Solar Power, LNG
- STS Gantry Crane Procurement
- Cement Cargo Forecast
- Financial Analysis
- Navigation, Dredging

WSP has served as a consulting engineer for the Port Authority of Guam on several major projects for more than a decade, including preparation of its master plans in 2007 and 2013. The most recent master plan update focuses on phasing of Port improvements, budget allocation and investment priorities.

More than \$100 million has been invested in the Port Modernization Program since 2013, with much of the funding coming from MARAD and the Department of Defense.





On February 18, 2022 the Finance Division provided management and division heads a presentation via Zoom meeting giving a report of where the Port is at in terms of utilizing the new E1 Financial Management System.

In August 2021, the Port launched the implementation of a new financial module, the JD Edwards Enterprise One (E1) System. On May 17, 2021 the Port's Enterprise One FMS system went live!

Deliverables for Enterprise One include modules for General Accounting, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Fixed Assets, Budgeting, Payroll, Human Resources, Procurement and Inventory. The system also has the ability to streamline processes that reduce non-value activity such as paper filing, spreadsheet reconciliations, manual calculation of interests and collection of late payments, manual inventory processes and manual financial document delivery. Additional capabilities includes the ability to fully implement Job Costing and Work Order system that integrates to the General Ledger and other financial modules which was not possible with the previous system. But most especially, the new system possess the ability to move home grown systems such as Special Service Request invoicing, Operations Time Entry, check printing, W2 processing, requisition and purchase order processing for local GSA transactions, tax table update and financial required reports into the new JDE Enterprise

One system.

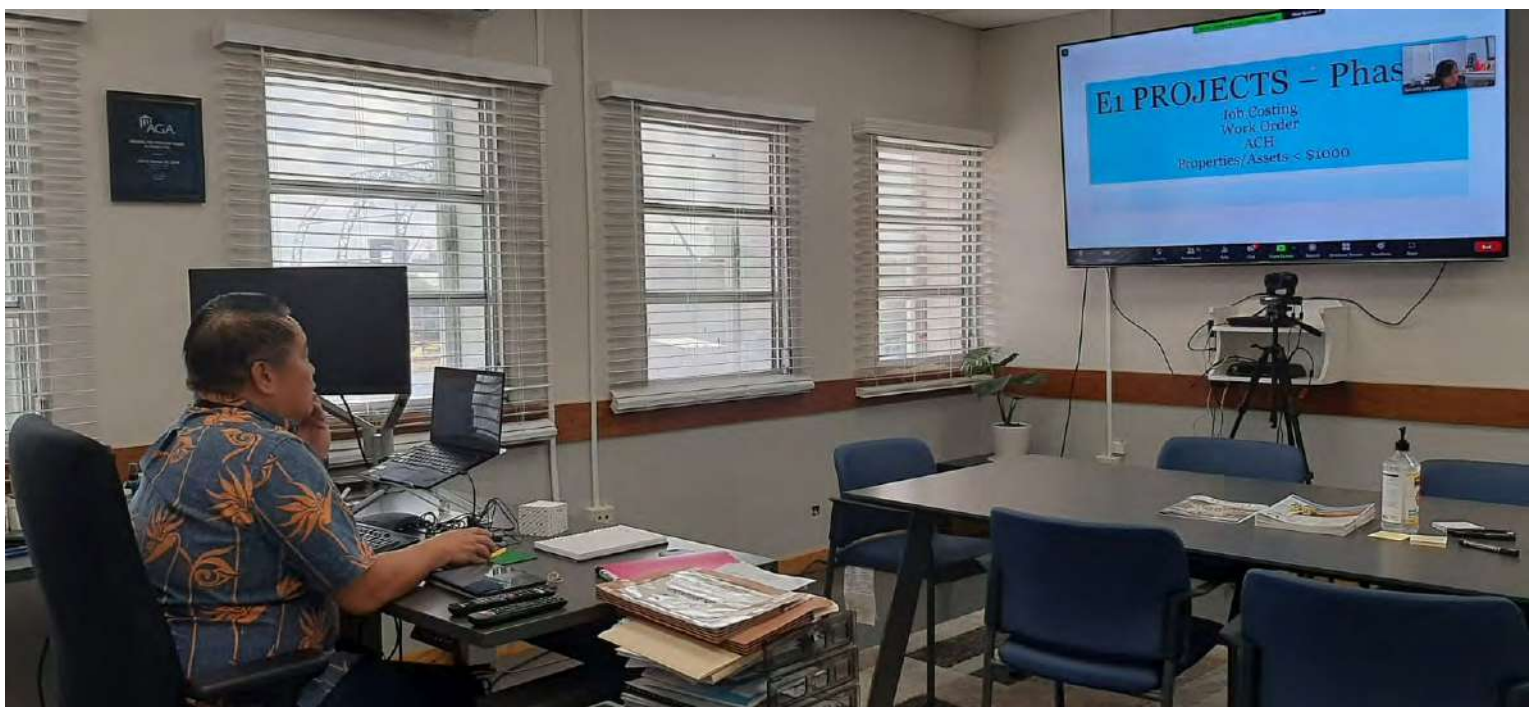
So where are we at today? The update status presented by the Finance team showed that 75% of the original deliverables have been achieved. The Port users have been utilizing the new financial system and realizing the benefits of better financial capabilities, better security, better features and functionalities, better efficiency with business processes, and greater reliability with the new system. As of current, Equipment Maintenance and Operations are working on more detailed functions relating to job costing and work orders which allows the true expense related to a particular project to be captured and recorded.

