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## Geotechnical Investigation



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In accordance with your request, we have performed a geotechnical investigation for the Oak Knoll project located in Poway, California. The accompanying report presents the findings of our study, and conclusions and recommendations pertaining to the geotechnical aspects of developing the project as presently proposed. Based on the results of this study, it is our opinion that the subject property can be developed as planned provided that the recommendations of this report are followed.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, or if we may be of further service, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

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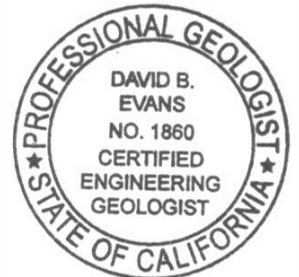
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# GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

## 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This report presents the results of a geotechnical investigation for the proposed Oak Knoll project located in Poway, California (see Vicinity Map, Figure 1). The purpose of our study was to evaluate the soil and geologic conditions on the site and provide geotechnical recommendations pertaining to development of the property as proposed.

The scope of this investigation included a review of the Tentative Map for Oak Knoll, City of Poway, California, Sheets 1 through 3 of 3, prepared by Hunsaker and Associates San Diego, Inc, undated. We also performed a field investigation, conducted laboratory testing to characterize the physical properties of the soils encountered, performed engineering analyses and prepared this report.

We performed an initial field investigation on May 28, 2021, which consisted of drilling 10 hydraulic rotary air percussion borings (generically referenced herein as air-track borings) to evaluate rock rippability in the northeastern portion of the site. On May 18, 2022, we excavated 11 exploratory trenches to evaluate the thickness and condition of surficial deposits requiring remedial grading. We also performed one infiltration test in the area of the proposed stormwater vault to assess the saturated hydraulic conductivity of the underlying soil. Logs of the exploratory trenches, air-track borings, and other details of the field investigation are presented in Appendix A. The locations of the exploratory trenches and borings are presented on the Geologic Map, Figure 2 (map pocket). The infiltration test results are presented in Appendix C.

We performed laboratory testing on selected soil samples obtained during the field investigation to evaluate pertinent physical properties of the soil types encountered. The laboratory information was used in engineering analyses to develop recommendations for geotechnical aspects of site development. Details of the laboratory tests and a summary of the test results are presented in Appendix B.

The recommendations presented herein are based on analysis of the data and observations obtained during field investigations, and our experience with similar soil and geologic conditions. Additional references reviewed to prepare this report are provided in the *List of References*.

## 2. SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The overall site consists of two properties located on either side of Oak Knoll Road, south of Poway Road, east of Pomerado Road, and west of Carriage Road. The northern portion of the site (north of Oak Noll Road) consists of approximately 10-acres of essentially undeveloped land, except for a

single-family residence and several associated structures along the southwestern property boundary. The southern portion (south of the Oak Knoll Road) consists of two parcels of land. The western parcel is undeveloped, and the eastern parcel is occupied by a single-family residence.

Topographically, the southern property is relatively flat with an elevation of approximately 446 feet Mean Sea Level (MSL) to 448 feet MSL and the northern property is level to moderately sloping with elevations ranging from approximately 449 feet MSL to 495 feet MSL. Poway Creek is located along the southern boundary of the southern parcels. A flood elevation of 447 feet MSL is shown on the Tentative Map. A tributary to Poway Creek exists along the northwest property boundary of the northern parcel. The tributary has been channelized and outlets into a storm drain system beneath Oak Knoll Road, constructed as part of the existing residential development to the west. Surface drainage across the northern property is primarily to the south and southwest towards Oak Knoll Road. The southern property drains to the south and southwest into Poway Creek.

Vegetation within the development footprint consists of natural low-lying grasses and some isolated small trees. A large portion of the northern property has been cleared, fenced, and covered with gravel to support an equipment storage yard for a San Diego Gas and Electric subcontractor. Heavy vegetation consisting of large trees and shrubs exist along the southern margin of the south parcels.

Based on review of the Tentative Map, the properties will be developed to create 64 single-family residences, including 60-lots on the northern property and 4-lots on the southern property. The northern development includes a loop road off of Oak Knoll Road that also connects to Roca Grande Drive to the northeast. Associated storm water BMP's, underground utilities, and retaining walls are also planned.

Grading will consist of maximum cut and fill depths of approximately 16 feet and 4 feet, respectively, not considering remedial grading. Cut and fill slopes with maximum heights of approximately 30 feet and 4 feet, respectively, are planned and designed at an inclination of 2:1 (horizontal:vertical) or flatter. Several retaining walls are shown on both properties that range from approximately 1-foot to 6-feet in height. A rear-yard retaining wall is shown along the south development boundary of the southern property to raise building pad elevations above the flood elevation of 447 feet (MSL).

The locations and descriptions of the site and proposed development above are based on our recent and previous field study and review of the project Tentative Map. If development plans differ significantly from those described herein, Geocon Incorporated should be contacted for review and possible revisions to this report.



### **3. SOIL AND GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS**

Four surficial soil types and two geologic formations were encountered during the field investigation. The surficial deposits consist of undocumented fill, alluvium, colluvium, and terrace deposits. The formational units includes the Eocene-age Friars Formation and Cretaceous-age granodiorite (granitic rock). Each of the surficial soils and geologic units encountered are described in order of increasing age. The approximate extent of the surficial deposits and formational materials are shown on the Geologic Map, Figure 2.

#### **3.1 Undocumented Fill (Qudf)**

Undocumented fill embankments cover the majority of both properties. The fill is approximately 6-feet thick along the southern boundary of Lots 61 through 64 (adjacent to Poway Creek). However, within the development footprint, these materials generally range from 1 to 2-feet-thick with the exception of the west margin of the northern parcel where the fill may be up to 5-feet-thick. The undocumented fill is unsuitable for support of additional fill or structural loading in its present condition and will require complete removal and compaction within areas of planned development.

#### **3.2 Alluvium (Qal)**

Alluvial deposits were encountered in Trench T-1 beneath the undocumented fill. Alluvium may also extend into the proposed roadway area northwest of Lots 23, 49 and 50. These deposits generally consist of very loose, wet, sandy gravel with silt and clay. The alluvium is compressible and will require removal and compaction if encountered in areas of planned development.

