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PROPOSED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
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Dear Mr. Pocius:

We are pleased to provide herein the results of our geotechnical and infiltration evaluation for the subject site located in Fontana, San Bernardino County, California. This report presents a discussion of our evaluation and provides preliminary geotechnical recommendations for earthwork, foundation design, and construction.

In our opinion, site development appears feasible from a geotechnical viewpoint provided that the recommendations included herein are incorporated into the design and construction phases of site development.

The opportunity to be of service is sincerely appreciated. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office.

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I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

The purpose of this study was to complete an evaluation of the existing geotechnical conditions of the project site, as outlined in our proposal P-1004420-CR, dated October 9, 2020. Services provided for this study included the following:

- Research and review of available geologic and geotechnical data, and general information pertinent to the site,
- Perform a site reconnaissance,
- Site exploration consisting of the excavation and sampling of six exploratory borings observed and logged by a geologist from our firm to a maximum depth of 40 feet,
- Percolation testing within two shallow borings to assess the infiltration characteristics of the site soils,
- Collection of bulk and relatively undisturbed soil sample of the onsite materials,
- Laboratory testing of the soil samples collected from the site,
- Review and evaluation of site seismicity, and
- Compilation of this geotechnical report which presents our recommendations for site development.

2. SITE DESCRIPTION AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

2.1 SITE DESCRIPTION

The site consists of an irregular shaped parcel of land, about 6 acres in area, situated adjacent to the southwest corner of Mango Avenue and South Highland Avenue in Fontana, California. At the time of our field exploration, the site was vacant and undeveloped. Topographically, the site is relatively level and slopes gently downward to the south with about 15 feet of elevation differential. The site is bordered by Mango Avenue to the east with residential developments further to the east, residences to the south, South Highland Avenue to the northwest with a shopping center further to the northwest. The 210 Freeway is located to the north of South

Highland Avenue. The site location is indicated on the attached Site Location and Topography Map (Figure 1).

2.2 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Although plans showing the proposed development have not been provided, we understand that proposed site improvements are to consist of the construction of several single-family residences, stormwater management facilities and associated street and lot improvements. We anticipate that the planned structures will be one- to two-stories in height and will incorporate shallow foundations and conventional slabs on-grade. For the purpose of this report, we have assumed maximum column and wall loads of about 50 kips and 3 kips per foot respectively. Once actual loads are known, that information should be provided to GeoTek to determine if modifications to the recommendations presented in this report are warranted.

Based on the existing site topography, we anticipate that the maximum depth of cuts and fills will be less than about 5 feet.

If site development differs from the assumptions made herein, the recommendations included in this report should be subject to further review and evaluation. Site development plans should be reviewed by GeoTek when they become available.

3. FIELD EXPLORATION, LABORATORY TESTING AND INFILTRATION TESTING

3.1 FIELD EXPLORATION

Our geotechnical field exploration was conducted on October 23, 2020. A geologist from our firm logged six exploratory hollow-stem auger borings excavated by a truck-mounted drill rig to a maximum depth of about 40 feet below the existing ground surface. The deepest boring was terminated at depths shallower than proposed due to drilling difficulties as a result of the rock/gravel encountered. Two additional borings (I-1 and I-2) were drilled to a depth of about 5 feet for infiltration testing. The boring locations are shown on the Boring Location Map presented as Figure 2. The borings were backfilled with the excavated soils and compacted. Logs of the exploratory borings are included in Appendix A. Samples of bulk and relatively undisturbed materials encountered in the excavations were returned to the laboratory for testing and evaluation. Several of the ring samples were disturbed and not suitable for laboratory testing due to the gravel and cobble encountered.

3.2 LABORATORY TESTING

Laboratory testing was performed on selected samples collected during the field investigation. The purpose of the laboratory testing was to confirm the field classification of the materials encountered and to evaluate their physical properties for use in engineering design and analyses. Laboratory testing has included in-situ moisture and density, direct shear, maximum density/optimum moisture content, and corrosion potential (pH, resistivity, chloride and sulfate content). Results of the laboratory testing program along with a brief description and relevant information regarding testing procedures are included in Appendix B or on the exploratory logs included in Appendix A.

3.3 PERCOLATION TESTING

Percolation testing was performed at boring locations I-1 and I-2 to assess the infiltration characteristics of the site soils within the future basin areas. These borings were excavated to approximately 5 feet below the existing grade. The boring diameter was approximately eight inches. Subsequent to pre-soaking, percolation testing was performed within the lower approximately 20 inches in the borings by a representative of our firm, in general conformance with the Boring Percolation Test Procedure (per Riverside County Department of Environmental Health). As required, the percolation rates were corrected to account for discharge of water from both the sides and bottom of the borings. This correction was performed using the Porchet Method, obtaining the infiltration rates tabulated below:

SUMMARY OF RESULTS		
Boring	Measured Field Percolation Rate (minutes per inch)	Calculated Infiltration Rate (inches per hour)
I-1	1.21	8.74
I-2	1.25	9.0

Copies of the field data sheets and infiltration conversion sheets (Porchet Method) are included in Appendix C. The reported infiltration rate is the measured rate without any factor of safety applied. Over the lifetime of the detention basin, the infiltration rates may be affected by silt build up and biological activities, as well as local variations in near surface soil conditions. A suitable factor of safety should be applied to the field rates in design the infiltration system.

It should be noted that the infiltration rates provided above were performed in relatively undisturbed native soils. Infiltration rates will vary and are mostly dependent on the underlying consistency of the site soils and relative density. Infiltration rates will be impacted by weight of equipment travelling over the soils, placement of engineered fill and other various factors.

GeoTek, Inc. assumes no responsibility or liability for the ultimate design or performance of the storm water facility.

4. GEOLOGIC AND SOILS CONDITIONS

4.1 REGIONAL SETTING

The subject property is situated in the Peninsular Ranges geomorphic province. The Peninsular Ranges province is one of the largest geomorphic units in western North America. It extends from the point of contact with the Transverse Ranges geomorphic province, southerly to the tip of Baja California. This province varies in width from about 30 to 100 miles. It is bounded on the west by the Pacific Ocean, on the south by the Gulf of California and on the east by the Colorado Desert Province.

The Peninsular Ranges are essentially a series of northwest-southeast oriented fault blocks. Several major fault zones are found in this province. The Elsinore Fault zone and the San Jacinto Fault zone trend northwest-southeast and are mostly found near the middle of the province. The San Andreas Fault zone borders the northeasterly margin of the province, and the San Jacinto fault borders the province adjacent the Colorado Desert province.

More specific to the property, this is an area geologically mapped to be underlain by alluvial gravels and sands of valley areas (Dibblee, T.W. and Minch, J.A., 2003).

4.2 GENERAL SOIL/GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS

A brief description of the earth materials encountered below the site and within the area of anticipated construction is presented in the following section. Based on our field exploration, the area of anticipated improvements is underlain by alluvium.

4.2.1 Alluvium

Alluvial soils were encountered at the test borings and extended to the maximum depth explored of about 40 feet. As encountered in the borings, the alluvium consisted of medium dense to very dense silty sands with variable gravel and possible cobble and boulder content.

According to the results of the laboratory testing performed on one sample of the near surface alluvial fan soils, the materials tested and observed have a “very low” expansion potential (EI=0) when tested and classified in accordance with ASTM D 4829. The test results are shown in Appendix B.

4.3 SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER

4.3.1 Surface Water

If encountered during the earthwork construction, surface water on this site is the result of precipitation or surface run-off from surrounding sites. Provisions for surface drainage will need to be accounted for by the project civil engineer.

4.3.2 Groundwater

Groundwater was not encountered within any of the borings at the time of drilling. Based on a review of groundwater depths noted on the State Department of Water Resources Water Data Library website, we estimate that the depth to groundwater is greater than 400 feet below grade. Therefore, groundwater is not expected to impact the planned development.

It is possible that seasonal variations (temperature, rainfall, etc.) will cause fluctuations in the groundwater level. Additionally, perched water may be encountered at shallow depths following extensive rain events. If shallow perched water is encountered, we anticipate that it can be managed with conventional sump pumps.

4.4 FAULTING AND SEISMICITY

The geologic structure of the entire southern California area is dominated mainly by northwest-trending faults associated with the San Andreas system. The site is in a seismically active region. No active or potentially active fault is known to exist at this site nor is the site situated within an "Alquist-Priolo" Earthquake Fault Zone. The subject property is not located within a State of California Seismic Hazard Zone for earthquake induced landsliding. The nearest known active faults are the San Jacinto Fault and the Sierra Madre Fault, located approximately 3 miles to the northeast and northwest, respectively. Additionally, a review of the County of San Bernardino Geologic Hazard Maps (Devore Sheet; FH21 C) indicates that active faults are not located on or near the site.

The Geologic Hazard Map also has designed the site to be not within an area potentially susceptible to liquefaction.

4.4.1 Seismic Design Parameters

The site is located at approximately 34.1344 degrees Latitude and -117.4323 degrees Longitude. Site spectral accelerations (S_a and S_1), for 0.2 and 1.0 second periods for a Class "D" site, was determined from the SEAOC/OSHPD web interface that utilizes the USGS web services and retrieves the seismic design data and presents that information in a report format. Using the ASCE 7-16 option on the SEAOC/OSHPD website results in the values for S_{M1} and S_{D1} reported

as “null-See Section 11.4.8” (of ASCE 7-16). As noted in ASCE 7-16, Section 11.4.8, a site-specific ground motion procedure is recommended for Site Class D when the value S_1 exceeds 0.2. The value S_1 for the subject site exceeds 0.2.

For a site Class D, an exception to performing a site-specific ground motion analysis is allowed in ASCE 7-16 where S_1 exceeds 0.2 provided the value of the seismic response coefficient, C_s , is conservatively calculated by Eq 12.8-2 of ASCE 7-16 for values of $T \leq 1.5T_s$ and taken as equal to 1.5 times the value computed in accordance with either Eq. 12.8-3 for $T_L \geq T > 1.5T_s$ or Eq. 12.8-4 for $T > T_L$.

The results, based on the 2015 NEHRP and the 2019 CBC, are presented in the following table and we have assumed that the exception as allowed in ASCE 7-16 is applicable. If the exception is deemed not appropriate, a site-specific ground motion analysis will be required.

