

**PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION AND  
COMMISSION ACTION**

**DISTRICT REPORTS  
ITEM G-1**

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**PREPARED BY:** Manuel Almira      Executive Director      February 9, 2018

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**SUBJECT:**      **Executive Director's Report**

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**BACKGROUND:**      An outline of the topics to be reported on at the February 21, 2018 Regular Board Meeting is attached for your review.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED:**      No \_\_\_\_\_      Yes   X  

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** N/A

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**      Informational Item Only.

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**Respectfully Submitted By:**

  
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**Manuel Almira, Executive Director**

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**DATE ACTION TAKEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

Deferred To: \_\_\_\_\_

Incorporated into Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Unanimous:    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
February 21, 2018**

**Around the Port**

- The Tenant Coffee was held on February 6. Discussion included:
  - A. Need for additional CBP Inspectors.
    - CBP personnel working with staff to create a strategy to accomplish this.
  - B. Need for enhanced fumigation at the Port of Palm Beach.
    - USDA provided a summary of how it's being conducted at other South Florida Seaports.
- The Florida Ports Council Spring Board Meeting and Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) met in Tallahassee, FL on January 31. Our Carl Baker represented the Port of Palm Beach at this meeting.
- The Port announced our new campaign for green, eco-friendly initiatives, called Green First! We will be rolling out our plans for new environmentally-conscious programs and also implementing new ones! Remember to: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink.
- On Thursday, February 22 at 9:30 am, Port Staff and Commissioners will be attending a mandatory training on the prevention of harassment and discrimination in the workplace, to be held in the Board Room.
- The Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation will be holding a press conference in our Board Room on Friday, February 23 from 11:00 am to 2 :00 pm. Commissioner Waldron will be conducting an open discussion on dealing with disasters in Haiti. Commissioners Ciklin, Enright and Waldron made monetary donations to the foundation.
- **Events**
  - AAPA Public Relations Workshop – Mobile, AL – March 1-2, 2018
  - AAPA Smart Ports, Oakland, CA – March 6-7, 2018
  - AAPA Spring Conference, Washington, DC – March 20-21, 2018
  - Florida Ports Council Spring D.C. Fly-In, Washington, DC – March 27-29, 2018
  - NASCC: The Steel Conference – Baltimore, MD – April 11-13, 2018
  - Florida Ports Council Summer Board Meeting – Orlando, FL – May 23, 2018
  - Florida Ports Council Annual Board Meeting – St. Petersburg, FL – September 5-6, 2018