#### **3.3 Colluvium (Qc)**

Colluvial deposits were encountered in Trenches T-10 and T-11 overlying the granitic rock or terrace deposits. These deposits were up to 10-feet-thick and consist of dry to damp silty/clayey sand with pinhole porosity. The colluvium is considered hydro-compressible and will require removal and compaction.

#### **3.4 Terrace Deposits (Qt)**

Terrace deposits were encountered across the majority of both properties as encountered in Trenches T-2 through T-10. These deposits overly granitic rock and Friars Formation and where encountered, were up to 12-feet-thick. The terrace deposits generally consist of damp to moist, medium stiff to very stiff sandy clay and moist to wet, medium dense clayey gravel with cobble. In general, the terrace deposits are currently considered unsuitable for additional fill or structural loading and will require removal and compaction. However, it is possible that a portion of these deposits can be left in-place upon further testing.

### 3.5 Friars Formation (Tf)

The Eocene-age Friars Formation was encountered beneath the surficial soils across both properties and overlies the granitic rock. This formation typically consists of dense sandstones, hard claystones, and siltstones. The Friars Formation is suitable for support of additional fill or structural loads.

### 3.6 Granodiorite (Kgd)

Cretaceous-age Granodiorite (granitic rock) underlies the sedimentary deposits and is exposed in the north and northeast portion of the northern property. Based on observations made during the field exploration, site reconnaissance, and rock rippability study, the granitic rock exhibits a variable weathering pattern ranging from highly weathered, decomposed rock to outcrops of slightly weathered, extremely strong rock that will require significant breaking effort to excavate. We understand that blasting will not be permitted so rock breaking will be the selected method for excavating hard rock. The granitic unit generally exhibits adequate bearing and slope stability characteristics. Cut slopes excavated within the granitic rock should be stable to the proposed heights if free of adversely oriented joints or fractures.

The soils derived from excavations within the decomposed granitic rock are anticipated to consist of low-expansive, silty, medium- to coarse-grained sands and should provide suitable foundation support in either a natural or properly compacted condition. Excavations within the granitic rock may generate boulders and oversize materials (rocks  $\geq 12$  inches in nominal dimension) that will require special handling and placement as recommended hereinafter.

## 4. RIPPABILITY AND ROCK CONSIDERATIONS

We performed a rock rippability evaluation consisting of drilling 10 air-track borings in proposed cut areas. We performed the study with an Ingersoll-Rand ECM 490 equipped with a 4-inch-diameter bit. Drill penetration rates were used to evaluate rock rippability and to estimate the depth at which difficult excavation will occur. Rock rippability is a function of natural weathering processes that can vary vertically and horizontally over short distances depending on jointing, fracturing, and/or mineralogic discontinuities within the bedrock.

A frequently used guideline to equate rock rippability to drill penetration rate is that a penetration rate of approximately 0 to 20 seconds per foot (spf) generally indicates rippable material, 20 to 30 spf indicates marginally to non-rippable material, and greater than 30 spf indicates non-rippable rock. These general guidelines are typically based on drill rates using a rotary percussion drill rig similar to an Ingersoll Rand ECM 360 with a 3½-inch drill bit. The penetration rates (recorded in seconds per foot) for the air track boring are presented in Appendix A, Figures A-12 through A-21.

The rippability designations discussed above are based on the use of a D9 or equivalent bulldozer equipped with a single shank ripper. Rippable materials can be excavated with moderate to heavy

effort. Marginally rippable includes very heavy ripping and isolated zones of heavy breaking. Non-rippable materials will require significant breaking to excavate the rock.

The estimated thickness of rippable material for each air track boring is presented on Figure 2 (map pocket). Perspective contractors should use their own judgment to identify the penetration rate boundary between productive and non-productive ripping and, rippable and non-rippable rock. We used a threshold of 20 spf to indicate the thickness of rippable material next to each boring on the geologic map.

Based on an air track penetration rate of 20 spf, it is expected that the rippability characteristics will vary. The air-track borings indicate that, where fresh rock is not exposed near the surface (e.g., boulders), the granitic rock is characterized by a rippable weathered mantle varying from approximately 4 to 20-feet-thick. Excavations greater than these depths will encounter difficult ripping conditions and may requiring heavy breaking techniques and can be expected to generate oversized rock (rocks  $\geq 12$  inches in dimension), which will necessitate typical hard rock handling, sizing, and placement procedures during grading operations. Proposed cuts in the weathered mantle may also generate oversized fragments.

Estimates of the anticipated volume of hard rock materials generated from proposed excavations should be evaluated based on the information from each boring and drill penetration rate criteria acceptable to the contractor. Roadway/utility corridors and lot undercutting criteria should also be considered when calculating the volume of hard rock. In addition, a volumetric evaluation should be performed to determine if there are available fill placement areas considering the rock hold down criteria.

Earthwork construction should be carefully planned to efficiently utilize available rock placement areas. Oversize materials should be placed in accordance with rock placement procedures presented in Appendix D of this report and governing jurisdictions.

## **5. GROUNDWATER/SEEPAGE**

Groundwater/seepage was encountered in the exploratory trenches (T-1 through T-3, T-5 through T-8, and T-11) adjacent to Poway Creek and other areas of the site at depths ranging between 6 feet and 11 feet below the ground surface. It appears that the groundwater is perched above the alluvium/colluvium/terrace deposit contact with the underlying Friars Formation or granitic rock. We encountered seepage in exploratory trenches T-9 and T-10 at depths ranging from 8 feet to 11 feet below the ground surface. We performed the field investigation in May 2022 during a regional drought. The seepage encountered in the trenches was likely associated with previous rain and irrigation.

Groundwater levels in drainage areas can be expected to fluctuate seasonally and may affect grading. In this regard, grading may encounter wet to saturated soils conditions causing excavation and compaction difficulty, particularly if construction is planned during the rainy season. Remedial grading of surficial deposits near the tributary (Trench T-11) or Poway Creek, if any, will encounter shallow groundwater and wet to saturated soils requiring specialized excavation equipment, possible dewatering and drying of the material to facilitate proper compaction.

## **6. GEOLOGIC HAZARDS**

### **6.1 Ground Rupture**

USGS (2016) shows that there are no mapped Quaternary faults crossing or trending toward the property. In addition, the site is not located within a currently established Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone.

