



Surfside III, Port Hueneme CA

The Problem:

Surfside III is a large gated, resort like condominium community located on the beach in Port Hueneme, California. The complex was built in 1976 and consists of 51 townhouses and 8 buildings which house 258 condominium units.

Shortly after the 30-year anniversary of its construction, the condo buildings began experiencing an increasing amount of pinhole leaks in the walls and the town homes began suffering from recurring slab leaks. The cost to repair the leaks, replace the drywall and the mold remediation was increasing each month and using up their reserves.

The Solution

The HOA realized that they had to do something and began looking at their options. They received bids to repipe the complex and contacted ACE DuraFlo for a bid to restore the existing pipes with ePIPE (epoxy pipe lining).

The repipe proposals came in about one million dollars higher than the ePIPE bid and would take a year longer to complete than ePIPE. The HOA contracted with ACE DuraFlo in September of 2007 and ACE DuraFlo began the project in October of 2007.

Since the town homes are plumbed individually, they were the first to have ePIPE installed. The eight buildings needed to be valved before the epoxy schedule could be set, which was a bit of a challenge. The buildings were undergoing other renovations, so there were multiple trades in the units creating conflicts in the schedule. However, the experienced ADF crews were able to develop a technique to do three units at a time in just two and a half days completing a total of 6 units per week. This allowed ADF to stay ahead of the other work crews avoiding scheduling conflicts and completed the process in one year as promised.

Since the completion of the ePIPE process, the HOA has not spent any reserve money on mold or drywall from pinhole leaks.

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