FINAL CONSTRUCTION REPORT
FOR WHEELER NORTH REEF AT SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Volume II presents all data collected and analyzed for the building of the Wheeler North Reef; including rock type deposition per polygon, daily constructed reef areas, on-site monitoring (DGPS boundary surveys), multibeam surveys, and selected project photographs.

Construction started with the building of Polygon 6 and then moved to the south end of the project site, where construction recommenced with Polygon 2 (Figure 1-1). Polygon 6 and the southern portion of Polygon 2 were immediately surveyed by CE and the CCC’s consulting scientists (CCC-CS) to ensure that construction met the agreed-upon engineering specifications. A report was prepared by CE (2008b) and approved by the CCC.

Overall, by the end of construction of Phase 2, 125,957.5 tons of rock had been deposited on 152 acres of reef substrate. The average tonnage per acre was 828.6, calculated by dividing the total tonnage of rock placed, by the total area of the Phase 2 constructed reef. During construction, placed tonnage of rocks per acre varied from 743.7 to 986.8. Table 1-1 gives polygon areas as designed, and as-built, placed rock tonnage, and placed rock density (tons/acre).

There were no consequential delays in construction of the reef due to unfavorable wave and/or weather conditions. A minor loss of two days was due to equipment maintenance. Construction of all polygons was completed 19 days ahead of schedule on September 11, 2008.
Figure 1-1. WNR polygons and project location site.

Experimental reef module locations
As-built reef polygons

Vertical datum is MLLW.
Coordinates UTM Zone 11 (m), NAD83.
As-built reef polygon boundaries from CE multibeam survey data Jul-Sep 2008.
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Table I-1. Polygon areas as designed and as-built, placed tonnage, and tons/acre.

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<sup>a</sup> Area of polygons as determined by the multibeam sonar system.

<sup>b</sup> Total tonnage placed on the polygon.

<sup>c</sup> Tonnage divided by as-built area as determined by multibeam sonar system.

<sup>d</sup> Not applicable.
2.0 ROCK SPECIFICATIONS

Phase 2 of the Wheeler North Reef was constructed with quarry material, specifically quarter-ton boulders obtained from the Pebbly Beach and Empire quarries on Santa Catalina Island and the La Piedra quarry in Ensenada, Mexico. The boulders were removed from the working face of the quarry with explosives, sorted to specifications, and stockpiled. The quarries provided the following approximate tonnage: a) Pebbly Beach - 86,904 tons, b) Empire - 12,157 tons, and c) La Piedra - 26,897 tons.

Each quarry supplied boulders of differing composition. Boulders from the Pebbly Beach quarry are predominantly a dense, iron-rich breccia (San Onofre Breccia), which is a sedimentary rock composed of multiple clasts from different rock types, and secondarily, a volcanic andesite/dacite. The Empire quarry boulders are a less dense, silica-rich rhyolite tuff that has been slightly metamorphosed. The La Piedra (Ensenada) quarry boulders are dense granite.

Project boulder specifications were provided by CE (2008a). Materials inspection was performed by CP and CE to ensure conformance with specifications and permits. Twining Laboratories of Southern California, Inc. performed independent tests on the boulders used on Phase 2. Boulders used for the project conformed to project specifications, including size, specific gravity, durability, and purity. In all cases, our observations indicated that the materials were satisfactory and of good quality. The quarry material was tested for specific gravity, water absorption, and abrasion resistance (Twining Laboratories, 2008a,b,c), and the results met the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) specifications for quarter-ton rock riprap. The tests also indicated that the durability of the rocks met the California Department of Fish and Game’s (CDFG) guidelines regarding the capacity to remain unchanged while being submerged in seawater for 30 years (Bedford, 1997). The purity of the rocks (absence of debris, stains or foreign materials) was confirmed by CE representatives, both at the quarry and on the barge during placement. The results of the rock specification tests are presented in Table A-1 and the design specifications are presented in Table A-2 (Appendix A). These design specifications are from the Final Design Plan (CE, 2008a).

Twining Laboratories also performed six random rock size tests (gradation tests) to ensure that the rocks being stockpiled at the quarries for use on the reef met the CE and CCC-CS specifications for size and quantity of each size for the rocks. The results of these six rock gradation tests (Figures A-1 through A-6) are included in Appendix A of this report. Figure A-7 compares the average from these six rock size gradation tests to the upper and lower limits presented in the Final Design Plan (CE, 2008a).
3.0 ROCK PLACEMENT

Placement of material on the reef site began on June 9, 2008, and was completed on September 11, 2008. The contractor, Connolly-Pacific, deposited on average, 1,725 tons/day. The polygons were generally constructed from south to north in the following order: 6, 2, 1, 12 (1-x1), 13 (3-x1), 3, 5, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14 (10-x1), 16 (11-x1), 15 (10-x2), and 17 (12-x1). Generally, construction activities took place Monday through Saturday between June 9 and July 25, and Monday through Friday from July 26 through the end of construction.