The nearest known active faults are the Newport-Inglewood/Rose Canyon Fault Zone, located approximately 15 miles west of the subject site. Based on this study, it is our opinion that the risk associated with ground rupture hazard is considered low.

### **6.2 Seismicity**

The San Diego County and Southern California region is seismically active. Considerations important in seismic design include the frequency and duration of motion and the soil conditions underlying the site. Seismic design of structures should be performed in accordance with the California Building Code (CBC) guidelines currently adopted by the local agency. The risk associated with strong ground shaking due to earthquakes at the site is no greater than that for the region.

### **6.3 Liquefaction**

Liquefaction typically occurs when a site is located in a zone with seismic activity, onsite soils are cohesionless, groundwater is encountered within 50 feet of the surface, and soil densities are less than about 70 percent of the maximum dry densities. If all four criteria are met, a seismic event could result in a rapid increase in pore water pressure from the earthquake-generated ground accelerations. The potential for liquefaction at the site is considered to be negligible due to the dense formational material encountered and remedial grading.

### **6.4 Tsunamis and Seiches**

The risk associated with tsunamis and seiches hazard at the project is low due to the site elevation and the absence of an upstream body of water.

## **6.5 Landslides**

We did not encounter landslides within the site or mapped any landslides within the immediate areas influencing the project. In our opinion, the risk associated with landslide hazard is low.

## **6.6 Flooding**

The County of San Diego Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated October 2017, indicates that the southern property (Lots 61 through 64) is located within a 500-year floodplain.

A review of the Tentative Map indicates that proposed grades for the southern property will be raised above the 500-year floodplain elevation. Therefore, the risk associated with inundation by flooding is considered low due to the proposed grading.

## 7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7.1 General

- 7.1.1 No soil or geologic conditions were encountered during this study that would preclude development of the property as presently proposed provided the recommendations of this report are followed.
- 7.1.2 Undocumented fill, alluvium, colluvium, and terrace deposits are not suitable for the support of fill or structural loading in their present condition and will require removal and compaction in areas of planned development. The suitability of portions of the terrace deposits to be left in place may be evaluated during grading.
- 7.1.3 Remedial grading along Oak Knoll Road and the existing subdivisions east and west of the northern property will likely be impacted by the proximity of proposed development to existing improvements. These areas will require evaluation on a case-by-case basis and additional recommendations may be necessary where the limits of remedial grading are constrained. Slot cutting may be necessary along the west boundary and oak knoll road where remedial grading will be performed adjacent to the existing wall and roadway.
- 7.1.4 Hard rock is present within proposed cut area along the northeast property boundary and will require special consideration during site development. Excavations within the granitic rock that extend below the weathered mantle or where fresh core stones are exposed at grade will likely require significant breaking to facilitate the excavations. We anticipate that excavations performed during grading operations will generate oversize materials (rock fragments >12 inches) that will require special handling and fill placement procedures. Oversize materials should be placed in accordance with grading recommendations presented in Appendix D.
- 7.1.5 We encountered groundwater/seepage and perched water conditions during the field investigation. Dependent upon seasonal conditions at the time of grading, remedial grading of surficial deposits along the natural drainages may encounter wet to saturated materials and groundwater resulting in possible excavation and fill placement difficulties. Saturated soil conditions and shallow groundwater should be anticipated. Dewatering and/or use of specialized equipment may be required to excavate the surficial deposits. Overly wet soils may require spreading and drying and/or mixing with drier materials to reduce the moisture content so that compaction can be achieved.
- 7.1.6 An earthwork analysis should be performed to determine if there is an adequate volume of fill area available to accommodate the anticipated volume of oversize materials. This

study should consider the proposed grading, rippability information contained in this report, rock placement requirements and include proposed undercutting (pads and streets). Rock crushing may be necessary if the amount of oversize rock generated exceeds the available fill volume based on the project rock placement specifications.

- 7.1.7 An engineering geologist should observe cut slopes during grading to check that the soil and geologic conditions do not differ significantly from those anticipated. Scaling of loose rocks to remain in-place above planned cut slopes may be necessary.
- 7.1.8 Grading along the western limits of the north property (Lots 51 through 60) is planned next to an existing retaining wall. If during remedial grading the drainage measures for this wall are found to consist of weepholes along the base of the wall, a subdrain system should be constructed in front of the weepholes to maintain wall drainage. This condition may necessitate an easement. The subdrain, if needed, should outlet into the storm drain system to the south. The subdrain should consist of a 4-inch diameter perforated Schedule 40 PVC pipe surrounded by at least 1 cubic foot of ¾-inch crushed rock and wrapped in filter fabric (Mirafi 140N, or equivalent).
- 7.1.9 Subsurface conditions observed may be extrapolated to reflect general soil/geologic conditions; however, some variations in subsurface conditions between trench locations should be anticipated.

**7.2 Excavation and Soil Characteristics**

- 7.2.1 The soils encountered in the field investigation are considered to be both “non-expansive (expansion index [EI] less than 20) and “expansive” (expansion index [EI] of 20 or more) as defined by 2019 California Building Code (CBC) Section 1803.5.3. Table 7.2 presents soil classifications based on the expansion index. The soil materials observed on site are anticipated to have a “very low” to “low” expansion potential (expansion index of 50 or less).

**TABLE 7.2  
EXPANSION CLASSIFICATION BASED ON EXPANSION INDEX**

Expansion Index (EI)	ASTM 4829 Expansion Classification	2019 CBC Expansion Classification
0 – 20	Very Low	Non-Expansive
21 – 50	Low	Expansive
51 – 90	Medium	
91 – 130	High	
Greater Than 130	Very High	

7.2.2 Excavation of the surficial deposits should be possible with light to moderate effort using conventional heavy-duty equipment. Excavating within the granitic rock will generally vary in difficulty with the depth of excavation depending on the degree of weathering. It is anticipated that the majority of the proposed excavations will encounter moderate to heavy ripping with conventional heavy-duty equipment. Significant breaking effort will be required where excavations extend beyond the weathered granitic rock mantle and where unweathered boulders or “core” stones are encountered in proposed granitic rock cut areas. Oversize rock (material >12 inches) should be placed in accordance with *Recommended Grading Specifications* (Appendix D) and the requirements of the governing agency. Oversize rock may require breakage to acceptable sizes or exportation from the property. Placement of oversize rock within the area of proposed underground utilities should not be permitted.

