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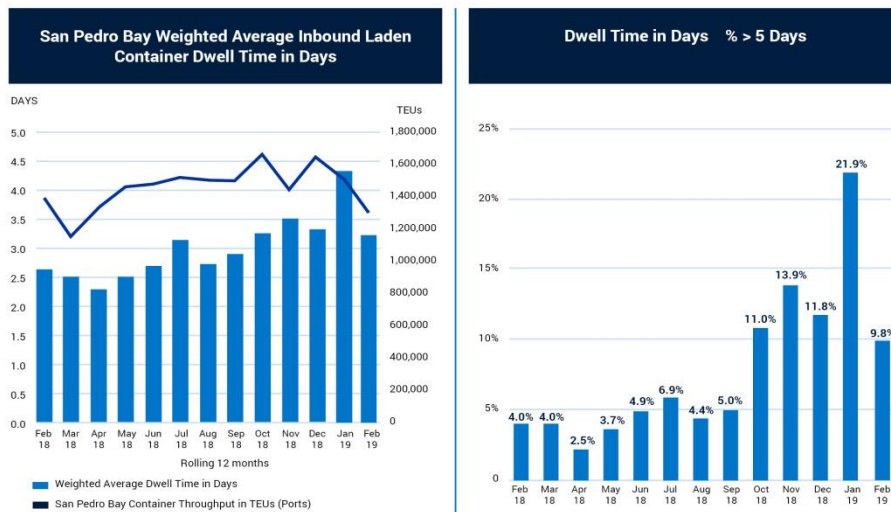
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Container Dwell Time was lower in February

Container dwell time at San Pedro Bay ports is decreasing. The average dwell time for the month of February was 3.2 days. “This average is not ideal, but it is going in the right direction,” stated Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs for the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association.

“Container dwell time had been on the rise in recent months, reaching the highest average time since we began tracking dwell time data,” noted Alvarenga. “In January, containers stayed at terminals an average of 4.32 days before getting picked up, and 21.9 % of all containers stayed five days or longer at terminals. In February, only 9.8% of containers exceeded a five day stay, that’s the lowest percentage of containers at terminals for 5 days since September. We are pleased to see the dwell time numbers in a downward trend which increases the fluidity of the terminals.”

Terminals are more efficient when cargo gets picked up on a timely basis and not stored at marine terminals. “The longer containers stay at a terminal, the more time is wasted shuffling through old containers to get to a specific one,” according to Alvarenga.



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About the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) The Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) is an independent, not-for-profit association focused on global trade. PMSA operates offices in Oakland, Long Beach and Seattle, and represents owners and operators of marine terminals and U.S. and foreign vessels operating throughout the world.