Appendices B and C present two sets of polygon completion diagrams. One shows the areas of each polygon that were constructed with each rock type (Appendix B), and the other shows the areas of each polygon completed on each individual work day (Appendix C). The tonnage per acre shown in Table 1-1 differs slightly from that shown in Figures B-2 through B-18 and C-2 through C-18 due to the use of multibeam surveyed as-built acreage for Table 1-1 and the use of the construction design areas in Appendices B and C.

4.0 DGPS SURVEYS

Differential global positioning satellite (DGPS) survey measurements were recorded at the ends of certain placement lines as the boulders were cast in the water. This survey served three purposes: 1) to document the precise locations where the boulders were deposited at the water’s surface, 2) to show that these locations were within the boundaries of the designed polygons, and 3) to document the accuracy of CP’s survey system. The survey measurements were recorded using a handheld Magellan Mobile Mapper CX (Accuracy $\pm < 1$ meter). The survey data was plotted on the designed boundary diagram (NAD 83, UTM Zone 11, meters) for each polygon to confirm the location of the boulder deposition. These survey data diagrams are included in Appendix D and show the surveyed points are within 10 feet of the polygon boundaries, as specified in the Final Design Plan (CE, 2008a).

5.0 MULTIBEAM SURVEYS

Each of the constructed polygons was surveyed between July 8, 2008 and October 8, 2008 using the following instrumentation:

1. Odom ES3 Multibeam Sonar System
2. Hemisphere GPS Heading and Positioning Receiver (VS110)
3. Hypack and Hysweep Survey and Multibeam Data Acquisition programs
4. Digibar Pro Speed of Sound Profiler
5. TSS DMS 10 Motion Sensor

The ECO-M, a 27-ft Farallon, was used as the survey vessel. Vessel speed varied between 4.0 and 5.5 knots in order to reduce turbulence around the transducer.
The multibeam sonar survey operation has been fully described in Section 5.2 of the Volume I report (CE, 2008c). The results of the multibeam surveys were used for three purposes: 1) to determine the as-built polygon boundaries from which the polygon areas were calculated; 2) to determine the bathymetry within the polygons; and 3) to determine the percentage of rock overlap. Figures showing both the as-built and designed boundaries for all the polygons are in Appendix E. Appendix F presents two bathymetric figures for each polygon on one page. The top panel shows the post-construction bathymetry of each polygon and the lower panel shows the elevational differences determined before and after construction. Rock overlap estimates were determined by subtracting the polygon bathymetry before and after construction. No differences greater than approximately 1 m were observed. The rock overlap percentage is much lower than the 15 percent allowed by the design specifications.

6.0 DIVE SURVEYS

Divers from both the CCC-CS and CE conducted independent dive surveys of all 17 polygons between June 17 and September 24, 2008. Both dive teams used the point contact method for determining the percent coverage. This method was applied in two different ways, however. The CCC-CS methodology and results are discussed in Section 5.3 of the Volume I report (CE, 2008c). The CE dive survey methodology and results are discussed in a separate report (CE 2008d).

7.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographic documentation of the process and materials was done during construction of the Phase 2 Reef. The photographs were of typical individual boulders, quarry stockpiles, supply barge stockpiles, derrick barge activities, “dozer” operations, “dozer” bucket size, and turbidity plumes. Approximately 1,000 photographs were taken during Phase 2 reef construction. Selected photographs are shown in Appendix G.

8.0 REFERENCES


APPENDIX A

TWINING LABORATORIES ROCK GRADATION TESTS
### Table A-1. Rock specifications for Phase 2 WNR from Twining Laboratories (2008).

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\(^a\) ASTM = American Society of Testing and Materials.  
\(^b\) LA Abrasion Test at 1,000 revolutions.

### Table A-2. Required material tests.

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ASTM = American Society of Testing and Materials
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APPENDIX F. MULTI-BEAM SURVEY RESULTS
BATHYMETRY AND ROCK OVERLAP ESTIMATION

F-1. ANALYSIS OF OVERLAP

Design specifications (CE, 2008a) required that the reef height would be less than 1 m and that rock overlap (stacking of the rocks) should be less than 15 percent. Rock overlap on the constructed reef was evaluated by calculating the difference in the seafloor bathymetry before and after construction of the reef. Data from the bathymetric survey conducted in 2006 (CE and Fugro, 2006b) was used to establish the baseline bathymetry. Multibeam bathymetric data collected in a survey by CE in 2008 for each polygon was used to represent post-construction bathymetry. No significant differences in seafloor bathymetry greater than 0.5 m were detected (Volume II, Appendix F). This is in agreement with the diver observations made along the CCC-CS transects. (CE, 2008d). The conclusion is that placed rock stacking was minimal.
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