### 7.3

#### Corrosion

##### 7.3.1

The laboratory test results indicate that the near-surface on-site materials at the locations tested possess *Not Applicable* sulfate severity and *S0* exposure to concrete structures as defined by 2019 CBC Section 1904 and ACI 318-14 Chapter 19. Table 7.3 presents a summary of concrete requirements set forth by 2019 CBC Section 1904 and ACI 318. ACI guidelines should be followed when determining the type of concrete to be used. The presence of water-soluble sulfates is not a visually discernible characteristic; therefore, other soil samples from the site could yield different concentrations. Additionally, over time landscaping activities (i.e., addition of fertilizers and other soil nutrients) may affect the concentration.

**TABLE 7.3  
REQUIREMENTS FOR CONCRETE EXPOSED TO  
SULFATE-CONTAINING SOLUTIONS**

Exposure Class	Water-Soluble Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> ) Percent by Weight	Cement Type (ASTM C 150)	Maximum Water to Cement Ratio by Weight <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Compressive Strength (psi)
S0	SO <sub>4</sub> <0.10	No Type Restriction	n/a	2,500
S1	0.10≤SO <sub>4</sub> <0.20	II	0.50	4,000
S2	0.20≤SO <sub>4</sub> ≤2.00	V	0.45	4,500
S3	SO <sub>4</sub> >2.00	V+Pozzolan or Slag	0.45	4,500
		V	0.40	5,000

<sup>1</sup> Maximum water to cement ratio limits do not apply to lightweight concrete

7.3.2 Geocon Incorporated does not practice in the field of corrosion engineering; therefore, further evaluation by a corrosion engineer may be needed to incorporate the necessary



precautions to avoid premature corrosion of underground pipes and buried metal in direct contact with the soils.

## **7.4 Slope Stability - General**

7.4.1 A slope stability analysis for the proposed 30-foot high cut slope was performed utilizing average drained direct shear strength parameters from the laboratory test results and our experience with similar materials. These analyses indicate that the proposed 2:1 cut slopes, constructed of on-site materials, should have calculated factors of safety of at least 1.5 under static conditions for both deep-seated failure and shallow sloughing conditions to heights of at least 30 feet. Generalized slope stability calculations for both deep-seated and surficial slope stability are presented on Figures 3 and 4.

7.4.2 Although rare, the most common mode of instability for rock slopes are shallow wedge failures from intersecting fault planes or clay filled joints/fractures dipping out of slope. In this regard, the structural measurements obtained during our studies did not reveal such conditions. It is recommended, however, that all slope excavations proposed on the site be observed during grading by an engineering geologist to confirm that geologic conditions do not differ significantly from those anticipated. In the event that adverse conditions are observed, stabilization recommendations can be provided.

7.4.3 Fill slopes should be compacted by backrolling with a loaded sheepsfoot roller at vertical intervals not to exceed 4 feet and should be track-walked at the completion of each slope such that the fill soils are uniformly compacted to at least 90 percent relative compaction to the face of the finished sloped. Alternatively, the fill slope may be over-built at least 3 feet and cut back to yield a properly compacted slope face.

7.4.4 Where fill slopes and fill-over-cut slopes are planned, a 15-foot-wide, 2-foot-deep, undrained keyway should be constructed prior to placing compacted fill. The keyway should be constructed with a minimum 5 percent inclination away from the toe of slope.

7.4.5 All slopes should be landscaped with drought-tolerant vegetation, having variable root depths and requiring minimal landscape irrigation. In addition, all slopes should be drained and properly maintained to reduce erosion.

## 7.5 Grading

- 7.5.1 All grading should be performed in accordance with the *Recommended Grading Specifications* contained in Appendix D. Where the recommendations of Appendix D conflict with this report, the recommendations of this report should take precedence.
- 7.5.2 Prior to commencing grading, a preconstruction conference should be held at the site with the owner or developer, grading contractor, civil engineer, and geotechnical engineer in attendance. Special soil handling and the grading plans can be discussed at that time.
- 7.5.3 Grading should be performed in conjunction with the observation and compaction testing services of Geocon Incorporated.
- 7.5.4 Site preparation should begin with the removal of existing structures, improvements, deleterious material and vegetation in areas of planned development. The depth of removal should be such that material exposed in cut areas or soils to be used as fill is relatively free of organic matter. Material generated during stripping and/or site demolition should be exported from the site.
- 7.5.5 All potentially compressible surficial soils (undocumented fill, alluvium, colluvium, and terrace deposits) within areas of planned grading should be removed to formational materials and properly compacted prior to placing additional fill and/or structural loads. The suitability of leaving portions of the terrace deposits in-place should be evaluated during grading.
- 7.5.6 Where not restricted by property boundaries, protected open space or existing improvements, removal of compressible surficial soils should extend beyond structural areas a horizontal distance equal to the depth of the removal (see Figure 5 for general information). This condition occurs at the south of Lots 61 through 64. The actual extent of unsuitable soil removals will be determined in the field during grading by the geotechnical engineer and/or engineering geologist.
- 7.5.7 We expect groundwater/perched water conditions will be encountered in removal areas performed at or near Poway Creek and the other areas noted on the trench logs. Wet to saturated soil and perched water may also be encountered in the surficial deposits located near the natural drainages, especially, if grading is performed during the rainy season. Remedial grading of surficial deposits in these areas will likely result in possible excavation and fill placement difficulties. Dewatering and/or use of specialized equipment may be

required to excavate the alluvium, colluvium, and terrace deposits. Overly wet materials will require spreading and drying and/or mixing with drier materials to reduce the moisture content so that compaction can be achieved.