SITE SEISMIC PARAMETERS	
Mapped 0.2 sec Period Spectral Acceleration, S_s	2.267g
Mapped 1.0 sec Period Spectral Acceleration, S_1	0.747g
Site Coefficient for Site Class “D”, F_a	1.0
Site Coefficient for Site Class “D”, F_v	1.7
Maximum Considered Earthquake Spectral Response Acceleration for 0.2 Second, S_{MS}	2.267g
Maximum Considered Earthquake Spectral Response Acceleration for 1.0 Second, S_{M1}	1.27g
5% Damped Design Spectral Response Acceleration Parameter at 0.2 Second, S_{DS}	1.511
5% Damped Design Spectral Response Acceleration Parameter at 1 second, S_{D1}	0.847g
Peak Ground Acceleration Adjusted for Site Class Effects, PGA_M	1.022g
Seismic Design Category	D

Final selection of the appropriate seismic design coefficients should be made by the project structural engineer based upon the local practices and ordinances, expected building response and desired level of conservatism.

4.5 LIQUEFACTION CONSIDERATIONS

Based on the non-liquefaction potential designated by San Bernardino County and the great depth to groundwater (+400 feet), it is our opinion that the potential for liquefaction during a seismic event at this site is nil.

4.6 OTHER SEISMIC HAZARDS

Evidence of ancient landslides or slope instabilities at this site was not observed during our investigation. Thus, the potential for landslides is considered negligible for design purposes. The potential for secondary seismic hazards such as a seiche or tsunami is considered negligible due to site elevation and distance to an open body of water.

5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 GENERAL

Development of the site appears feasible from a geotechnical viewpoint. The following recommendations should be incorporated into the design and construction phases of development.

5.2 EARTHWORK CONSIDERATIONS

Earthwork and grading should be performed in accordance with the applicable grading ordinances of the City of Fontana, the 2019 California Building Code (CBC) and recommendations contained in this report. Site grading plans should be reviewed by this office when they become available. Additional recommendations will likely be offered subsequent to review of these plans.

5.2.1 Site Clearing

Initial site preparation should include removal of all vegetation and deleterious materials within the subject residential lots. All materials resulting from site clearing should be legally disposed off-site. The horizontal limits of the demolition and clearing should extend at least 8 feet beyond the new building and beneath any new improvements.

Voids resulting from removing any materials should be replaced with engineered fill materials with expansion characteristics similar to the onsite materials.

5.2.2 Site Preparation

After site clearing and lowering of site grades, where necessary, and prior to placement of new engineered fill, we recommend that the exposed subgrade soils be over-excavated to a depth of at least 3 feet below natural grade, or 2 feet below the bottom of the planned foundations, whichever is greater. The recommended over-excavation should extend laterally at least 5 feet

beyond the building perimeters and beneath any adjacent planned patio slabs. Beneath street pavements, sidewalks and driveway slabs, the over-excavation can be limited to 1 foot below existing or finished grade, whichever is deeper. The soils exposed at the bottom of the over-excavation should be examined by a GeoTek representative to document that the exposed soils are suitable for support of the planned improvements. If unsuitable soil is exposed, it should be removed as recommended by GeoTek.

Following over-excavation and any needed additional over-excavation, the exposed soils should be scarified to a depth of about 12 inches, be moisture conditioned to slightly above the soil's optimum moisture content and then be compacted to at least 90% of the soil's maximum dry density, per ASTM D-1557. All grading work should be observed and monitored by the geotechnical engineer.

5.2.4 Fills

The on-site soils are generally considered suitable for reuse as engineered fill provided they are free from vegetation, debris and other deleterious material. The undercut areas should be brought to final subgrade elevations with fill materials that are placed and compacted in general accordance with minimum project standards. Engineered fill should be placed in six-inch to eight-inch loose lifts, moisture conditioned to about two percent above the optimum moisture content and compacted to a minimum relative compaction of 90 percent as determined by ASTM D 1557.

Excavations within the alluvium at the site may generate oversized materials (i.e. greater than 6 inches in greatest dimension) during grading and utility construction. Areas of off-site rock disposal may be needed for any oversize materials that may be encountered and not be able to be placed in the trench areas as backfill.

Engineered fill materials should be placed in horizontal lifts not exceeding 8 inches in loose thickness, moisture conditioned to over the optimum moisture content and compacted to a minimum relative compaction of 90 percent (ASTM D 1557).

5.2.5 Excavation Characteristics

Excavations into the onsite soil materials is expected to be generally feasible using heavy-duty grading equipment in good operating conditions. All excavations should be formed in accordance with current Cal-OSHA requirements.

5.2.6 Shrinkage Estimates

Several factors will impact earthwork balancing on the site, including shrinkage, subsidence, trench spoil from utilities and footing excavations, as well as the accuracy of topography.

Shrinkage and subsidence are primarily dependent upon the degree of compactive effort achieved during construction. For planning purposes, a shrinkage factor of about 0 to 5 percent may be considered for the alluvium requiring removal and recompaction. Site balance areas should be available in order to adjust project grades, depending on actual field conditions at the conclusion of earthwork. Subsidence of less than 0.1 foot may be anticipated resulting from preparation of the underlying soils.

5.2.7 Trench Excavations and Backfill

Temporary excavations within the onsite materials should be stable at 1:1 inclinations for short durations during construction, and where cuts do not exceed 15 feet in height. Temporary cuts to a maximum height of 4 feet can be excavated vertically, but local sloughing and/or failure could occur due to the granulated nature of the soils at this site. Increased caution should be applied when working near or within any excavations at this site.

Trench excavations should conform to Cal-OSHA regulations. The contractor should have a competent person, per OSHA requirements, on site during construction to observe conditions and to make the appropriate recommendations.

Utility trench backfill should be compacted to at least 90 percent relative compaction (as determined per ASTM D 1557). Under-slab trenches should also be compacted to project specifications. Onsite materials are not considered suitable for use as bedding material but should be suitable as backfill provided particles larger than 6± inches are removed.

Compaction should be achieved with a mechanical compaction device. Ponding or jetting of trench backfill is not recommended. If backfill soils have dried out, they should be thoroughly moisture conditioned prior to placement in trenches.

5.3 DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

Foundation design criteria for a conventional foundation system, in general conformance with the 2019 CBC, are presented below. The soils are classified as having a “very low” expansion potential in accordance with ASTM D 4829. Typical design criteria for the site based upon a “very low” expansion potential are tabulated below. These are minimal recommendations and are not intended to supersede the design by the project structural engineer. Once structural loading information is provided, revisions to the recommendations provided in this report may be necessary.

The conventional foundation elements for the proposed buildings should bear entirely in engineered fill soils. Foundations should be designed in accordance with the 2019 CBC.

Expansion index and soluble sulfate evaluation of the soils should be performed during construction to evaluate the as-graded conditions. Final recommendations should be based upon the as-graded soils conditions.

A summary of our foundation design recommendations is presented in the following table:

GEOTECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOUNDATION DESIGN

Design Parameter	“Very Low” Expansion Potential
Foundation Depth or Minimum Perimeter Beam Depth (inches below lowest adjacent grade)	12
Minimum Foundation Width (Inches)*	12
Minimum Slab Thickness (actual) ¹	4 – Actual
Minimum Slab Reinforcing	6” x 6” – W1.4/W1.4 welded wire fabric placed in middle of slab or No. 3 bars at 24 inch centers
Minimum Footing Reinforcement	Two No. 4 reinforcing bars, one placed near the top and one near the bottom
Effective Plasticity Index***	N/A
Presaturation of Subgrade Soil (Percent of Optimum)	Minimum of 100% of the optimum moisture content to a depth of at least 12 inches prior to placing concrete

* Code minimums per Table 1809.7 of the 2019 CBC

** Sand should have a sand equivalent of at least 30

An allowable bearing capacity of 2,000 pounds per square foot (psf) may be used for design of building foundations for footing depths and widths of 12 inches. This allowable soil bearing capacity may be increased by 700 psf for each addition foot of footing depth and 250 psf for each additional foot of footing width to a maximum value of 3,000 psf. The allowable bearing capacity may also be increased by one-third when considering short-term wind and seismic loads.

For footings designed in accordance with the recommendations presented in this report, we would anticipate a maximum static settlement of less than one inch and a maximum differential static settlement of less than 1/2-inch in a 40-foot span.

The passive earth pressure may be computed as an equivalent fluid having a density of 245 psf per foot of depth, to a maximum earth pressure of 3,000 psf for footings cast adjacent to compacted fill and/or competent native soil. A coefficient of friction between soil and concrete of 0.38 may be used with dead load forces. The upper one foot of soil below the adjacent grade should not be used in calculating passive pressure unless the ground surface is covered with



pavement. When combining passive and frictional resistance, the passive pressure component should be reduced by one-third.

A moisture and vapor retarding system should be placed below slabs-on-grade where moisture migration through the slab is undesirable. Guidelines for these are provided in the 2019 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) Section 4.505.2 and the 2019 CBC Section 1907.1 and ACI 360R-10. The vapor retarder design and construction should also meet the requirements of ASTM E1643. A portion of the vapor retarder design should be the implementation of a moisture vapor retardant membrane.

It should be realized that the effectiveness of the vapor retarding membrane can be adversely impacted as a result of construction related punctures (e.g. stake penetrations, tears, punctures from walking on the aggregate layer, etc.). These occurrences should be limited as much as possible during construction. Thicker membranes are generally more resistant to accidental puncture than thinner ones. Products specifically designed for use as moisture/vapor retarders may also be more puncture resistant. Although the CBC specifies a six-mil vapor retarder membrane, it is GeoTek's opinion that a minimum 10 mil thick membrane with joints properly overlapped and sealed should be considered, unless otherwise specified by the slab design professional. The membrane should consist of Stego wrap or the equivalent.

Moisture and vapor retarding systems are intended to provide a certain level of resistance to vapor and moisture transmission through the concrete, but do not eliminate it. The acceptable level of moisture transmission through the slab is to a large extent based on the type of flooring used and environmental conditions. Ultimately, the vapor retarding system should be comprised of suitable elements to limit migration of water and reduce transmission of water vapor through the slab to acceptable levels. The selected elements should have suitable properties (i.e., thickness, composition, strength, and permeability) to achieve the desired performance level. Consideration should be given to consulting with an individual possessing specific expertise in this area for additional evaluation.

Moisture retarders can reduce, but not eliminate, moisture vapor rise from the underlying soils up through the slab. Moisture retarders should be designed and constructed in accordance with applicable American Concrete Institute, Portland Cement Association, Post-Tensioning Concrete Institute, ASTM and California Building Code requirements and guidelines.

GeoTek recommends that a qualified person, such as the flooring contractor, structural engineer, and/or architect be consulted to evaluate the general and specific moisture vapor transmission paths and associated potential impact.

