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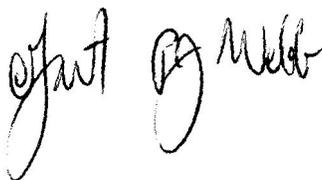
Dear Superintendent Michel,

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) has expressed a great deal of concern over the environmental damage caused by the CEMEX sand mining. The SAC recognizes and appreciates the efforts of the California Coastal Commission to negotiate a settlement that will lead to cessation of the sand mining operation and subsequent damage to the marine sanctuary. We encourage follow through on all elements of this agreement and appropriate due diligence to ensure proper permitting and the restoration and reclamation of this mining site.

Members of the public have utilized our public comment opportunities to inform us of significant damages from these mining operations. We have had expert presentations on the severe erosion impacts to the bay and surrounding beaches.

This council supports the California Coastal Commission's negotiated phase-out of this beach mining operation that has caused significant beach erosion, habitat loss, property loss and discharge of pit mine water. We look forward to the required restoration of this habitat.

Sincerely,



Margaret (PJ) Webb
Advisory Council Chair

