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Port of San Francisco Announces Affirmed Credit Rating

Standard & Poor's Global Ratings Affirms the Port of San Francisco Credit Rating

San Francisco, CA — The Port of San Francisco announced today that Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings, a major credit rating agency, has affirmed its credit rating of A/Stable on the Port of San Francisco's revenue bonds.

"I'm proud that through hard work and financial discipline, the Port of San Francisco is in a strong economic management position to help keep our credit rating and creditworthiness high," said Elaine Forbes, Executive Director of the Port of San Francisco. "We know our work is not complete and we will need to invest in our capital and seismic projects such as the Seawall Resiliency Project in order to keep our long term financial management stable, and our waterfront a safe and vibrant destination for our future generations."

On February 27, S&P Global Ratings affirmed its long-term credit rating of A on the 2010 and 2014 revenue bonds issued by the Port. The ratings outlook of Stable was also affirmed. According to S&P, the A/Stable rating reflects the Port's historically strong and stable financial performance, with operating revenue growth in each of the past five years; strong debt service coverage and projected coverage through fiscal year 2021; strong liquidity position, with unrestricted cash and investments totaling \$131 million; unique asset base that provides leasable office, retail, and industrial space on the City's waterfront; and, improving margins (net revenues) that will allow the Port to address its deferred maintenance and other capital needs.

"Although the Port is financially stable today, we will continue to address the seismic and deferred maintenance challenges of our future," said Port Commissioner Doreen Woo Ho. "Our fiscal discipline and hard work will continue to make sure we maintain a world-class waterfront for San Francisco residents and visitors alike."

Partially offsetting the Port's strengths, according to S&P, are the seismic retrofitting needs and a history of deferred maintenance that has led to substantial and growing capital needs; the likely need for additional borrowing to support the Port's large capital plan; and its exposure to competition in the local office, retail, and industrial real estate market, which limits the Port's ability to raise tenant lease rates.



A copy of the S&P Global Ratings report for the Port of San Francisco can be obtained from S&P.

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