In addition, the recommendations in this report and our services in general are not intended to address mold prevention, since we along with geotechnical consultants in general, do not practice in areas of mold prevention. If specific recommendations are desired, a professional mold prevention consultant should be contacted.

5.3.1 Miscellaneous Foundation Recommendations

- 5.3.1.1 To minimize moisture penetration beneath the slab on grade areas, utility trenches should be backfilled with engineered fill, lean concrete or concrete slurry where they intercept the perimeter footing or thickened slab edge.
- 5.3.1.2 Soils from the footing excavations should not be placed in the slab-on-grade areas unless properly compacted and tested. The excavations should be free of loose/sloughed materials and be neatly trimmed at the time of concrete placement.
- 5.3.1.3 Under-slab utility trenches should be compacted to project specifications. Compaction should be achieved with a mechanical compaction device. If backfill soils have dried out, they should be thoroughly moisture conditioned prior to placement in trenches.
- 5.3.1.4 Utility trench excavations should be shored or laid back in accordance with applicable CAL/OSHA standards.
- 5.3.1.5 On-site materials may not be suitable for use as bedding material but will be suitable as backfill. Jetting of native soils will not be acceptable.

5.3.2 Foundation Setbacks

Foundations should comply with the following setbacks. Improvements not conforming to these setbacks are subject to the increased likelihood of excessive lateral movements and/or differential settlements. If large enough, these movements can compromise the integrity of the improvements. The following recommendations are presented:

- The outside bottom edge of all footings should be set back a minimum of $H/3$ (where H is the slope height) from the face of any descending slope. The setback should be at least 7 feet and need not exceed 40 feet.
- The bottom of all footings for structures near retaining walls should be deepened so as to extend below a 1:1 projection upward from the bottom inside edge of the wall stem.
- The bottom of any existing foundations for structures should be deepened so as to extend below a 1:1 projection upward from the bottom of the nearest excavation.

5.4 RETAINING WALL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

5.4.1 General Design Criteria

Recommendations presented in this report apply to typical masonry or concrete vertical retaining walls. These are typical design criteria and are not intended to supersede the design by the structural engineer.

Retaining wall foundations should be designed in accordance with *Section 5.3* of this report. A minimum foundation embedment of 12 inches into engineered compacted fill with “very low” to “low” expansion potential is recommended. Structural needs may govern and should be evaluated by the project structural engineer.

All earth retention structure plans, as applicable, should be reviewed by this office prior to finalization.

The backfill material placement for all earth retention structures should meet the requirement of *Section 5.4.4* in this report.

In general, cantilever earth retention structures, which are designed to yield at least $0.001H$, where H is equal to the height of the wall to the base of the footing, may be designed using the active condition. Rigid earth retention structures (including but not limited to rigid walls, and walls braced at top, such as typical basement walls) should be designed using the at-rest condition.

In addition to the design lateral forces due to retained earth, surcharges due to improvements, such as an adjacent building or traffic loading, should be considered in the design of the earth retention structures. Loads applied within a 1:1 (h:v) projection from the surcharge on the stem of the earth retention structure should be considered in the design.

Final selection of the appropriate design parameters should be made by the designer of the earth retention structures.

5.4.2 Cantilevered Walls

The recommendations presented below are for cantilevered retaining walls. Active earth pressure may be used for retaining wall design, provided the top of the wall is not restrained from minor deflections. An equivalent fluid pressure approach may be used to compute the horizontal pressure against the wall. Appropriate fluid unit weights are given below for specific

slope gradients of the retained material. These do not include other superimposed loading conditions such as traffic, structures, seismic events, or adverse geologic conditions.

Surface Slope of Retained Materials (h:v)	Equivalent Fluid Pressure (pcf) Native Backfill*
Level	40
2:1 Backfill	60

* The design pressures assume the backfill material has an expansion index less than or equal to 20. Backfill zone includes area between the back of the wall and footing to a plane (1:1 h:v) up from the bottom of the wall foundation to the ground surface.

5.4.3 Restrained Retaining Walls

Retaining walls that will be restrained prior to placing and compacting backfill material, or that have reentrant or male corners, should be designed for an at-rest equivalent fluid pressure of 60 pcf, plus any applicable surcharge loading, for on-site backfill ($EI < 20$) and level back slope condition. For areas of male or reentrant corners, the restrained wall design should extend a minimum distance of twice the height of the wall laterally from the corner, or a distance otherwise determined by the project structural engineer.

5.4.4 Retaining Wall Backfill and Drainage

Retaining wall backfill should consist of materials with expansion index ($EI \leq 20$) and free of deleterious and/or oversized materials. The wall backfill should also include a minimum one-foot wide section of $\frac{3}{4}$ - to 1-inch clean crushed rock (or approved equivalent). The rock should be placed immediately adjacent to the back of wall and extend up from the back drain to within approximately 12 inches of finish grade. The upper 12 inches should consist of compacted onsite materials. Presence of other materials might necessitate revision to the parameters provided and modification of wall designs. The backfill materials should be placed in lifts no greater than 8-inches in thickness and compacted to a minimum of 90 percent relative compaction in accordance with ASTM Test Method D 1557. Proper surface drainage needs to be provided and maintained. Bracing of the walls during backfilling and compaction may also be necessary.

All earth retention structures should be provided with an adequate pipe and gravel back drain system to reduce the potential for hydrostatic pressure build up. As a minimum, backdrains should consist of a four-inch diameter perforated collector pipe (Schedule 40, SDR 35, or approved equivalent) embedded in a minimum of one cubic foot per lineal foot of $\frac{3}{4}$ - to 1-inch clean crushed rock or equivalent, wrapped in filter fabric (Mirafi I40N or approved equivalent). The drain system should be connected to a suitable outlet, as determined by the civil engineer. Drain outlets should be maintained over the life of the project and should not be

obstructed or plugged by adjacent improvements. Waterproofing of site walls should be performed where moisture migration through the wall is undesirable.

Proper surface drainage needs to be provided and maintained. Water should not be allowed to pond behind retaining walls. Waterproofing of site walls should be performed where moisture migration through the wall is undesirable.

5.4.5 Soil Corrosivity

Based on the chemical test results presented in Appendix B, the corrosivity test results indicate that the on-site soils are “mildly corrosive” to buried ferrous metal. This corrosion classification is obtained from the “Handbook of Corrosion Engineering,” by Pierre R. Roberge, 2nd Edition, 2000. Recommendations for protection of buried ferrous metal should be provided by a corrosion engineer. Additional corrosion testing should be performed at the time of site grading to assess the corrosion of potential of the as-graded soils.

5.4.6 Soil Sulfate Content

The soluble sulfate content was determined in the laboratory for one representative on-site soil sample. The results indicate that the water-soluble sulfate is less than 0.1 percent by weight which is considered “not applicable” (i.e. negligible) as per Table 4.2.1 of ACI 318. Based upon the test results, no special concrete mix design is required by Code for sulfate attack resistance.

5.4.7 Import Soils

Import soils (if needed) should have an Expansion Index of less than 20 (very low) and should not possess oversized or deleterious materials. GeoTek also recommends that, as a minimum, any proposed import soils be tested for soluble sulfate content. GeoTek should be notified a minimum of 72 hours of potential import sources so that appropriate sampling and laboratory testing can be performed.

5.5 PRELIMINARY PAVEMENT DESIGN

Preliminary pavement design for proposed street improvements was conducted per Caltrans *Highway Design Manual* guidelines for flexible pavements. Based on an assumed design R-value of 40 and for Traffic Indices (TIs) of 5.0, 6.0 and 7.0, the following preliminary sections were calculated:

PRELIMINARY MINIMUM PAVEMENT SECTION		
Traffic Index	Thickness of Asphalt Concrete (inches)	Thickness of Aggregate Base (inches)
5.0 (Local)	4*	4
6.0 (Local)	4*	5
7.0 (Collector)	4-½	6

*Minimum thickness per City of Fontana

Traffic Indices (TIs) used in our pavement design are considered reasonable values for the proposed residential street areas and should provide a pavement life of approximately 20 years with a normal amount of flexible pavement maintenance. Irrigation adjacent to pavements, without a deep curb or other cutoff to separate landscaping from the paving may result in premature pavement failure. Traffic parameters used for design were selected based upon engineering judgment and not upon information furnished to us such as an equivalent wheel load analysis or a traffic study.

The recommended preliminary pavement sections provided are intended as a minimum guideline and final selection of pavement cross section parameters should be made by the project civil engineer, based upon the local laws and ordinates, expected subgrade and pavement response, and desired level of conservatism. If thinner or highly variable pavement sections are constructed, increased maintenance and repair could be expected. Final pavement design should be checked by testing of soils exposed at subgrade (the upper five feet) after final grading has been completed.

Asphalt concrete and aggregate base should conform to current Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 39 and 26-1.02, respectively. As an alternative, asphalt concrete can conform to Section 203-6 of the current Standard Specifications for Public Work (Green Book). Crushed aggregate base or crushed miscellaneous base can conform to Section 200-2.2 and 200-2.4 of the Green Book, respectively. Pavement base should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the ASTM D1557 laboratory maximum dry density (modified proctor).

All pavement installation, including preparation and compaction of subgrade, compaction of base material, placement and rolling of asphaltic concrete should be done in accordance with the City of Fontana specifications, and under the observation and testing of GeoTek and a City Inspector where required. Jurisdictional minimum compaction requirements in excess of the aforementioned minimums may govern.

5.6 CONCRETE FLATWORK

5.5.1 Exterior Concrete Slabs and Sidewalks

Exterior concrete slabs and sidewalks should be designed using a four (4) inch minimum thickness. No specific reinforcement is required due to the non-structural nature. However, the use of some reinforcement should be considered. Recommendations can be provided upon request. Some shrinkage and cracking of the concrete should be anticipated as a result of typical mix designs and curing practices commonly utilized in residential construction.

Sidewalks and driveways may be under the jurisdiction of the governing agency. If so, jurisdictional design and construction criteria would apply, if more restrictive than the recommendations presented herein.

Subgrade soils, classified as having a “very low” expansion potential, should be pre-moistened prior to placing concrete. The subgrade soils below exterior slabs, sidewalks, driveways, etc. at the subject site should be pre-saturated to a minimum of 100% of optimum moisture content to a depth of 12 inches.

All concrete installation, including preparation and compaction of subgrade, should be done in accordance with City of Fontana specifications, and under the observation and testing of GeoTek and a City Inspector, if necessary.

