



February 26, 2006

Subject: Letter of Reference for Sonora Pacific

To Whomever it May Concern:

CH2M HILL and Sonora Pacific were contracted by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to reduce dust emissions from Owens Dry Lakebed through the construction and operation of several irrigation projects. I worked closely with Pat Brown and Lizanne Wheeler of Sonora Pacific from March, 2002 through April, 2005 on the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Project.

During the first year of their work on the Project, Sonora Pacific successfully led the start-up and operations of a 2,400 acre drip irrigated saltgrass planting for dust control that was designed by CH2M HILL. Subsequent tasks led by Sonora Pacific included managing the daily operations of the drip irrigation system and flood irrigation systems on the Lakebed, leading significant saltgrass planting efforts and emergency maintenance and repairs, coordinating operations of the dust mitigation facilities with construction contractors, CH2M HILL, and LADWP staff, interacting with regulatory agencies, and prioritizing and coordinating the activities of multiple field operations staff. Sonora Pacific was engaged at all levels of project operations from daily field activities through high level planning and strategy development for maintaining facility compliance with regulatory requirements.

Throughout their service on the Project, Sonora Pacific was highly dedicated and capable. Their practical background in irrigation and agronomy coupled with hard work and dedication was a key component to the success of the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Project. Please contact me at (503)736-4372 if I can provide any further information regarding Sonora Pacific's performance on this Project.

Sincerely,

CH2M HILL

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December 1, 2005

To whom it may concern:

I had the opportunity to work with Pat Brown of the Sonora Pacific Group on the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Project for the City of Los Angeles Department of Water & Power. The Owens Lake Project entails large pipelines (60" diameter) variable frequency pump drives, water blending, analog and digital metering instruments, hydraulic and electronic valves and SCADA controls with fiber optic and radio communication.

Pat worked as the Operations Manager for the project during the first four phases of construction and assisted us in the start-up and commissioning of Phases I and II. In Phases III and IV he wrote the protocol for the performance testing and start-up of the new construction infrastructure.

Pat has an excellent hydraulic background and SCADA experience and is able to communicate well with the electrical, mechanical and instrument & control engineers, which allows him to facilitate the start-up and commissioning process. He is a good team player and is well liked and respected by the various contracting trades on the project.

I would recommend Pat for facilitating the start-up and commissioning of any project involving pumps, valves, instruments and controls. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Majid Karim".

Majid Karim
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