

Tentative Agreement Reached between PMA and ILWU

After more than nine months of negotiations, the Pacific Maritime Association and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union have come to a tentative agreement on a five year contract with the help from U.S. Secretary of Labor Tom Perez and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Deputy Director Scot Beckenbaugh, although the details were not disclosed.

“After more than nine months of negotiations, we are pleased to have reached an agreement that is good for workers and for the industry. We are also pleased that our ports can now resume full operations”, said PMA President James McKenna and ILWU President Bob McEllrath in a joint statement.



With the agreement subject to a vote by its members, both parties will hold a meeting in order to ratify the contract. The ILWU will have their meeting in San Francisco with its 90 union delegates from throughout the coast, while the PMA will hold a special meeting with their 72 members. The ratification process can take several weeks.

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