5.5.2 Concrete Performance

Concrete cracks should be expected. These cracks can vary from sizes that are essentially unnoticeable to more than 1/8 inch in width. Most cracks in concrete, while unsightly, do not significantly impact long-term performance. While it is possible to take measures (proper concrete mix, placement, curing, control joints, etc.) to reduce the extent and size of cracks that occur, some cracking will occur despite the best efforts to minimize it. Concrete can also undergo chemical processes that are dependent on a wide range of variables, which are difficult, at best, to control. Concrete, while seemingly a stable material, is also subject to internal expansion and contraction due to external changes over time.

One of the simplest means to control cracking is to provide weakened control joints for cracking to occur along. These do not prevent cracks from developing; they simply provide a relief point for the stresses that develop. These joints are a widely accepted means to control cracks but are not always effective. Control joints are more effective the more closely spaced they are. GeoTek suggests that control joints be placed in two directions and located a distance apart roughly equal to 24 to 36 times the slab thickness.

Exterior concrete flatwork (patios, walkways, driveways, etc.) is often some of the most visible aspects of site development. They are typically given the least level of quality control, being considered “non-structural” components. We suggest that the same standards of care be applied to these features as to the structure itself.

5.7 POST CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

5.5.1 Landscape Maintenance and Planting

Water has been shown to weaken the inherent strength of soil, and slope stability is significantly reduced by overly wet conditions. Positive surface drainage away from graded slopes should be maintained and only the amount of irrigation necessary to sustain plant life should be provided for planted slopes. Controlling surface drainage and runoff and maintaining a suitable vegetation cover can minimize erosion. Plants selected for landscaping should be lightweight, deep-rooted types that require little water and are capable of surviving the prevailing climate.

Overwatering should be avoided. The soils should be maintained in a solid to semi-solid state as defined by the materials Atterberg Limits. Care should be taken when adding soil amendments to avoid excessive watering. Leaching as a method of soil preparation prior to planting is not recommended. An abatement program to control ground-burrowing rodents should be implemented and maintained. This is critical as burrowing rodents can decreased the long-term performance of slopes.

It is common for planting to be placed adjacent to structures in planter or lawn areas. This will result in the introduction of water into the ground adjacent to the foundation. This type of landscaping should be avoided. If used, then extreme care should be exercised with regard to the irrigation and drainage in these areas.

5.5.2 Drainage

The need to maintain proper surface drainage and subsurface systems cannot be overly emphasized. Positive site drainage should be maintained at all times. Drainage should not flow uncontrolled down any descending slope. Water should be directed away from foundations and not allowed to pond or seep into the ground. Pad drainage should be directed toward approved areas and not be blocked by other improvements.

It is the owner’s responsibility to maintain and clean drainage devices on or contiguous to their lot. In order to be effective, maintenance should be conducted on a regular and routine schedule and necessary corrections made prior to each rainy season.

5.7 PLAN REVIEW AND CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATIONS

We recommend that site foundation plans and relevant project specifications be reviewed by this office prior to construction to check for conformance with the recommendations of this report. We also recommend that GeoTek representatives be present during site grading and foundation construction to check for proper implementation of the geotechnical recommendations. The owner/developer should verify that GeoTek representatives perform at least the following duties:

- Observe site clearing and grubbing operations for proper removal of unsuitable materials.
- Observe and test bottom of removals prior to fill placement.
- Evaluate the suitability of onsite and import materials for fill placement and collect soil samples for laboratory testing where necessary.
- Observe the fill for uniformity during placement, including utility trenches.
- Perform field density testing of the fill materials.
- Observe and probe foundation excavations to confirm suitability of bearing materials.

If requested, a construction observation and compaction report can be provided by GeoTek, which can comply with the requirements of the governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the project. We recommend that these agencies be notified prior to commencement of construction so that necessary grading permits can be obtained.

6 INTENT

It is the intent of this report to aid in the design and construction of the proposed development. Implementation of the advice presented in Section 5 of this report is intended to reduce risk associated with construction projects. The professional opinions and geotechnical advice contained in this report are not intended to imply total performance of the project or guarantee that unusual or variable conditions will not be discovered during or after construction.

The scope of our evaluation is limited to the boundaries of the subject residential lot. This review does not and should in no way be construed to encompass any areas beyond the specific area of the proposed construction as indicated to us by the client. Further, no evaluation of any existing site improvements is included. The scope is based on our understanding of the project and the client's needs, our fee estimate (P-1004420-CR) dated October 9, 2020 and geotechnical engineering standards normally used on similar projects in this region.

7 LIMITATIONS

The materials observed on the project site appear to be representative of the area; however, soil and bedrock materials vary in character between excavations and natural outcrops or conditions exposed during site construction. Site conditions may vary due to seasonal changes or other factors. GeoTek, Inc. assumes no responsibility or liability for work, testing or recommendations performed or provided by others.

Since our recommendations are based on the site conditions observed and encountered, and laboratory testing, our conclusion and recommendations are professional opinions that are limited to the extent of the available data. Observations during construction are important to allow for any change in recommendations found to be warranted. These opinions have been derived in accordance with current standards of practice and no warranty is expressed or implied. Standards of practice are subject to change with time.

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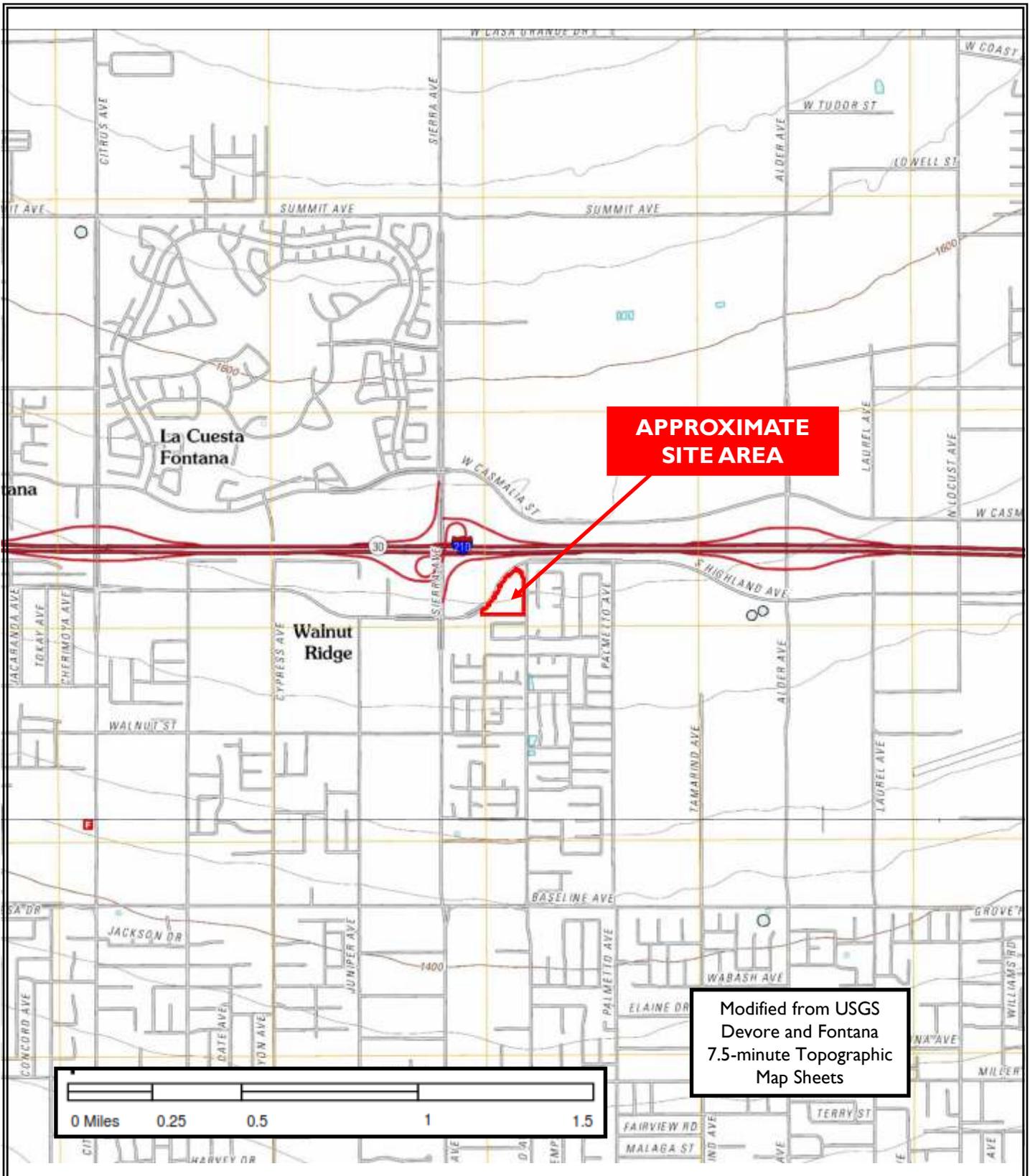
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Figure 1
Site Location and Topography Map





NORTH

LEGEND

- B-6** ● **Approximate Location of Exploratory Boring**
- I-2** ● **Approximate Location of Infiltration Test**



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Figure 2
Boring Location Map

APPENDIX A

LOGS OF EXPLORATORY BORINGS

**Single-Family Residential Development
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A - FIELD TESTING AND SAMPLING PROCEDURES

The Modified Split-Barrel Sampler (Ring)

The ring sampler is driven into the ground in accordance with ASTM Test Method D 3550. The sampler, with an external diameter of 3.0 inches, is lined with 1-inch long, thin brass rings with inside diameters of approximately 2.4 inches. The sampler is typically driven into the ground 12 or 18 inches with a 140-pound hammer free falling from a height of 30 inches. Blow counts are recorded for every 6 inches of penetration as indicated on the log of boring. The samples are removed from the sample barrel in the brass rings, sealed, and transported to the laboratory for testing.

Bulk Samples (Large)

These samples are normally large bags of earth materials over 20 pounds in weight collected from the field by means of hand digging or exploratory cuttings.