The new financial system is a more robust and technologically advanced system. This new system now provides the Port with improved reporting capability and flexibility essential for making business-critical decisions.

With this huge undertaking and a price tag of \$2,300,000.00, the PAG Project Team is taking every measure to ensure that this investment is fully utilized to its maximum potential. With the full implementation of the new E1 system, the Port expects:

- To be able to efficiently plan, direct, organize, monitor and control its current and future financial resources and events
- To improve the Port's financial reporting and budgeting, business activity reports, forecasts, procurement, planning and human resource information reporting.
- Enhance or implement financial management system's internal controls over financial resources with the objective of ensuring efficient resource utilization.
- Possess the opportunity to expand end-to-end processes through further module integration as the Port's business needs grow.

The Project Team has spent months preparing for the live integration and it was a success. There are still more capabilities that the team is exploring. As of now, the system provides improved reporting capability and flexibility essential for making business-critical decisions. Thank you Financial Affairs Controller Jojo Guevarra, Amaracris Legaspi, Michelle Brillante and Ira Palero for the great presentation!

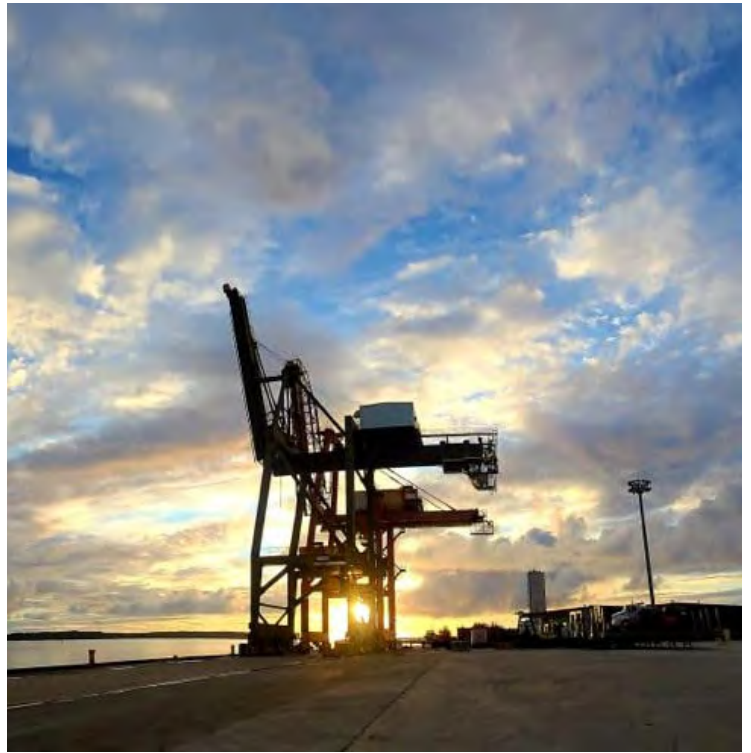


PUC Passes PAG Petitions

The Public Utilities Commission held their monthly meeting on February 24, 2022 approving two of the Port's petitions: PAG Docket 22-03 Petition for the Approval to Award South Pacific Petroleum Corporation for the delivery of Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) to the Port Authority of Guam and PAG Docket 22-04 Petition for Approval of the Award to BME and Son's Inc. for the Port Authority of Guam Waterline Replacement Project.