- 7.5.8 If complete removal of compressible material cannot be performed at or near the creek or other areas of the site due to groundwater conditions, alternative measures such as surcharge loading with settlement monitoring may be required. Geocon Incorporated will provide alternate recommendations, if needed, based on conditions encountered during grading.
- 7.5.9 After removal of unsuitable material as recommended above, the base of excavations to receive fill (where practical) should be scarified approximately 12 inches, moisture conditioned, and compacted.
- 7.5.10 Grading should be conducted so that high expansive soils ( $EI > 90$ ) are placed in the deeper fill areas at least three feet below proposed finish grade elevations and at least 15 feet from the face of fill slopes. Where practical, the upper three feet of graded areas (cut or fill) should consist of properly compacted very low to low ( $EI \leq 50$ ) expansive granular soils. Medium expansive soils ( $EI \leq 90$ ) may also be used to achieve design grades.
- 7.5.11 Capping material refers to select material placed within three feet from building pad grade and parkway/roadway grade. This material should consist of soil fill with an approximate maximum particle dimension of 6 inches with a minimum of 40 percent soil passing the  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch sieve and should have at least 20 percent of the soil passing the No. 4 screen. Based on subsurface information presented in Appendix A, most capping material generally can be obtained from the granitic rock and colluvium. Soils with an expansion potential (EI) of greater than 90 are not suitable for capping and should be placed in the deeper fill areas or at least three feet below design grade across the site and 15 feet from face of slopes. The grading contractor should take necessary steps to manage the available soils to cap the project.
- 7.5.12 Consideration may also be given to over-excavate (mine) the weathered portions of the granitic rock to generate additional capping material and to provide additional areas for disposal of oversize rock material, if needed.
- 7.5.13 The site should be brought to final subgrade elevations with structural fill compacted in layers. In general, soils native to the site are suitable for re-use as fill if free from vegetation, debris and other deleterious material. Layers of fill should be no thicker than will allow for adequate bonding and compaction. All fill, including backfill and scarified ground surfaces,

should be compacted to at least 90 percent of laboratory maximum dry density at or above optimum moisture content, as determined in accordance with ASTM D1557. Fill materials below optimum moisture content will require additional moisture conditioning prior to placing additional fill.

7.5.14 Recommendations for the handling and disposal of oversized rock in fill areas are presented on Figure 6. In general, structural fill placed and compacted at the site should consist of material that can be classified into four zones:

*Zone A:* Material placed within 3 feet from building pad grade and, parkways and street grade should consist of soil fill with an approximate maximum particle dimension of 6 inches with a minimum of 40 percent of the soil passing the ¾-inch sieve and should have at least 20 percent of the soil passing the No. 4 sieve.

*Zone B:* Soil fill with rock up to 1 foot in maximum dimension. See Figure 6 for minimum thickness of zone.

*Zone C:* Rock fill or soil-rock fill generally consisting of 2 foot minus rock material with occasional rock up to 4 foot in maximum dimension. Alternatively, rock 2 to 4 feet in maximum dimension can be placed in window rows spaced a minimum of 12 feet. The voids around and beneath the rock should be filled with soil possessing a sand equivalent of at least 30. Zone C should terminate at least 2 feet below lowest utility.

*Zone D:* Soil fill with rock up to 1 foot in maximum dimension. See Figure 6 for minimum thickness of zone.

7.5.15 Breaking of rock material should be performed to maximize breakage to 2-foot minus material. Although not anticipated “rock fill” placement should generally be limited to 2-foot-thick horizontal layers and compacted using rock trucks and bulldozers. Significant volumes of water will be required during rock fill placement.

7.5.16 Based on the Tentative Map, grading will result in fill to formation transitions across several building pads. A transition condition is defined where formation is located within three feet of finish pad grade. To reduce the potential for differential settlement, the formation portion of the transition should be over-excavated (undercut) at least three feet below proposed finish grade and replaced with properly compacted very low to low expansive fill soil. As a minimum, the building pads should be provided with medium expansive soil ( $EI \leq 90$ ). Overexcavations should be cut at a gradient toward the deepest fill area or streets to provide drainage for moisture migration along the contact between the formation and compacted fill.

- 7.5.17 Cut pads exposing granitic rock should be undercut at least three feet and replaced with properly compacted very low to low expansive soil to facilitate excavation of foundations and shallow utilities. As a minimum, fill should consist of medium expansive soil ( $EI \leq 90$ ).
- 7.5.18 Where the streets are located in cut areas composed of granitic rock, roadways should be undercut to a depth of at least 2 feet below the lowest utility.
- 7.5.19 In order to maintain safety and the stability of adjacent improvements, it is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that all excavations and trenches are properly shored and maintained in accordance with the applicable OSHA rules and regulations.
- 7.5.20 Imported materials (if required), should consist of granular very low to low expansive soils ( $EI \leq 50$ ) and, should be free of oversize rock (greater than 6 inches) and construction debris. Prior to importing the material, samples from proposed borrow areas should be obtained and subjected to laboratory testing to determine if the material conforms to the recommended criteria. The grading contractor should allow at least four days for completion of the laboratory testing and schedule grading accordingly.

## **7.6 Seismic Design Criteria**

- 7.6.1 Table 7.6.1 summarizes site-specific design criteria obtained from the 2019 California Building Code (CBC; Based on the 2018 International Building Code [IBC] and ASCE 7-16), Chapter 16 Structural Design, Section 1613 Earthquake Loads. We used the computer program *U.S. Seismic Design Maps*, provided by the Structural Engineers Association (SEA) to calculate the seismic design parameters. The short spectral response uses a period of 0.2 second. We evaluated the Site Class based on the discussion in Section 1613.2.2 of the 2019 CBC and Table 20.3-1 of ASCE 7-16. The values presented herein are for the risk-targeted maximum considered earthquake ( $MCE_R$ ). Sites designated as Site Class D, E and F may require additional analyses if requested by the project structural engineer and client.