B – BORING LOG LEGEND

The following abbreviations and symbols often appear in the classification and description of soil and rock on the logs of borings:

SOILS

USCS	Unified Soil Classification System
f-c	Fine to coarse
f-m	Fine to medium

GEOLOGIC

B: Attitudes	Bedding: strike/dip
J: Attitudes	Joint: strike/dip
C: Contact line	
.....	Dashed line denotes USCS material change
————	Solid Line denotes unit / formational change
—————	Thick solid line denotes end of boring

(Additional denotations and symbols are provided on the log of borings)

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LOG OF EXPLORATORY BORING



CLIENT: Frontier Enterprises
PROJECT NAME: APN 0240-121-22
PROJECT NO.: 2535-CR
LOCATION: Fontana, CA

DRILLER: 2R
DRILL METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger
HAMMER: 140 lbs. - 30 inches

LOGGED BY: JD
OPERATOR: Nick
RIG TYPE: CME-75
DATE: 10/23/2020

Depth (ft)	SAMPLES			USCS Symbol	BORING NO.: B-1 MATERIAL DESCRIPTION AND COMMENTS	Laboratory Testing		
	Sample Type	Blows/ 6 in	Sample Number			Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Others
5		7 15 13		SM	Alluvium: Silty f-c SAND, light brown, gravelly, cobble, slightly moist			
5		14 28 50-5"			Silty f-c SAND, light brown, gravelly, slightly moist, medium dense	1.3		disturbed sample
5		14 28 50-5"			Silty f-c SAND, light brown, gravelly, slightly moist, very dense	1.5		disturbed sample
10		20 40 40			No Recovery			
15		19 50-5"			Silty f-c SAND, light brown, gravelly, slightly moist, dense			
20		50-4"			No Recovery			
BORING TERMINATED AT 20½ FEET								
					No groundwater encountered Boring backfilled with soil cuttings			
25								
30								

LEGEND	Sample type:		---Ring		---SPT		---Small Bulk		---Large Bulk		---No Recovery		---Water Table
	Lab testing:	AL = Atterberg Limits	EI = Expansion Index	SA = Sieve Analysis	RV = R-Value Test	SR = Sulfate/Resistivity Test	SH = Shear Test	HC = Consolidation	MD = Maximum Density				

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Depth (ft)	SAMPLES			USCS Symbol	BORING NO.: B-2	Laboratory Testing		
	Sample Type	Blows/ 6 in	Sample Number			Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Others
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION AND COMMENTS								
5				SM	Alluvium: Silty f-c SAND, light brown, gravelly, slightly moist			
	22				Silty f-c SAND, light brown, gravelly, dry, dense	1.0	129.8	
	32							
	34							
		32				Silty f-c SAND, light brown, gravelly, dry, very dense	0.8	133.7
10								
		32			Silty f-c SAND, grey-brown, gravelly, dry, very dense			
		40						
		50-5"						
15					Silty f-c SAND, grey-brown, gravelly, dry, very dense			
		12						
		33						
		50-5½"						
20					No Recovery			
		17						
		50-6"						
25								
		35						
		50-3"						
BORING TERMINATED AT 21 FEET								
					No groundwater encountered Boring backfilled with soil cuttings			
30								

LEGEND	Sample type:	---Ring	---SPT	---Small Bulk	---Large Bulk	---No Recovery	---Water Table	
	Lab testing:	AL = Atterberg Limits	EI = Expansion Index	SA = Sieve Analysis	RV = R-Value Test	SR = Sulfate/Resistivity Test	SH = Shear Test	HC = Consolidation

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Depth (ft)	SAMPLES			USCS Symbol	BORING NO.: B-3 MATERIAL DESCRIPTION AND COMMENTS	Laboratory Testing		
	Sample Type	Blows/ 6 in	Sample Number			Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Others
5		16 18 31		SM	Alluvium: Silty f-c SAND, light brown, gravelly, slightly moist			
10		12 25 38			Silty f-c SAND, brown, gravelly, moist, dense	1.8	124.1	
15		18 50-6"			Silty f-c SAND, brown, gravelly, moist, dense			
20		16 50-5 1/2"			Silty f-c SAND, brown, gravelly, moist, dense			
25		17 50-4"			Silty f-c SAND, grey-brown, gravelly, moist, dense			
30					BORING TERMINATED AT 21 FEET No groundwater encountered Boring backfilled with soil cuttings			

LEGEND	Sample type:		---Ring		---SPT		---Small Bulk		---Large Bulk		---No Recovery		---Water Table
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Depth (ft)	SAMPLES			USCS Symbol	BORING NO.: B-4 MATERIAL DESCRIPTION AND COMMENTS	Laboratory Testing		
	Sample Type	Blows/ 6 in	Sample Number			Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Others
5		20 24 24		SM	Alluvium: Silty f-c SAND, light brown, cobble, dry			
		13 38 50-4"			No Recovery			
		13 38 50-4"			Silty f-c SAND, grey-brown, gravelly, slightly moist, very dense	1.7		disturbed sample
10		22 36 22			Silty f-c SAND, grey-brown, gravelly, slightly moist, dense	2.1	106.9	
15		18 50-5"			Silty f-c SAND, brown, gravelly, moist, dense			
20		50-5"			Silty f-c SAND, brown, gravelly, moist, dense			
25					BORING TERMINATED AT 20½ FEET			
					No groundwater encountered Boring backfilled with soil cuttings			
30								

LEGEND	Sample type:	---Ring	---SPT	---Small Bulk	---Large Bulk	---No Recovery	---Water Table	
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Depth (ft)	SAMPLES			USCS Symbol	BORING NO.: B-5 MATERIAL DESCRIPTION AND COMMENTS	Laboratory Testing		
	Sample Type	Blows/ 6 in	Sample Number			Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Others
5	7	50-4"		SM	Alluvium: Silty f-c SAND, brown, gravelly, slightly moist			MD, SH, EI, SR EI=0
16					Silty f-c SAND, grey-brown, gravelly, slightly moist, dense	0.7		
28								
36								
7					Silty f-c SAND, brown, gravelly, slightly moist, dense	1.0		
10	7	50-5"			Silty f-c SAND, grey-brown, gravelly, slightly moist, very dense			
22								
50-5"								
15	15				Silty f-c SAND, grey-brown, gravelly, slightly moist, very dense			
35								
43								
20					Silty f-c SAND, grey-brown, gravelly, moist, dense			
50-6"								
20 1/2	BORING TERMINATED AT 20 1/2 FEET							
	No groundwater encountered Boring backfilled with soil cuttings							

LEGEND	Sample type:	---Ring	--SPT	---Small Bulk	---Large Bulk	---No Recovery	---Water Table	
	Lab testing:	AL = Atterberg Limits	EI = Expansion Index	SA = Sieve Analysis	RV = R-Value Test	SR = Sulfate/Resistivity Test	SH = Shear Test	HC = Consolidation

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Depth (ft)	SAMPLES			USCS Symbol	BORING NO.: B-6	Laboratory Testing		
	Sample Type	Blows/ 6 in	Sample Number			Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Others
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION AND COMMENTS								
				SM	Alluvium: Silty f-c SAND, brown, slightly moist			
5		11 20 27			Silty f-c SAND, light brown, gravelly, slightly moist, dense	1.8	119.8	
		10 20 25			Silty f-c SAND, grey-brown, gravelly, slightly moist, dense	1.1		
10		27 50-5"			Silty f-c SAND, brown, gravelly, moist, very dense	2.2	121.9	
15		50-4"			No Recovery			
20		50-5"			Silty f-c SAND, grey, gravelly, moist, dense			
25		34 50-6"			Silty f-c SAND, grey, gravelly, slightly moist, very dense			
30		14 50-4"			Silty f-c SAND, light brown, pebbly, slightly moist, dense			

LEGEND

Sample type: ---Ring ---SPT ---Small Bulk ---Large Bulk ---No Recovery ---Water Table

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Depth (ft)	SAMPLES				USCS Symbol	BORING NO.: B-6 MATERIAL DESCRIPTION AND COMMENTS	Laboratory Testing		
	Sample Type	Blows/ 6 in	Sample Number	Sample Number			Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Others
<div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">35</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">40</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">45</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">50</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">25</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">30</div>	<div style="width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: grey; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	17	50-3"	SM	<p><u>Alluvium:</u></p> <p>Silty f-c SAND, grey, slightly moist, dense</p>				
					<p>BORING TERMINATED AT 40 FEET DUE TO RIG FAILURE</p>				

LEGEND	Sample type:		---Ring		--SPT		---Small Bulk		---Large Bulk		---No Recovery		---Water Table
	Lab testing:	AL = Atterberg Limits	El = Expansion Index	SA = Sieve Analysis	RV = R-Value Test	SR = Sulfate/Resistivity Test	SH = Shear Test	HC= Consolidation	MD = Maximum Density				

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	Sample Type	Blows/ 6 in	Sample Number	Sample Number			Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Others
5					SM	Alluvium: Silty f-c SAND, brown, gravelly, slightly moist			
10						BORING TERMINATED AT 5 FEET No groundwater encountered Boring backfilled with soil cuttings			
15									
20									
25									
30									

LEGEND	Sample type:		---Ring		--SPT		---Small Bulk		---Large Bulk		---No Recovery		---Water Table
	Lab testing:	AL = Atterberg Limits	El = Expansion Index	SA = Sieve Analysis	RV = R-Value Test	SR = Sulfate/Resistivity Test	SH = Shear Test	HC= Consolidation	MD = Maximum Density				

GeoTek, Inc.
LOG OF EXPLORATORY BORING



CLIENT: Frontier Enterprises
PROJECT NAME: APN 0240-121-22
PROJECT NO.: 2535-CR
LOCATION: Fontana, CA

DRILLER: 2R
DRILL METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger
HAMMER: 140 lbs. - 30 inches

LOGGED BY: JD
OPERATOR: Nick
RIG TYPE: CME-75
DATE: 10/23/2020

Depth (ft)	SAMPLES				USCS Symbol	BORING NO.: I-2 MATERIAL DESCRIPTION AND COMMENTS	Laboratory Testing		
	Sample Type	Blows/ 6 in	Sample Number	Sample Number			Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Others
5					SM	Alluvium: Silty f-c SAND, brown, gravelly, slightly moist			
10						BORING TERMINATED AT 5 FEET No groundwater encountered Boring backfilled with soil cuttings			
15									
20									
25									
30									

LEGEND	Sample type:		---Ring		--SPT		---Small Bulk		---Large Bulk		---No Recovery		---Water Table
	Lab testing:	AL = Atterberg Limits	SR = Sulfate/Resistivity Test	EI = Expansion Index	SH = Shear Test	SA = Sieve Analysis	HC = Consolidation	RV = R-Value Test	MD = Maximum Density				

APPENDIX B

LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

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SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TESTING

Classification

Soils were classified visually in general accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (ASTM Test Method D 2487). The soil classifications are shown on the logs of exploratory borings in Appendix A.