PAG Docket 22-03 relates to the awarding of the contract to deliver ULSD fuel for the Port's gantry cranes, load centers, and above ground storage tanks. Two firms submitted their proposals, IP&E Guam and South Pacific Petroleum Corporation (SPPC). SPPC was the lowest bidder, offering a price of \$2.757 per gallon, or approximately \$470K per year for 170,000 gallons of ULSD. This contract will be paid through PAG local funds.

PAG Docket 22-04 relates to the selection of BME and Son's Inc. for the project to replace the Port's main waterline which will be paid through the Port Revenue Bond Funds. A total of five firms submitted their proposals before the deadline of December 7, 2021 and a review of the required documents took place during the bid opening process. BME and Son's Inc. was selected as the most responsible and responsive bidder with the lowest price of \$4,856,568.91.



CCTV Installation



Crew members from California Pacific Technical Services (CalPac) have begun work to replace the Port's CCTV and Access Control Systems. General Manager Rory J. Respicio signed the Notice to Proceed in November 2021 for CalPac to upgrade the Port's CCTV and Access Control Systems to enhance maritime and security screening and monitoring. The project is being funded through a combination of Port and USDHS/FEMA PSGP and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Maritime Administration (MARAD) Grant Cooperative Program funds.

The multi-step bid was awarded in May 2021 with a project amount of \$1,221,418.00 and includes preventive maintenance services.

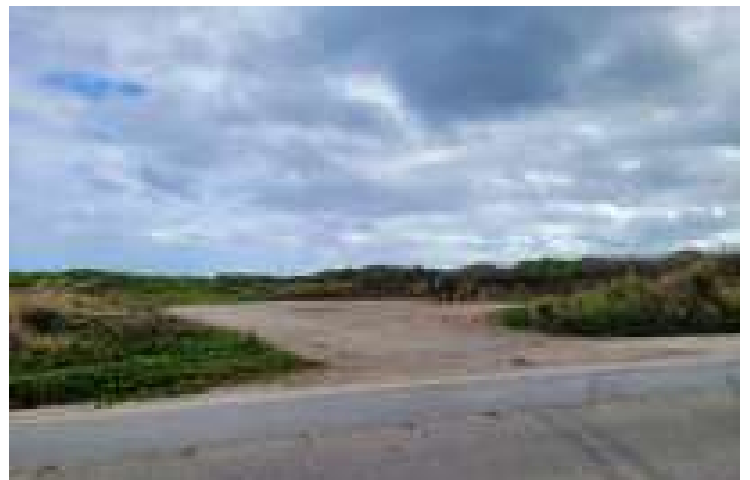
The installation of this new equipment is in line with the Port's commitment to modernize its facilities. It is a crucial project that will help ensure that our Port and our boarders are protected. The Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency will also be given access to the CCTV system which will support their overall mission. With this access, Customs will be able to view the cameras at their own time and in their own control room so that their critical operations for drug surveillance and interdiction remain unimpeded. The installation of the Port's CCTV and Access Control Systems is anticipated to be completed by June of this year.

Demolition of Equipment Underway

The Port Authority of Guam is just one step closer to finally demolishing and disposing heavy equipment that has been inoperable and taking up lucrative space for years.

In March 2021 the contract was awarded to Guam Industrial Services DBA Guam Shipyard for the design/demolition, removal and proper disposal of five Port inoperable cranes and optional removal/proper disposal of one barge along Wharf F-6. Guam Shipyard was the only business who submitted a bid for the \$2.57 million project.

The contractor is tasked to safely dismantle archaic, damaged, and inoperable assets by disassembling and cutting the cranes and equipment into manageable pieces that will eventually be shipped off site to an approved disposal facility. The plan is for scrap metal to be cut and stuffed into containers for shipment to off-island recycling centers. Equipment to be dismantled include



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Gantry No. 2 and No. 3, one mobile harbor crane, two rubber tire gantry cranes and one barge YFN 816 at Wharf F-6.

