

Brian Griley

Brian Griley was born into the business of trucking. His Father and Grandfather started Griley Freightlines in 1954. The company grew to be one of the largest carriers in Southern California. The Griley family sold the company in 1988; shortly thereafter Brian took his expertise in the industry and opened Southern Counties Express (SCE). He is currently President of SCE and oversees all day to day operations, finances and sales efforts.

Two years ago, Brian and several competitors attended a meeting sponsored by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, Clean Energy and Westport Innovations Inc. The meeting was intended to introduce the trucking companies to a new project designed to integrate LNG fueled trucks into the harbor environment. The competitors were less than enthusiastic; they uniformly informed the ports the program would never work, the price to retrofit the trucks was too high and there was no infrastructure to support a port LNG truck plan.

Brian, however, left the meeting impressed and interested in the plan. He contacted the ports the following day to learn more. When he discovered that the LNG trucks would be funded by the ports and that the trucks were excellent for the environment, he was hooked.

With the problem of funding solved, Brian turned his attention to the program's infrastructure. He decided to put an LNG fueling station onsite in Carson and build a maintenance facility with experienced Westport LNG technicians to work on the trucks. The back parking lot was large enough to park the entire fleet. It would become a ONE stop shop: fuel, mechanics and parking...perfect!

Fast forward to present day and everything is coming together. SCE was awarded the largest allotment of LNG vehicle grant money: between the Ports and the South Coast AQMD, SCE will be able to purchase 71 LNG trucks. The maintenance facility is already up and running and the fueling station will open in December, 2007.

As a longtime member of the shipping industry, Brian is interested in technologies that will lead the industry into the future. As a lifelong resident of Orange County, he is also interested in doing whatever he can to improve air quality throughout the region. LNG fueled trucks will initially be the primary technology but subsequent additions to the fleet may include any clean burning truck.

Brian lives with his family in Huntington Beach. He attended Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana and Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He is extremely active in the trucking industry, sitting on several advisory committees within the harbor, and is a member of the California Trucking Association as well as several neighborhood community groups.