Direct Shear

Shear testing was performed in a direct shear machine of the strain-control type in general accordance with ASTM Test Method D 3080. The rate of deformation is approximately 0.035 inch per minute. The samples were sheared under varying confining loads in order to determine the coulomb shear strength parameters, angle of internal friction and cohesion. The results of the testing are presented in Appendix B.

Expansion Index

Expansion Index testing was performed on two representative soil samples. Testing was performed in general accordance with ASTM Test Method D 4829. The results of the testing are provided below.

Boring No.	Depth (ft.)	Soil Type	Expansion Index	Classification
B-5	0-5	Silty Sand	0	Very Low

Moisture-Density Relationship

Laboratory testing was performed on representative site samples collected during the recent subsurface exploration. The laboratory maximum dry density and optimum moisture content for the samples tested were determined in general accordance with test method ASTM Test Procedure D 1557. The results are included in Appendix B.

Sulfate Content, Resistivity and Chloride Content

Testing to determine the water-soluble sulfate content, resistivity testing and the chloride content was performed by others. The results of the testing are provided below and in Appendix B.

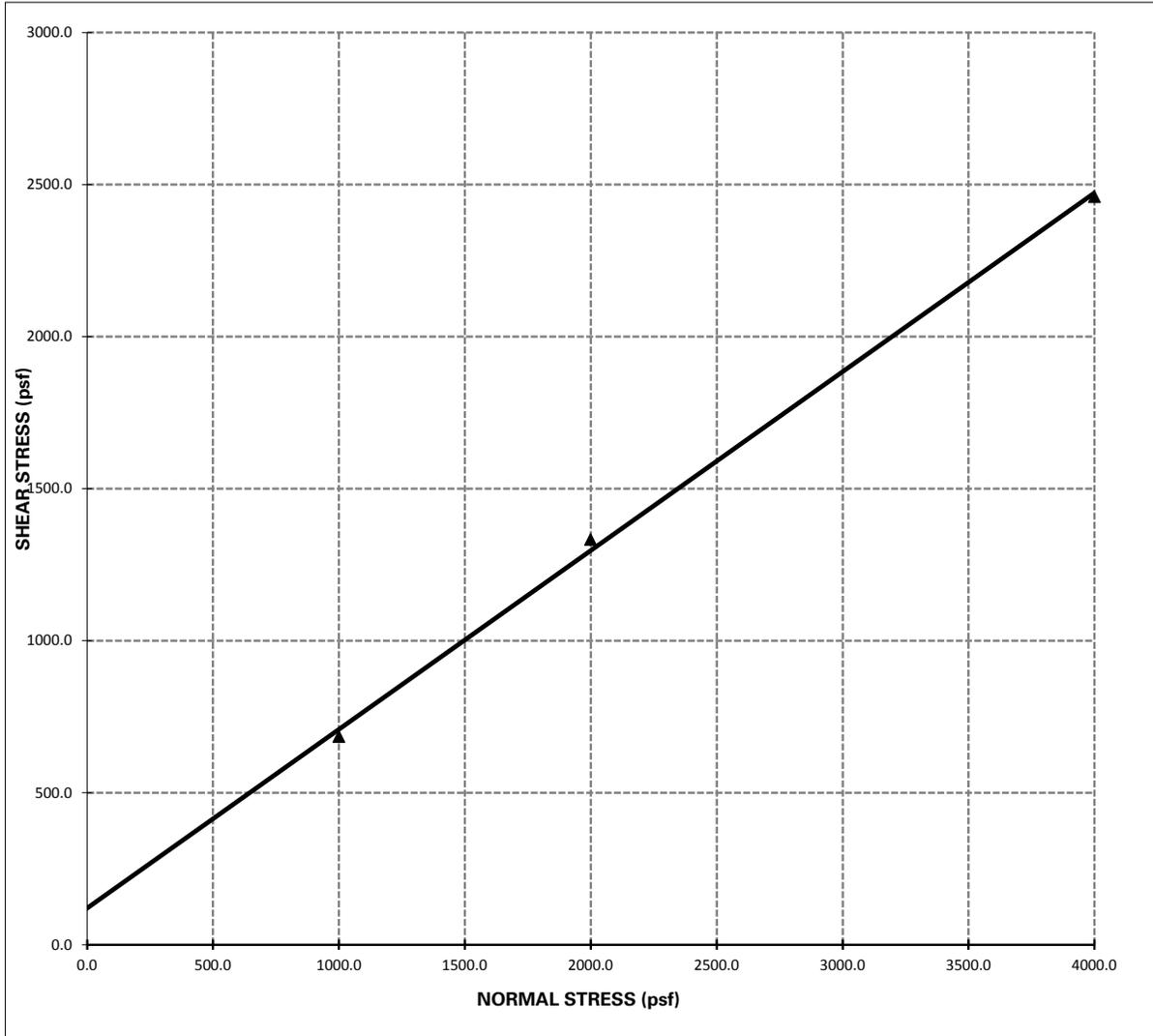
Boring No.	Depth (ft.)	pH ASTM G51	Chloride ASTM D4327 (ppm)	Sulfate ASTM D4327 (% by weight)	Resistivity ASTM G187 (ohm-cm)
B-5	0-5	6.5	5.0	0.0008	10,050



DIRECT SHEAR TEST

Project Name: South of Mango Ave & Highland Ave
Project Number: 2535-CR

Sample Location: B-5 @ 0-5 feet
Date Tested: 11/23/2020



Shear Strength: $\Phi = 30.5^\circ$; **C = 120.00 psf**

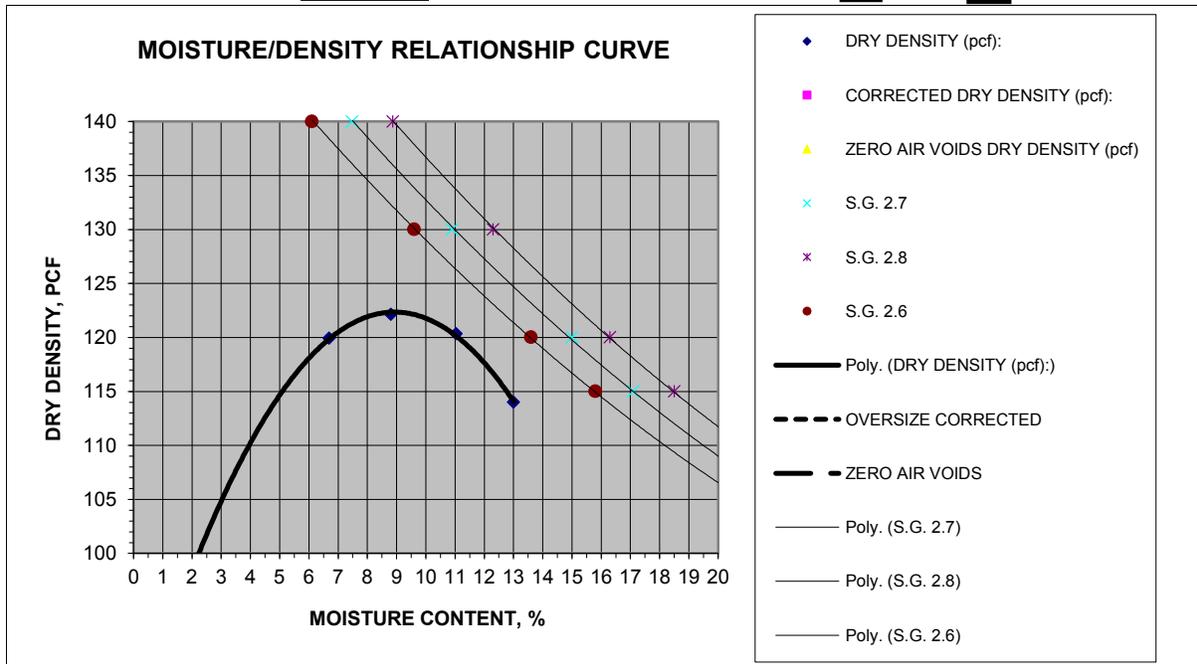
- Notes:**
- 1 - The soil specimen used in the shear box was a ring sample remolded to approximately 90% relative compaction from a bulk sample collected during the field investigation.
 - 2 - The above reflect direct shear strength at saturated conditions.
 - 3 - The tests were run at a shear rate of 0.035 in/min.



MOISTURE/DENSITY RELATIONSHIP

Client: <u>Frontier Enterprises</u> Project: <u>South of Mango Ave. & Highland Ave.</u> Location: <u>Fontana</u> Material Type: <u>Gravelly silty f-c sand, brown</u> Material Supplier: _____ Material Source: _____ Sample Location: <u>B-5 @ 0 -5 feet</u>	Job No.: <u>2535-CR</u> Lab No.: <u>Corona</u>
Sampled By: <u>JD</u> Received By: <u>DA</u> Tested By: <u>FS</u> Reviewed By: <u>DA</u>	Date Sampled: <u>4-Nov-20</u> Date Received: <u>4-Nov-20</u> Date Tested: <u>17-Nov-20</u> Date Reviewed: <u>23-Nov-20</u>

Test Procedure: ASTM 1557 **Method:** C
Oversized Material (%): 0.0 **Correction Required:** yes no



MATERIAL DESCRIPTION

Grain Size Distribution:

	% Gravel (retained on No. 4)
	% Sand (Passing No. 4, Retained on No. 200)
	% Silt and Clay (Passing No. 200)

Classification:

Unified Soils Classification: _____
 AASHTO Soils Classification: _____

Atterberg Limits:

	Liquid Limit, %
	Plastic Limit, %
	Plasticity Index, %



Results Only Soil Testing for Fontana-Frontier

November 23, 2020

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**Project X Job#: S201117E
Client Job or PO#: 2535-CR**

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Soil Analysis Lab Results

Client: GeoTek, Inc.

