



August 12, 2010

Colonel Mark Toy  
District Commander  
Los Angeles District (SPL)  
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P. O. Box 2711  
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Dear Colonel Toy:

I am writing on behalf of the Ventura Port District to thank the Los Angeles District team for their outstanding efforts over the past two years to repair the 40-year-old Ventura Harbor breakwater. The entire 1500 ft main trunk of the structure as well as the toe of the 300 ft spur on the south end of the breakwater were successfully repaired. The Corps' contractor, Cutting Edge Concrete Services, Inc. quarried 99,316 metric tons of high density oncotic limestone at the Black Mountain and Oro Grande Quarries in the Victorville area; 13,126 individual stones ranging from 5 tons to 18 tons were then trucked to the harbor, transferred to a floating barge and finally each stone was precisely placed on the breakwater structure by a floating 300-ton crane. The end result is a beautiful project that far exceeds our expectations of what could be accomplished.

Equally impressive, from my perspective, is the fact that during the accomplishment of the breakwater repairs, work was twice suspended briefly so that the Corps maintenance dredging contractor, Manson Construction Company, could remove about 848,000 cu yds of shoal material from the project area. Superb cooperation and coordination!

We commend the Los Angeles District team for its dedication to achieving quality results. The Ventura Port District is just delighted.

Thank you, thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Parsons', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Parsons  
Dredging Program Manager

cc: Congresswoman Lois Capps  
Brigadier General Scott F. 'Rock' Donahue  
Kirk Schulthess, Cutting Edge Concrete Services, Inc.  
Jim McNally, Manson Construction Company

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