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**POSTAL SERVICE OUTLINE FIVE-DAY DELIVERY PROPOSAL
ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF WEBSITE**

On March 24, 2010, the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors approved management's request to move forward with its five-day delivery proposal and to file a request for an advisory opinion with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) on March 30.

Postal Service Vice President Sam Pulcrano, who has been leading an internal five-day delivery task force, also told the Board at its meeting that a website will be launched to provide customers with the details of the proposal. The website also will include a special section telling business mailers how to manage a change in delivery. The site can be accessed at www.usps.com/communications/five-daydelivery.

The five-day delivery proposal is a critical element of a larger plan, "Delivering the Future," announced March 2. An action plan for the next decade, it presents a balanced approach needed to insure a viable Postal Service for decades to come. The plan includes legislative and regulatory changes needed to give the Postal Service the flexibility to make necessary business decisions in a timely manner, including the prefunding of retiree health benefits, pricing and delivery frequency.

Two of the plan's key proposals require action by the Congress: a restructuring of the payment schedule the Postal Service is required to make to prefund retiree health benefits and the elimination of existing statutory language mandating mail delivery six days a week.

Pulcrano told the Board that the five-day task force has spent the last several months seeking stakeholder input and refining the proposal to address mailer concerns. He also said extensive market research has been conducted and Postal Service findings have been consistent with most national polls that have shown that the American people would approve of a five-day delivery schedule if it would ensure a viable Postal Service well into the future.

A USA Today/Gallup poll conducted earlier in the month showed support for five-day delivery across all age groups from 58 percent in the 18-34 bracket to 73 percent among those 55 or older. An earlier Gallup poll showed that 69 percent of all Americans were agreeable to a five-day schedule if it would mean stable stamp prices and a Rasmussen poll showed 66 percent in favor if it would help the Postal Service maintain financial stability.

Pulcrano also highlighted the key elements of the proposal which will be detailed in the filing with the PRC: street delivery and blue box collections will be eliminated on Saturdays, Express Mail service will continue seven days a week, Post Offices currently open on Saturday will remain open, PO Box accessibility will continue and bulk mail and drop shipments will continue to be accepted at facilities that are currently open. If implemented, Pulcrano told the Board the estimated annual savings would be \$3.1 billion.

Al Santos



Al Santos, Postmaster, Sacramento



Industry Co-Chair Notes

Dorothy Cottrill

The March meeting on International Shipping and Mailing was very informative! Ruth Southworth was an excellent speaker and very knowledgeable. Don't worry if you missed it, you'll have an opportunity to talk with Ruth at National PCC Day on September 15.

Remember there is no meeting in April—due to National Postal Forum April 11 to 14. It's not too late to register! Log on to www.NPF.org for all the information. With all the upcoming changes in the works, now is the time to attend National Postal Forum, get firsthand knowledge and have access to postal officials to answer your questions. There are over 140 educational seminars, 90% of them new. We will be purchasing some of the seminars so we can share them with you at future meetings.

The Sacramento PCC attended the Kings game in March—it was great fun. Sorry there weren't more members out for that game. We were on the court when the Kings came out for warm-ups—I've included a couple of pictures that capture the fun—maybe encourage you to come out next time. The good news is that we are now have an inside track to reserve tickets before the start of the season next year—and we can plan ahead for a game. On that same thought, we're looking into a Rivercats game in June—with a special guest and a short PCC meeting before the game. Watch for more information.

Our meeting in May will feature two envelope vendors giving us the latest update on “green” envelopes, it's a “don't miss” meeting - May 13 8:30 at Royal Oaks.



Business Mail Entry Potpourri

Express Mail® Open and Distribute (EMOD) and Priority Mail® Open and Distribute (PMOD) Changes:

Express Mail® Open and Distribute (EMOD) and Priority Mail® Open and Distribute (PMOD) services allow customers to expedite the transportation of shipment of other mail classes to destination facilities using Express Mail or Priority Mail Service respectively. To improve efficiencies in processing and control cost of this service, the Postal Service has made the following key changes:

1. Introduction of Open and Distribute Tray Boxes
2. Discontinue the use of Label 23
3. Introduction of the Priority Mail Self Adhesive labels (Label 190S) for flat rates boxes and envelopes only
4. Discontinue the option to use a facsimile Tag 190 and Tag 161

The complete revisions to the mailing standards can be found in Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) 705.16 effective April 5, 2010 and Postal Bulletin Issue 22281, March 25, 2010.

www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/2010/pb22281/pdf/update.pdf

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TAG 155 – ISAL Mailings

Please be advised the Notice 67 Automation and Item 04a Automation Barcode Gauge templates have been updated. All old Templates should be discarded. New templates may be obtained from your local Business Mail Entry office or Mailpiece Design Analyst.

Below is information on the new templates:

NOTICE 67 – AUTOMATION TEMPLATE JULY 2009
Item #7610-02-000-9906

NOTICE 3A – LETTER-SIZE DIMENSIONAL MAY 2007
Item # 7610-03-000-9053

ITEM 04a – AUTOMATION BARCODE GAUGE MAY 2009
Item # 6675-03-000-9366

NOTE: Notice 124, Automation Flats template, JULY 2004 is obsolete. The USPS Material Distribution Center (MDC) has advised the template is being revised.

Postage Due – New Online Unit Address List

The Postal Service has developed a new tool to help Business Mail Entry and other mail acceptance employees activate the Merchandise Return Service (MRS).

Using the “Intelligent Mail and Address Quality” (IMAQ) website, employees now can find the address of the designated Postage Due Unit linked to any MRS account. A report listing all Postage Due Unit addresses is posted on the IMAQ website.

The new tool reduces the potential for incorrect accounting entries, eliminates the need for time-consuming manual lookups and provides accurate information to create the label in one location.

Once the ZIP Code address is located in the new tool, each permit holder will have the information required to properly and quickly create MRS shipping labels.

Sacramento PCC Meeting Schedule 2009/10

General Membership Meetings

All meetings 8:30 am at Royal Oaks Post Office unless noted.
2000 Royal Oaks Drive, Room 117.

No Meeting in April

Spring Break for Sacramento PCC

Sunday, April 11 - Wednesday, April 14

National Postal Forum, Nashville
No Sacramento PCC meeting in April



Thursday, May 13

8:30, Panel discussion on Green Envelopes and green initiatives

Wednesday, September 15

National PCC Day - details to follow

Do you have a suggestion for a meeting topic, a tour or a good speaker for a meeting? If so, please share your suggestion with any board member, or email webmaster@sacpcc.com.

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