**TABLE 7.6.1  
2019 CBC SEISMIC DESIGN PARAMETERS**

Parameter	Value	2019 CBC Reference
Site Class	C	Section 1613.2.2
MCE <sub>R</sub> Ground Motion Spectral Response Acceleration – Class B (short), S <sub>S</sub>	0.798g	Figure 1613.2.1(1)
MCE <sub>R</sub> Ground Motion Spectral Response Acceleration – Class B (1 sec), S <sub>1</sub>	0.295g	Figure 1613.2.1(2)
Site Coefficient, F <sub>A</sub>	1.2	Table 1613.2.3(1)
Site Coefficient, F <sub>V</sub>	1.5*	Table 1613.2.3(2)
Site Class Modified MCE <sub>R</sub> Spectral Response Acceleration (short), S <sub>MS</sub>	0.958g	Section 1613.2.3 (Eqn 16-36)
Site Class Modified MCE <sub>R</sub> Spectral Response Acceleration – (1 sec), S <sub>M1</sub>	0.442g*	Section 1613.2.3 (Eqn 16-37)
5% Damped Design Spectral Response Acceleration (short), S <sub>DS</sub>	0.639g	Section 1613.2.4 (Eqn 16-38)
5% Damped Design Spectral Response Acceleration (1 sec), S <sub>D1</sub>	0.295g*	Section 1613.2.4 (Eqn 16-39)

\* Using the code-based values presented in this table, in lieu of a performing a ground motion hazard analysis, requires the exceptions outlined in ASCE 7-16 Section 11.4.8 be followed by the project structural engineer. Per Section 11.4.8 of ASCE/SEI 7-16, a ground motion hazard analysis should be performed for projects for Site Class “E” sites with S<sub>s</sub> greater than or equal to 1.0g and for Site Class “D” and “E” sites with S<sub>1</sub> greater than 0.2g. Section 11.4.8 also provides exceptions which indicates that the ground motion hazard analysis may be waived provided the exceptions are followed.

7.6.2 Table 7.6.2 presents the mapped maximum considered geometric mean (MCE<sub>G</sub>) seismic design parameters for projects located in Seismic Design Categories of D through F in accordance with ASCE 7-16.

**TABLE 7.6.2  
ASCE 7-16 PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION**

Parameter	Value	ASCE 7-16 Reference
Mapped MCE <sub>G</sub> Peak Ground Acceleration, PGA	0.342g	Figure 22-7
Site Coefficient, F <sub>PGA</sub>	1.2	Table 11.8-1
Site Class Modified MCE <sub>G</sub> Peak Ground Acceleration, PGA <sub>M</sub>	0.41g	Section 11.8.3 (Eqn 11.8-1)

7.6.3 Conformance to the criteria in Tables 7.6.1 and 7.6.2 for seismic design does not constitute any kind of guarantee or assurance that significant structural damage or ground failure will

not occur in the event of a large earthquake. The primary goal of seismic design is to protect life, not to avoid all damage, since such design may be economically prohibitive.

7.6.4 The project structural engineer and architect should evaluate the appropriate Risk Category and Seismic Design Category for the planned structures. The values presented herein assume a Risk Category of II and resulting in a Seismic Design Category D. Table 7.6.3 presents a summary of the risk categories in accordance with ASCE 7-16.

**TABLE 7.6.3  
ASCE 7-16 RISK CATEGORIES**

Risk Category	Building Use	Examples
I	Low risk to Human Life at Failure	Barn, Storage Shelter
II	Nominal Risk to Human Life at Failure (Buildings Not Designated as I, III or IV)	Residential, Commercial and Industrial Buildings
III	Substantial Risk to Human Life at Failure	Theaters, Lecture Halls, Dining Halls, Schools, Prisons, Small Healthcare Facilities, Infrastructure Plants, Storage for Explosives/Toxins
IV	Essential Facilities	Hazardous Material Facilities, Hospitals, Fire and Rescue, Emergency Shelters, Police Stations, Power Stations, Aviation Control Facilities, National Defense, Water Storage

## 7.7 Foundation and Concrete Slabs-On-Grade Recommendations

7.7.1 The foundation recommendations herein are for proposed one- to three-story residential structures. The foundation recommendations have been separated into three categories based on either the maximum and differential fill thickness or Expansion Index. The foundation category criteria are presented in Table 7.7.1.

**TABLE 7.7.1  
FOUNDATION CATEGORY CRITERIA**

Foundation Category	Maximum Fill Thickness, T (Feet)	Differential Fill Thickness, D (Feet)	Expansion Index (EI)
I	$T < 20$	--	$EI \leq 50$
II	$20 \leq T < 50$	$10 \leq D < 20$	$50 < EI \leq 90$
III	$T \geq 50$	$D \geq 20$	$90 < EI \leq 130$

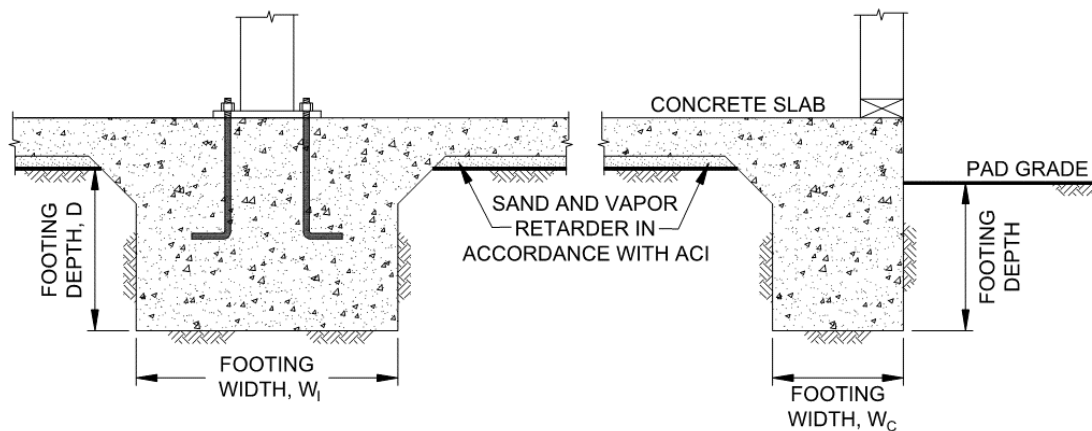
7.7.2 We will provide final foundation categories for each building or lot after finish pad grades have been achieved, the underlying fill-bedrock geometry is evaluated and we perform laboratory testing of the subgrade soil.

7.7.3 Table 7.7.2 presents minimum foundation and interior concrete slab design criteria for conventional foundation systems.

