

HERWIT ENGINEERING

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Subject: Conco West, Inc. Recommendation

To Whom it may concern:

HERWIT Engineering is a Civil and Mechanical Engineering firm specializing in wastewater treatment plant design. In addition, we are the District Engineer for the Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District (TDBSCD). HERWIT Engineering has been in business since 2000. In the course of our business, Conco West, Inc. has acted as the general contractor on four of our projects. In addition, Conco West has performed numerous maintenance and repair work for the Town of Discovery Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant. In all cases, the work performed by Conco West on these projects was excellent and the people at Conco West were very professional and proactive and the facilities were constructed on time and operated without problems. For these projects, normal project change orders were addressed quickly and were minimized by Conco proactively recognizing and solving problems to the satisfaction of all parties.

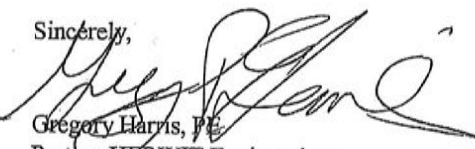
We would especially like to commend Conco West for their truly superior concrete and mechanical work. We have had the opportunity to build nearly identical active solar drying facilities (18,000 sf of concrete each) twice with Conco West and three times with other contractors. In all cases Conco West constructed the structures without incident well within the key structural tolerances required. All three of the other contractors were not able to construct the concrete structures within tolerance or per the plans and required extensive retrofit and re-work after the fact at significant lost time and expense. For our mechanically intensive projects requiring sophisticated piping and mechanical equipment placement and operation, Conco has always delivered very high quality work, the first time it goes in, without issue.

Following are brief descriptions of Projects Involving Conco West.

- Town of Discovery Bay Community Service District Dewatering Facility and Active Solar Drying Project: Project included concrete structures, site grading, civil work, 18,000 sf concrete active solar drying facility, installation of belt press, support mechanical equipment, support piping, electrical, instrumentation, and startup and testing.
- Town of Discovery Bay Community Service District Secondary Clarifier Addition Project: Project included concrete structures, site grading, civil work, installation of a 50 foot diameter secondary clarifier, support mechanical equipment, support piping, electrical, instrumentation, and startup and testing.
- Town of Discovery Bay Community Service District on-going service and repair projects: Projects included diagnose and repair of oxidation ditch rotors and drives and bearings, diagnose and repair of pumps, piping, valves and wastewater equipment for miscellaneous projects over the past 10 years.
- City of Salida Active Solar Drying Project: Project included concrete structures, site grading, civil work, 18,000 sf concrete active solar drying facility, modifications to existing belt press, support mechanical equipment, support piping, electrical, instrumentation, and startup and testing.
- Napa Sanitation District Aeration Blower Project: Project included replacement of existing 300 hp aeration blowers with new high speed turbo blowers, including concrete structures, modifications to blower room piping, support mechanical equipment, support piping, electrical, instrumentation, and startup and testing. This project required extensive piping retrofit in a very confined tunnel and was completed on time without any issue.

HERWIT Engineering would strongly recommend Conco West for any wastewater civil or mechanical project.

Sincerely,


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