

EXHIBIT F

Hardten Vineyard – 3393 Atlas Peak Rd.

Soil Loss Analysis

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INTRODUCTION

This analysis is to predict the affect the proposed vineyard development project will have on local soil erosion. Modeling of existing and proposed conditions was performed using the Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE). Following is a summary of the data used and the results of the analysis.

RAINFALL DATA

The 2 year, 6 hour rainfall depth is used to determine the “R” value in the USLE. The rainfall depth for the project site was obtained from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Atlas 14, Volume 6, Version 2, Precipitation Frequency Data for California, which uses the latitude and longitude of a site to interpolate rainfall depths between data points. The latitude and longitude of the project are estimated to be 38.4026°, N -122.2422° W, based on information obtained from All Topo V7 USGS mapping software. The 2-year, 6 hour rainfall depth at the project site ranges from 1.76-inches to 2.25-inches. This analysis conservatively uses the high end of the range (2.25-inches), which equals an “R” value of 96.17. “R” is constant in the pre-project and post-project models.

SOIL EROSIVENESS

Each soil type listed in the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service (SCS), Napa County Soil Survey has an erodibility factor (“K”). Soils within the project area are mapped as:

SCS #100, Aiken loam (K=0.24)

SCS #152, Hambright Rock outcrop (K=0.10)

“K” is constant in the pre-project and post-project models.

SLOPE LENGTH and STEEPNESS

Topographic mapping from the Napa County GIS database (2002), was used to determine slope steepness on the project site. Transects were selected to analyze the soil loss from the longest and steepest slopes throughout the project area. Where slope steepness, vegetative cover, or soil type along a transect varies significantly, complex slope equations were used to estimate soil loss. Slope lengths and gradients used in the pre-project and post-project models are identified on the USLE transect maps and in the USLE spreadsheets included in the Appendix.

VEGETATIVE COVER

Cover factors (“C”) for pre-project and post-project conditions were determined using the guidelines provided in the SCS pamphlet entitled “The Universal Soil Loss Equation: Special Applications For Napa County, California (guide).

Pre-Project

The project area is generally sparsely covered open grassland. Block C has a small pocket of tree canopy, and an area of sparse brush. The ground cover in the proposed vineyard areas is approximately 65% with “grassy” vegetation interspersed with broadleaf plants (“woody”). Site observation was used to determine ground cover, as well as the percentage of “woody” vegetation vs. “grassy” vegetation along each selected transect. Detailed “C” factor calculations for each transect are shown on the USLE spreadsheets included in the Appendix.

Post-Project

The project proposes a no-till permanent cover crop, which may be mowed and strip sprayed along the vinerow. Using these practices, a minimum ground cover of 70% will be obtained each winter. Using the table in the guide, “USLE “C” Factors for Vineyards”, the C factor for 70% ground cover is 0.047.

PRACTICE FACTOR

The accepted practice factor for the existing conditions is 1.0. Using the table in the guide, “P (“Practice”) Factors for USLE in Napa Valley Vineyards, the practice factor for vineyard rows running uphill and downhill is 1.0. The practice factor remains constant in the pre-project and post-project models.

RESULTS

Calculations to determine the predicted soil loss using the parameters described above are shown in the USLE spreadsheets, and results are summarized as follows:

Transect	pre- project soil loss (tons/acre)	post-project soil loss (tons/acre)
A	1.16	1.03
B	1.78	1.72
C1	1.23	1.20
C2	1.47	1.26

CONCLUSION

The analysis presented above and the supporting information in the Appendix, demonstrate that the proposed vineyard development will not increase soil loss from the project site.

APPENDIX

USLE SPREADSHEETS & TRANSECT MAP

		Napa Valley Vineyard Engineering Inc.							
		USLE CALCULATIONS		A=(R)(K)(LS)(C)(P)					
FOR:	Hardten Pre								
DATE:	7/13/2020								
	TRANSECT:	A							
	SOIL TYPE:	100							
	T:	3							
FACTOR:	DESCRIPTION	Value /Describe	Value /Describe	Value /Describe	Value /Describe	Value /Describe	Value /Describe	Value /Describe	Value /Describe
R	Rainfall	96.17							
K	Soil Erosiveness	0.24							
	Slope length (ft)	103							
S	Gradient	7.7							
LS	Calculated LS	0.95							
C	Cover	0.053 *							
P	Practice	1							
A	Soil loss, tons/acre	1.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		*no canopy, 65%cover							
		60%G	.035(.6)=	0.021					
		40%W	.079(.4)=	0.032					
				0.053					

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USLE CALCULATIONS A=(R)(K)(LS)(C)(P)									
FOR:	Hardten Pre								
DATE:	7/13/2020								
	TRANSECT:	B							
	SOIL TYPE:	152/100							
	T:	1,3							
FACTOR:	DESCRIPTION	Value	/Describe	Value	/Describe	Value	/Describe	Value	/Describe
	Slope length (ft)	112		112		112			
S	Gradient	9.4		18.8		13.4			
LS	Calculated LS	1.32		3.39		2.15			
F	Fraction	0.19		0.35		0.46			
K	Soil Erosiveness	0.10		0.10		0.24			
C	Cover	0.057	*	0.048	**	0.048	**		
	Product	0.001		0.006		0.011			
	Combined LS	0.0185							
R	Rainfall	96.17							
P	Practice	1							
A	Soil loss, tons/acre	1.78							
		*25% bushes (drop fall less than 3'), 65%cover **no canopy, 65%cover							
		40%G	.032(.4)=	0.013		60%G	.035(.6)=	0.021	
		60%W	.073(.6)=	0.044		40%W	.079(.4)=	0.032	
				0.057				0.053	

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FOR:	Hardten Pre								
DATE:	7/13/2020								
	TRANSECT:	C1			C2				
	SOIL TYPE:	152			100				
	T:	1			3				
FACTOR:	DESCRIPTION	Value	/Describe	Value	/Describe	Value	/Describe	Value	/Describe
R	Rainfall	96.17				96.17			
K	Soil Erosiveness	0.10				0.24			
	Slope length (ft)	261				101			
S	Gradient	11.5				8.9			
LS	Calculated LS	2.66				1.16			
C	Cover	0.048 *				0.055 **			
P	Practice	1				1			
A	Soil loss, tons/acre	1.23		0.00		1.47		0.00	0.00
		*no canopy, 65%cover				**50% canopy, 65%cover			
		60%G	.035(.6)= 0.021			50%G	.033(.5)= 0.017		
		40%W	.079(.4)= 0.032			50%W	.076(.5)= 0.038		
			0.053				0.055		