**TABLE 7.7.2  
CONVENTIONAL FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATIONS BY CATEGORY**

Foundation Category	Minimum Footing Embedment Depth, D (inches)	Minimum Continuous Footing Reinforcement	Minimum Footing Width (Inches)
I	12	Two No. 4 bars, one top and one bottom	12 – Continuous, $W_C$ 24 – Isolated, $W_I$
II	18	Four No. 4 bars, two top and two bottom	
III	24	Four No. 5 bars, two top and two bottom	

7.7.4 The foundations should be embedded in accordance with the recommendations herein and the Wall/Column Footing Dimension Detail. The embedment depths should be measured from the lowest adjacent pad grade for both interior and exterior footings. Footings should be deepened such that the bottom outside edge of the footing is at least 7 feet horizontally from the face of the slope (unless designed with a post-tensioned foundation system as discussed herein).



**Wall/Column Footing Dimension Detail**



7.7.5 The proposed structures can be supported on a shallow foundation system founded in the compacted fill/formational materials. Table 7.7.3 provides a summary of the foundation design recommendations.

**TABLE 7.7.3  
SUMMARY OF FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Parameter	Value
Allowable Bearing Capacity	2,000 psf
Bearing Capacity Increase	500 psf per Foot of Depth
	300 psf per Foot of Width
Maximum Allowable Bearing Capacity	4,000 psf
Estimated Total Static Settlement*	1 Inch
Estimated Differential Static Settlement*	½ Inch in 40 Feet

7.7.6 The bearing capacity values presented herein are for dead plus live loads and may be increased by one-third when considering transient loads due to wind or seismic forces.

7.7.7 The concrete slab-on-grades should be a designed in accordance with Table 7.7.4.

**TABLE 7.7.4  
CONVENTIONAL SLAB-ON-GRADE RECOMMENDATIONS BY CATEGORY**

Foundation Category	Minimum Concrete Slab Thickness (inches)	Interior Slab Reinforcement	Typical Slab Underlayment
I	4	6 x 6 - 10/10 welded wire mesh at slab mid-point	3 to 4 Inches of Sand/Gravel/Base
II	4	No. 3 bars at 24 inches on center, both directions	
III	5	No. 3 bars at 18 inches on center, both directions	

7.7.8 Slabs that may receive moisture-sensitive floor coverings or may be used to store moisture-sensitive materials should be underlain by a vapor retarder. The vapor retarder design should be consistent with the guidelines presented in the American Concrete Institute’s (ACI) *Guide for Concrete Slabs that Receive Moisture-Sensitive Flooring Materials* (ACI 302.2R-06). The vapor retarder used should be specified by the project architect or developer based

on the type of floor covering that will be installed and if the structure will possess a humidity controlled environment.

7.7.9 The bedding sand thickness should be determined by the project foundation engineer, architect, and/or developer. However, we should be contacted to provide recommendations if the bedding sand is thicker than 6 inches. It is common to see 3 inches and 4 inches of sand below the concrete slab-on-grade for 5-inch and 4-inch thick slabs, respectively, in the southern California area. The foundation design engineer should provide appropriate concrete mix design criteria and curing measures to assure proper curing of the slab by reducing the potential for rapid moisture loss and subsequent cracking and/or slab curl. We suggest that the foundation design engineer present the concrete mix design and proper curing methods on the foundation plans. It is critical that the foundation contractor understands and follows the recommendations presented on the foundation plans.

7.7.10 As an alternative to the conventional foundation recommendations, consideration should be given to the use of post-tensioned concrete slab and foundation systems for the support of the proposed structures. The post-tensioned systems (foundation dimensions and embedment depths, slab thickness and steel placement) should be designed by a structural engineer experienced in post-tensioned slab design and design criteria of the Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI) DC 10.5-12 *Standard Requirements for Design and Analysis of Shallow Post-Tensioned Concrete Foundations on Expansive Soils* or *WRI/CRSI Design of Slab-on-Ground Foundations*, as required by the 2019 California Building Code (CBC Section 1808.6.2). Although this procedure was developed for expansive soil conditions, it can also be used to reduce the potential for foundation distress due to differential fill settlement. The post-tensioned design should incorporate the geotechnical parameters presented in Table 7.7.5 for the particular Foundation Category designated. The parameters presented in Table 7.7.5 are based on the guidelines presented in the PTI DC 10.5 design manual.

**TABLE 7.7.5  
POST-TENSIONED FOUNDATION SYSTEM DESIGN PARAMETERS**

Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI) DC10.5 Design Parameters	Foundation Category		
	I	II	III
Thornthwaite Index	-20	-20	-20
Equilibrium Suction	3.9	3.9	3.9
Edge Lift Moisture Variation Distance, $e_M$ (Feet)	5.3	5.1	4.9
Edge Lift, $y_M$ (Inches)	0.61	1.10	1.58
Center Lift Moisture Variation Distance, $e_M$ (Feet)	9.0	9.0	9.0
Center Lift, $y_M$ (Inches)	0.30	0.47	0.66

- 7.7.11 The foundations for the post-tensioned slabs should be embedded in accordance with the recommendations of the structural engineer. If a post-tensioned mat foundation system is planned, the slab should possess a thickened edge with a minimum width of 12 inches and extend below the clean sand or crushed rock layer.
- 7.7.12 If the structural engineer proposes a post-tensioned foundation design method other than PTI, DC 10.5:
- The deflection criteria presented in Table 7.7.5 are still applicable.
  - Interior stiffener beams should be used for Foundation Categories II and III.
  - The width of the perimeter foundations should be at least 12 inches.
  - The perimeter footing embedment depths should be at least 12 inches, 18 inches and 24 inches for foundation categories I, II, and III, respectively. The embedment depths should be measured from the lowest adjacent pad grade.
- 7.7.13 Foundation systems for the lots that possess a foundation Category I and a “very low” expansion potential (expansion index of 20 or less) can be designed using the method described in Section 1808 of the 2019 CBC. If post-tensioned foundations are planned, an alternative, commonly accepted design method (other than PTI) can be used. However, the post-tensioned foundation system should be designed with a total and differential deflection of 1 inch. Geocon Incorporated should be contacted to review the plans and provide additional information, if necessary.
- 7.7.14 If an alternate design method is contemplated, Geocon Incorporated should be contacted to evaluate if additional expansion index testing should be performed to identify the lots that possess a “very low” expansion potential (expansion index of 20 or less).
- 7.7.15 Our experience indicates post-tensioned slabs may be susceptible to excessive edge lift from tensioning, regardless of the underlying soil conditions. Placing reinforcing steel at the bottom of the perimeter footings and the interior stiffener beams may mitigate this potential. The structural engineer should design the foundation system to reduce the potential of edge lift occurring for the proposed structures.
- 7.7.16 During the construction of the post-tension foundation system, the concrete should be placed monolithically. Under no circumstances should cold joints form between the footings/grade beams and the slab during the construction of the post-tension foundation system unless designed by the structural engineer.