Crew members from Equipment Maintenance Division have cleared up the staging area at Dong Wang property across 76 gas station with the assistance of the Port's Commercial and Safety Divisions. Sub-Contractor Smithbridge Guam will perform the dismantling of assets under the supervision of the Port Engineering Division, Safety Division and Guam Shipyard. Mobilization and site preparations began in February and the first project site surrounding the RTG's have been cleared for the erection of barriers and equipment to be utilized for the demolition.

This project will not only rid the Port of inoperable assets but it will also help generate money for the Port as the freed up space will now be utilized which will bring in whafage and dockage fees. Funding for this project is 100% provided by the Port Authority of Guam and is anticipated to be completed in March 2023.

Jesse Mendiola Named Port Chief of Police



Jesse Mendiola has been selected as the new Port Authority of Guam Chief of Police!

Chief Mendiola joined the Port Authority of Guam in July 2021 as the Assistant Port Police Chief and brought to our Port police division his extensive experience in law enforcement that

spanned decades of service across the globe.

Prior to his employment with the Port, Mr. Mendiola held the positions of Director of Mariana Regional Fusion Center(MRFC) of Homeland Security, Acting Director for Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency and as a police officer with the Guam Police Department.

Mendiola also worked as the Guam/Saipan Site Manager for Paragon Systems, Inc. where he handled security for the federal buildings and court houses for Guam and Saipan. He held various positions with DynCorp International who was the leading security contractor to support the safety and security of U.S. diplomatic personnel serving in Baghdad, Kirkuk & Erbil Iraq as well as the norther region of Kosovo (Peja).

While working in the Middle East, he managed and supervised numerous high-level operations to include managing security details at the US Embassy in Erbil, Tactical Commander, Diplomatic envoy personal protection, managing safe houses under the witness protection plan and providing personal protection for witness testifying for the War Crime Tribunal.

Chief Mendiola's impressive law enforcement history includes numerous awards and recognition over the past 30 years including a Recognition of Excellence and two Letters of Commendation from the United Nations for his work during the UN Mission in Kosovo. He also has received numerous awards and recognition from other organizations for his law enforcement work in Iraq as well as on Guam to include Meritorious Service Medals, Distinguished Service Medals and a Life Saving Medal. Congratulations to our new Chief of Police!

Port Employees Celebrate March Birthdays



- Alvarez, Patrick E.
- Taitano, David C.
- Evangelista, Anthony J.
- Leon Guerrero, John J.
- Quichocho, Jesus T.
- Lorenzo, Peter C.
- Mafnas, Antoinette M.
- Aflague, Alexander J.

- Javelosa, Josette J.
- Salas, Eric J.
- Ettleman, Curtis R.
- Carbullido, Rita B.
- Aguero, Melissa F.
- San Nicolas, Martin J.
- Madahan, Ernesto D.

- Rosalin, Frankie C.
- Claveria, Christine K.
- Salas, Jino R.
- Cruz, Peter T.
- Leon Guerrero, Pedro Jose
- Messer, Katrina A.
- Waki, Davin R.

Sanitizing Guns for Port Divisions

Realizing that COVID-19 isn't going away anytime soon, the Port Authority continues efforts to provide a safe environment for all employees and stakeholders who conduct business at the commercial sea port. Since the onset of the pandemic, General Manager Rory J. Respicio has been at the forefront of providing safety supplies and protective gear for all employees. Twenty four months later, the Port still remains 100% operational even with the surge of the Omicron variant. Between January to February 2022, the Port positive cases tripled compared to the number of positive cases since March 2020.



AGA Recognizes Member Connie



"Joining AGA was truly beneficial for me. Attending the trainings & conferences, although virtual has helped me learn from others in the same field of professionals their first hand experiences and insight."

— Connie Nocon
Admin. Officer—Finance
Port Authority of Guam
AGA MEMBER SINCE SEPTEMBER 2020

Connie Nocon, Administrative Officer for Finance Division was recognized by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Guam Chapter during their social media blitz for "2022 MEMBERSHIP MONDAYS". Nocon started with the Port Authority in February of 2017.