Job Name: Fontana-Frontier

Client Job Number: 2535-CR

Project X Job Number: S201117E

November 22, 2020

Method	ASTM D4327	ASTM D4327	ASTM G187	ASTM D4972	ASTM G200	SM 4500-S2-D	ASTM D4327	ASTM D6919	ASTM D6919	ASTM D6919	ASTM D6919	ASTM D6919	ASTM D6919	ASTM D4327	ASTM D4327
Bore# / Description	Sulfates	Chlorides	Resistivity	pH	Redox	Sulfide	Nitrate	Ammonium	Lithium	Sodium	Potassium	Magnesium	Calcium	Fluoride	Phosphate
	SO ₄ ²⁻ (mg/kg)	Cl ⁻ (mg/kg)	As Rec'd Minimum (Ohm-cm) (Ohm-cm)		(mV)	S ²⁻ (mg/kg)	NO ₃ ⁻ (mg/kg)	NH ₄ ⁺ (mg/kg)	Li ⁺ (mg/kg)	Na ⁺ (mg/kg)	K ⁺ (mg/kg)	Mg ²⁺ (mg/kg)	Ca ²⁺ (mg/kg)	F ⁻ (mg/kg)	PO ₄ ³⁻ (mg/kg)
B5	8.1	5.0	>737,000	6.5	174	<0.01	78.9	2.6	n.a.	4.7	2.4	2.7	15.5	1.3	0.2

Cations and Anions, except Sulfide and Bicarbonate, tested with Ion Chromatography

mg/kg = milligrams per kilogram (parts per million) of dry soil weight

ND = 0 = Not Detected | NT = Not Tested | Unk = Unknown

Chemical Analysis performed on 1:3 Soil-To-Water extract

APPENDIX C

INFILTRATION TEST DATA & CONVERSION CALCULATIONS

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PERCOLATION DATA SHEET

Project: MANGO AVENUE & S. HIGHLAND AVENUE Job No.: 2535-CRTest Hole No.: EAST Tested By: DVG Date: 10/24/2020Depth of Hole As Drilled: 60 Before Test: 60 After Test: 60

Reading No.	Time	Time Interval (Min)	Total Depth of Hole (Inches)	Initial Water Level (Inches)	Final Water Level (Inches)	Δ In Water Level (Inches)	Comments
							PRESUAK 5 GAL
	<u>1100</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			BEGIN
	<u>1110</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>7 3/4</u>	<u>12 1/4</u>	1ST 25 MIN.
	<u>1112</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>1122</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>7 3/4</u>	<u>12 1/4</u>	2ND 25 MIN.
	<u>1124</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>1134</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>7 3/4</u>	<u>12 1/4</u>	1ST 10 MIN.
	<u>1136</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>1146</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>7 3/4</u>	<u>12 1/4</u>	2ND 10 MIN.
	<u>1148</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>1158</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	3RD 10 MIN.
	<u>1200</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>1210</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	4TH 10 MIN.
	<u>1212</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>1222</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	5TH 10 MIN.
	<u>1224</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>1234</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	6TH 10 MIN.
	<u>1236</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>1246</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	7TH 10 MIN.

PERCOLATION DATA SHEET

Project: MANGO AVENUE & S. HIGHLAND AVE. Job No.: 2535-CR.

Test Hole No.: WEST Tested By: DVG Date: 10/24/2020

Depth of Hole As Drilled: 60" Before Test: 60" After Test: 60"

Reading No.	Time	Time Interval (Min)	Total Depth of Hole (Inches)	Initial Water Level (Inches)	Final Water Level (Inches)	Δ In Water Level (Inches)	Comments
							PRESOAK 5 GAL
	<u>110</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			BEGIN
	<u>120</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	1ST 25 MIN.
	<u>122</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>132</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	2ND 25 MIN
	<u>134</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>144</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	1ST 10 MIN.
	<u>146</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>156</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	2ND 10 MIN.
	<u>158</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>208</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	3RD 10 MIN.
	<u>210</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>220</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	4TH 10 MIN.
	<u>222</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>232</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8 1/4</u>	<u>11 3/4</u>	5TH 10 MIN.
	<u>234</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>244</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8 1/4</u>	<u>11 3/4</u>	6TH 10 MIN.
	<u>246</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>256</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>8 1/4</u>	<u>11 3/4</u>	7TH 10 MIN.

Client: Frontier
Project: Fontana
Project No: 2535-CR
Date: 3/11/2020

Boring No. I-1 (West)

Percolation Rate (Porchet Method)

Time Interval, $\Delta t =$ 10
 Final Depth to Water, $D_F =$ 51.75
 Test Hole Radius, $r =$ 4
 Initial Depth to Water, $D_O =$ 40
 Total Test Hole Depth, $D_T =$ 60

Equation -
$$I_t = \frac{\Delta H (60r)}{\Delta t (r+2H_{avg})}$$

$H_O = D_T - D_O =$ 20
 $H_F = D_T - D_F =$ 8.25
 $\Delta H = \Delta D = H_O - H_F =$ 11.75
 $H_{avg} = (H_O + H_F) / 2 =$ 14.125

$I_t =$ 8.74 Inches per Hour



Client: Frontier
Project: Fontana
Project No: 2535-CR
Date: 3/11/2020

Boring No. I-2 (East)

Percolation Rate (Porchet Method)

Time Interval, $\Delta t =$ 10
 Final Depth to Water, $D_F =$ 52
 Test Hole Radius, $r =$ 4
 Initial Depth to Water, $D_O =$ 40
 Total Test Hole Depth, $D_T =$ 60

Equation -
$$I_t = \frac{\Delta H (60r)}{\Delta t (r+2H_{avg})}$$

$H_O = D_T - D_O =$ 20
 $H_F = D_T - D_F =$ 8
 $\Delta H = \Delta D = H_O - H_F =$ 12
 $H_{avg} = (H_O + H_F) / 2 =$ 14

$I_t =$ 9.00 Inches per Hour



APPENDIX D

GENERAL GRADING GUIDELINES

**Single-Family Residential Development
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Project No. 2535-CR**



GENERAL GRADING GUIDELINES

Guidelines presented herein are intended to address general construction procedures for earthwork construction. Specific situations and conditions often arise which cannot reasonably be discussed in general guidelines, when anticipated these are discussed in the text of the report. Often unanticipated conditions are encountered which may necessitate modification or changes to these guidelines. It is our hope that these will assist the contractor to more efficiently complete the project by providing a reasonable understanding of the procedures that would be expected during earthwork and the testing and observation used to evaluate those procedures.

General

Grading should be performed to at least the minimum requirements of governing agencies, Chapters 18 and 33 of the Uniform Building Code, CBC and the guidelines presented below.

Preconstruction Meeting

A preconstruction meeting should be held prior to site earthwork. Any questions the contractor has regarding our recommendations, general site conditions, apparent discrepancies between reported and actual conditions and/or differences in procedures the contractor intends to use should be brought up at that meeting. The contractor (including the main onsite representative) should review our report and these guidelines in advance of the meeting. Any comments the contractor may have regarding these guidelines should be brought up at that meeting.

Grading Observation and Testing

1. Observation of the fill placement should be provided by our representative during grading. Verbal communication during the course of each day will be used to inform the contractor of test results. The contractor should receive a copy of the "Daily Field Report" indicating results of field density tests that day. If our representative does not provide the contractor with these reports, our office should be notified.
2. Testing and observation procedures are, by their nature, specific to the work or area observed and location of the tests taken, variability may occur in other locations. The contractor is responsible for the uniformity of the grading operations; our observations and test results are intended to evaluate the contractor's overall level of efforts during grading. The contractor's personnel are the only individuals participating in all aspect of site work. Compaction testing and observation should not be considered as relieving the contractor's responsibility to properly compact the fill.
3. Cleanouts, processed ground to receive fill, key excavations, and subdrains should be observed by our representative prior to placing any fill. It will be the contractor's responsibility to notify our representative or office when such areas are ready for observation.

4. Density tests may be made on the surface material to receive fill, as considered warranted by this firm.
5. In general, density tests would be made at maximum intervals of two feet of fill height or every 1,000 cubic yards of fill placed. Criteria will vary depending on soil conditions and size of the fill. More frequent testing may be performed. In any case, an adequate number of field density tests should be made to evaluate the required compaction and moisture content is generally being obtained.
6. Laboratory testing to support field test procedures will be performed, as considered warranted, based on conditions encountered (e.g. change of material sources, types, etc.) Every effort will be made to process samples in the laboratory as quickly as possible and in progress construction projects are our first priority. However, laboratory workloads may cause in delays and some soils may require a **minimum of 48 to 72 hours to complete test procedures**. Whenever possible, our representative(s) should be informed in advance of operational changes that might result in different source areas for materials.
7. Procedures for testing of fill slopes are as follows:
 - a) Density tests should be taken periodically during grading on the flat surface of the fill, three to five feet horizontally from the face of the slope.
 - b) If a method other than over building and cutting back to the compacted core is to be employed, slope compaction testing during construction should include testing the outer six inches to three feet in the slope face to determine if the required compaction is being achieved.
8. Finish grade testing of slopes and pad surfaces should be performed after construction is complete.

Site Clearing

1. All vegetation, and other deleterious materials, should be removed from the site. If material is not immediately removed from the site it should be stockpiled in a designated area(s) well outside of all current work areas and delineated with flagging or other means. Site clearing should be performed in advance of any grading in a specific area.
2. Efforts should be made by the contractor to remove all organic or other deleterious material from the fill, as even the most diligent efforts may result in the incorporation of some materials. This is especially important when grading is occurring near the natural grade. All equipment operators should be aware of these efforts. Laborers may be required as root pickers.
3. Nonorganic debris or concrete may be placed in deeper fill areas provided the procedures used are observed and found acceptable by our representative.

Treatment of Existing Ground

1. Following site clearing, all surficial deposits of alluvium and colluvium as well as weathered or creep effected bedrock, should be removed unless otherwise specifically indicated in the text of this report.
2. In some cases, removal may be recommended to a specified depth (e.g. flat sites where partial alluvial removals may be sufficient). The contractor should not exceed these depths unless directed otherwise by our representative.
3. Groundwater existing in alluvial areas may make excavation difficult. Deeper removals than indicated in the text of the report may be necessary due to saturation during winter months.
4. Subsequent to removals, the natural ground should be processed to a depth of six inches, moistened to near optimum moisture conditions and compacted to fill standards.
5. Exploratory back hoe or dozer trenches still remaining after site removal should be excavated and filled with compacted fill if they can be located.

Fill Placement

1. Unless otherwise indicated, all site soil and bedrock may be reused for compacted fill; however, some special processing or handling may be required (see text of report).
2. Material used in the compacting process should be evenly spread, moisture conditioned, processed, and compacted in thin lifts six (6) to eight (8) inches in compacted thickness to obtain a uniformly dense layer. The fill should be placed and compacted on a nearly horizontal plane, unless otherwise found acceptable by our representative.
3. If the moisture content or relative density varies from that recommended by this firm, the contractor should rework the fill until it is in accordance with the following:
 - a) Moisture content of the fill should be at or above optimum moisture. Moisture should be evenly distributed without wet and dry pockets. Pre-watering of cut or removal areas should be considered in addition to watering during fill placement, particularly in clay or dry surficial soils. The ability of the contractor to obtain the proper moisture content will control production rates.
 - b) Each six-inch layer should be compacted to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density in compliance with the testing method specified by the controlling governmental agency. In most cases, the testing method is ASTM Test Designation D 1557.
4. Rock fragments less than eight inches in diameter may be utilized in the fill, provided:
 - a) They are not placed in concentrated pockets;
 - b) There is a sufficient percentage of fine-grained material to surround the rocks;
 - c) The distribution of the rocks is observed by, and acceptable to, our representative.

