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BG Peter T. Madsen
Commander, South Pacific Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Dear General Madsen:

With passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, 28 projects were conditionally authorized subject to completion of a final report of the Chief of Engineers not later than December 31, 2000. On December 29, 2000, the Chief of Engineers signed reports completing the authorization of 22 of these projects and, as you are well aware, six were South Pacific Division projects.

I was very impressed by the team work and cooperation among members of the field and Headquarters in resolving the complex planning and policy issues in support of preparation of these reports of the Chief of Engineers. The division and district project teams were instrumental in this success.

Please accept my commendation and sincere appreciation for your teams' role in bringing these important project authorizations to fruition. Please share my gratitude with your project specific teams at both the district and division offices. Our Headquarters team especially appreciates the professionalism, dedicated efforts and assistance provided by Messrs. Robert Mooney and Robert Sloan of your staff and Messrs. Mike Ternak, Sam Arrowood, James Adams, James Hutchinson, Joseph Johnson, Eduardo DeMesa, and Brian Whelan of the Los Angeles District.

Sincerely,

Hans A. Van Winkle
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Director of Civil Works