



SANTA CRUZ HARBOR

*Gateway to the Monterey Bay
National Marine Sanctuary*

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To Whom It May Concern:

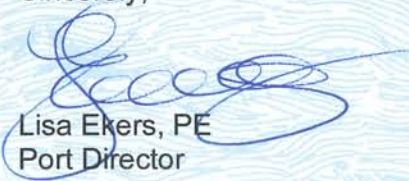
The Santa Cruz Port District and Mesiti-Miller Engineering, Inc. (MME) have enjoyed an excellent working relationship spanning over 20 years and teaming up to complete more than 80 projects. During my tenure as Port Director, I have come to appreciate all the positive things District staff and customers have to say about MME's engineering skills, customer service, and team management abilities.

Shortly after the Santa Cruz Harbor was devastated by the 2011 Tohoku Tsunami, Mark and his team rolled up their sleeves and immediately went to work providing assistance to the harbor, performing damage assessments of all fixed and floating facilities and promptly publishing a complete report. Their thorough and complete damage assessment report was the catalyst for securing over \$20 million in state and federal disaster relief, and has been an indispensable planning, engineering, and permitting tool for the District's ongoing tsunami recovery efforts.

As you probably know, the Santa Cruz Harbor is the primary commercial and recreational marine facility in the County and a gateway to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Due to the harsh sea-side environment, harbor facilities require careful, thoughtful attention to their design to maximize their durability. Mark and his design team have consistently done exactly that, providing cost-effective design solutions for both new construction and repair of rap revetment; expansion and/or repair of roads and parking areas; fixed and floating piers; and building facilities of all types.

I recommend Mesiti-Miller Engineering to any prospective client, public or private, without reservation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding my experience working with them.

Sincerely,



Lisa Ekers, PE
Port Director