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Port of Newport names Paula Miranda as General Manager

(NEWPORT, OR) – The Port of Newport has hired Paula Miranda, a 17-year veteran of the Port industry, to serve as the organization’s general manager beginning May 6, 2019.

Following a thorough search process and interviews with three finalists, Miranda was identified as the front-runner and her contract approved by the Port’s Board of Commissioners at its March 26, 2019 meeting.

Port Commission Vice President Sara Skamser, who led negotiations with Miranda, extended words of welcome following the official vote.

“The commission is pleased to announce this hire as Paula brings much professional port skills to Newport along with a strong sense of community and a keen understanding of what the Port of Newport needs to start moving forward,” Skamser said.

Since 2007, Miranda has worked as deputy executive director and real estate and business development manager for what was formerly known as the Port of St. Helens and rebranded as the Port of Columbia County in 2018. During her tenure, she worked as interim director on two occasions.

Prior to joining the Port of Columbia County, Miranda spent five years working at the Port of Portland in the areas of contract administration, property management, and tenant negotiation while providing support in many other areas of port development work. Through the course of her career, she has spent 25 years in the real estate field, with 17 of those in the Port industry.

“I am thrilled and honored with the trust and confidence the Commissioners have placed in me,” said Miranda. “In a field of some pretty accomplished candidates, I am glad they were able to appreciate my skills and what I can bring to the Port of Newport.”

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The new general manager will take the reins from Interim General Manager Teri Dresler, who was appointed to lead the organization in July of 2018 following a period of management

turnover. Miranda, a native of Brazil, said she looks forward to both her work at the Port and her new home.

“I always like a good challenge,” she remarked. “I believe there are a lot of good opportunities still waiting to be accomplished at the Port of Newport. I like the community and I especially like the concept of being able to help improve the community I live in versus a community to which I commute every day,” she added.

Miranda will spend the coming weeks wrapping up her work with the Port of Columbia County and making plans for her move to Newport.

“The fact that I will be making Newport my home and I will be part of the community is important to me. I look forward to working with everyone and utilizing my skills in the best manner to help the Port better serve its public,” she said.

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