5. Rocks exceeding eight (8) inches in diameter should be taken off site, broken into smaller fragments, or placed in accordance with recommendations of this firm in areas designated suitable for rock disposal. On projects where significant large quantities of oversized materials are anticipated, alternate guidelines for placement may be included. If significant oversize materials are encountered during construction, these guidelines should be requested.
6. In clay soil, dry or large chunks or blocks are common. If in excess of eight (8) inches minimum dimension, then they are considered as oversized. Sheepsfoot compactors or other suitable methods should be used to break up blocks. When dry, they should be moisture conditioned to provide a uniform condition with the surrounding fill.

Slope Construction

1. The contractor should obtain a minimum relative compaction of 90 percent out to the finished slope face of fill slopes. This may be achieved by either overbuilding the slope and cutting back to the compacted core, or by direct compaction of the slope face with suitable equipment.
2. Slopes trimmed to the compacted core should be overbuilt by at least three (3) feet with compaction efforts out to the edge of the false slope. Failure to properly compact the outer edge results in trimming not exposing the compacted core and additional compaction after trimming may be necessary.
3. If fill slopes are built "at grade" using direct compaction methods, then the slope construction should be performed so that a constant gradient is maintained throughout construction. Soil should not be "spilled" over the slope face nor should slopes be "pushed out" to obtain grades. Compaction equipment should compact each lift along the immediate top of slope. Slopes should be back rolled or otherwise compacted at approximately every 4 feet vertically as the slope is built.
4. Corners and bends in slopes should have special attention during construction as these are the most difficult areas to obtain proper compaction.
5. Cut slopes should be cut to the finished surface. Excessive undercutting and smoothing of the face with fill may necessitate stabilization.

UTILITY TRENCH CONSTRUCTION AND BACKFILL

Utility trench excavation and backfill is the contractors responsibility. The geotechnical consultant typically provides periodic observation and testing of these operations. While efforts are made to make sufficient observations and tests to verify that the contractors' methods and procedures are adequate to achieve proper compaction, it is typically impractical to observe all backfill procedures. As such, it is critical that the contractor use consistent backfill procedures.

Compaction methods vary for trench compaction and experience indicates many methods can be successful. However, procedures that “worked” on previous projects may or may not prove effective on a given site. The contractor(s) should outline the procedures proposed, so that we may discuss them **prior** to construction. We will offer comments based on our knowledge of site conditions and experience.

1. Utility trench backfill in slopes, structural areas, in streets and beneath flat work or hardscape should be brought to at least optimum moisture and compacted to at least 90 percent of the laboratory standard. Soil should be moisture conditioned prior to placing in the trench.
2. Flooding and jetting are not typically recommended or acceptable for native soils. Flooding or jetting may be used with select sand having a Sand Equivalent (SE) of 30 or higher. This is typically limited to the following uses:
 - a) shallow (12 + inches) under slab interior trenches and,
 - b) as bedding in pipe zone.

The water should be allowed to dissipate prior to pouring slabs or completing trench compaction.

3. Care should be taken not to place soils at high moisture content within the upper three feet of the trench backfill in street areas, as overly wet soils may impact subgrade preparation. Moisture may be reduced to 2% below optimum moisture in areas to be paved within the upper three feet below sub grade.
4. Sand backfill should not be allowed in exterior trenches adjacent to and within an area extending below a 1:1 projection from the outside bottom edge of a footing, unless it is similar to the surrounding soil.
5. Trench compaction testing is generally at the discretion of the geotechnical consultant. Testing frequency will be based on trench depth and the contractors procedures. A probing rod would be used to assess the consistency of compaction between tested areas and untested areas. If zones are found that are considered less compact than other areas, this would be brought to the contractors attention.

JOB SAFETY

General

Personnel safety is a primary concern on all job sites. The following summaries are safety considerations for use by all our employees on multi-employer construction sites. On ground personnel are at highest risk of injury and possible fatality on grading construction projects. The company recognizes that construction activities will vary on each site and that job site safety is the contractor's responsibility. However, it is, imperative that all personnel be safety conscious to avoid accidents and potential injury.



In an effort to minimize risks associated with geotechnical testing and observation, the following precautions are to be implemented for the safety of our field personnel on grading and construction projects.

1. **Safety Meetings:** Our field personnel are directed to attend the contractor's regularly scheduled safety meetings.
2. **Safety Vests:** Safety vests are provided for and are to be worn by our personnel while on the job site.
3. **Safety Flags:** Safety flags are provided to our field technicians; one is to be affixed to the vehicle when on site, the other is to be placed atop the spoil pile on all test pits.

In the event that the contractor's representative observes any of our personnel not following the above, we request that it be brought to the attention of our office.

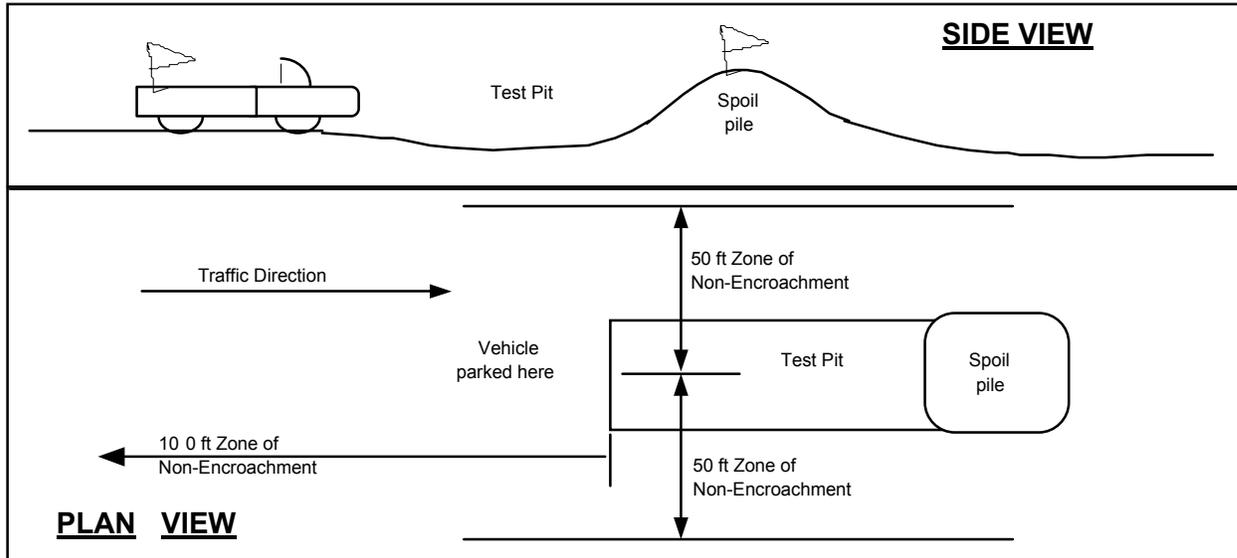
Test Pits Location, Orientation and Clearance

The technician is responsible for selecting test pit locations. The primary concern is the technician's safety. However, it is necessary to take sufficient tests at various locations to obtain a representative sampling of the fill. As such, efforts will be made to coordinate locations with the grading contractors authorized representatives (e.g. dump man, operator, supervisor, grade checker, etc.), and to select locations following or behind the established traffic pattern, preferably outside of current traffic. The contractors authorized representative should direct excavation of the pit and safety during the test period. Again, safety is the paramount concern.

Test pits should be excavated so that the spoil pile is placed away from oncoming traffic. The technician's vehicle is to be placed next to the test pit, opposite the spoil pile. This necessitates that the fill be maintained in a drivable condition. Alternatively, the contractor may opt to park a piece of equipment in front of test pits, particularly in small fill areas or those with limited access.

A zone of non-encroachment should be established for all test pits (see diagram below). No grading equipment should enter this zone during the test procedure. The zone should extend outward to the sides approximately 50 feet from the center of the test pit and 100 feet in the direction of traffic flow. This zone is established both for safety and to avoid excessive ground vibration, which typically decreases test results.

TEST PIT SAFETY PLAN



Slope Tests

When taking slope tests, the technician should park their vehicle directly above or below the test location on the slope. The contractor's representative should effectively keep all equipment at a safe operation distance (e.g. 50 feet) away from the slope during testing.

The technician is directed to withdraw from the active portion of the fill as soon as possible following testing. The technician's vehicle should be parked at the perimeter of the fill in a highly visible location.

Trench Safety

It is the contractor's responsibility to provide safe access into trenches where compaction testing is needed. Trenches for all utilities should be excavated in accordance with CAL-OSHA and any other applicable safety standards. Safe conditions will be required to enable compaction testing of the trench backfill.

All utility trench excavations in excess of 5 feet deep, which a person enters, are to be shored or laid back. Trench access should be provided in accordance with OSHA standards. Our personnel are directed not to enter any trench by being lowered or "riding down" on the equipment.

Our personnel are directed not to enter any excavation which;

1. is 5 feet or deeper unless shored or laid back,
2. exit points or ladders are not provided,
3. displays any evidence of instability, has any loose rock or other debris which could fall into the trench, or
4. displays any other evidence of any unsafe conditions regardless of depth.

If the contractor fails to provide safe access to trenches for compaction testing, our company policy requires that the soil technician withdraws and notifies their supervisor. The contractor's representative will then be contacted in an effort to effect a solution. All backfill not tested due to safety concerns or other reasons is subject to reprocessing and/or removal.

Procedures

In the event that the technician's safety is jeopardized or compromised as a result of the contractor's failure to comply with any of the above, the technician is directed to inform both the developer's and contractor's representatives. If the condition is not rectified, the technician is required, by company policy, to immediately withdraw and notify their supervisor. The contractor's representative will then be contacted in an effort to effect a solution. No further testing will be performed until the situation is rectified. Any fill placed in the interim can be considered unacceptable and subject to reprocessing, recompaction or removal.

In the event that the soil technician does not comply with the above or other established safety guidelines, we request that the contractor bring this to technicians attention and notify our project manager or office. Effective communication and coordination between the contractor's representative and the field technician(s) is strongly encouraged in order to implement the above safety program and safety in general.

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