- 7.7.17 Isolated footings outside of the slab area, if present, should have the minimum embedment depth and width recommended for conventional foundations for a particular Foundation Category. The use of isolated footings, which are located beyond the perimeter of the building and support structural elements connected to the building, are not recommended for Category III. Where this condition cannot be avoided, the isolated footings should be connected to the building foundation system with grade beams in both directions. In addition, consideration should be given to connecting patio slabs, which exceed 5 feet in width, to the building foundation to reduce the potential for future separation to occur.
- 7.7.18 Interior stiffening beams should be incorporated into the design of the foundation system in accordance with the PTI design procedures.
- 7.7.19 Special subgrade presaturation is not deemed necessary prior to placing concrete; however, the exposed foundation and slab subgrade soil should be moisture conditioned, as necessary, to maintain a moist condition as would be expected in any such concrete placement.
- 7.7.20 Where buildings or other improvements are planned near the top of a slope 3:1 (horizontal:vertical) or steeper, special foundation and/or design considerations are recommended due to the tendency for lateral soil movement to occur.
- For fill slopes less than 20 feet high or cut slopes regardless of height, footings should be deepened such that the bottom outside edge of the footing is at least 7 feet horizontally from the face of the slope.
  - When located next to a descending 3:1 (horizontal:vertical) fill slope or steeper, the foundations should be extended to a depth where the minimum horizontal distance is equal to  $H/3$  (where H equals the vertical distance from the top of the fill slope to the base of the fill soil) with a minimum of 7 feet but need not exceed 40 feet. The horizontal distance is measured from the outer, deepest edge of the footing to the face of the slope. A post-tensioned slab and foundation system or mat foundation system can be used to reduce the potential for distress in the structures associated with strain softening and lateral fill extension. Specific design parameters or recommendations for either of these alternatives can be provided once the building location and fill slope geometry have been determined.
  - If swimming pools are planned, Geokon Incorporated should be contacted for a review of specific site conditions.
  - Swimming pools located within 7 feet of the top of cut or fill slopes are not recommended. Where such a condition cannot be avoided, the portion of the swimming pool wall within 7 feet of the slope face be designed assuming that the adjacent soil provides no lateral support. This recommendation applies to fill slopes up to 30 feet in height, and cut slopes regardless of height. For swimming pools located near the top of fill slopes greater than 30 feet in height, additional

recommendations may be required and Geocon Incorporated should be contacted for a review of specific site conditions.

- Although other improvements, which are relatively rigid or brittle, such as concrete flatwork or masonry walls, may experience some distress if located near the top of a slope, it is generally not economical to mitigate this potential. It may be possible, however, to incorporate design measures which would permit some lateral soil movement without causing extensive distress. Geocon Incorporated should be consulted for specific recommendations.

7.7.21 The recommendations of this report are intended to reduce the potential for cracking of slabs and foundations due to expansive soil (if present), differential settlement of fill soil with varying thicknesses. However, even with the incorporation of the recommendations presented herein, foundations, stucco walls, and slabs-on-grade placed on such conditions may still exhibit some cracking due to soil movement and/or shrinkage. The occurrence of concrete shrinkage cracks is independent of the supporting soil characteristics. Their occurrence may be reduced by limiting the slump of the concrete, proper concrete placement and curing, and by the placement of crack control joints at periodic intervals, in particular, where re-entrant slab corners occur.

7.7.22 Concrete slabs should be provided with adequate crack-control joints, construction joints and/or expansion joints to reduce unsightly shrinkage cracking. The design of joints should consider criteria of the American Concrete Institute when establishing crack-control spacing. Additional steel reinforcing, concrete admixtures and/or closer crack control joint spacing should be considered where concrete-exposed finished floors are planned.

7.7.23 Geocon Incorporated should be consulted to provide additional design parameters as required by the structural engineer.

7.7.24 We should observe the foundation excavations prior to the placement of reinforcing steel to check that the exposed soil conditions are similar to those expected and that they have been extended to the appropriate bearing strata. If unexpected soil conditions are encountered, foundation modifications may be required.

## **7.8 Concrete Flatwork**

7.8.1 The following recommendations apply to exterior flatwork where near surface soils are low to medium expansive (EI less than 90). Exterior slabs not subjected to vehicular traffic should be a minimum of 4 inches thick and reinforced with 6 x 6-6/6 welded wire mesh. The mesh should be placed in the middle of the slab. Proper mesh positioning is critical to future performance of the slabs. The contractor should take extra measures to provide proper mesh

placement. Prior to construction of slabs, the upper 12 inches of subgrade soils should be moisture conditioned at or slightly above optimum moisture content and compacted to at least 90 percent of the laboratory maximum dry density per ASTM 1557.

- 7.8.2 Where highly expansive soils (EI greater than 90) are present near finish grade, the following recommendations apply. Exterior slabs should be at least 5 inches thick and reinforced with No. 3 steel bars spaced 18 inches on center each direction positioned at the slab midpoint. Driveways should be constructed with a 6-inch deep slab edge (measured from the bottom of the slab). Slabs should be doweled to the building foundation where they abut the stem wall. Sidewalks should be doweled to the curbs. Prior to construction of slabs, the upper 12 inches of subgrade soils should be scarified and moisture conditioned to **a minimum of 3% above optimum moisture content** just prior to placing the concrete. Moisture conditioning should be observed and checked by a representative of Geocon Incorporated.
- 7.8.3 Consideration should be given to adding concrete cut-off walls beneath exterior flatwork supported by highly expansive soils (EI greater than 90). The cut-off walls are recommended where any water (e.g. landscape) may migrate laterally beneath the flatwork and cause adverse soil movement. The cut-off walls should be located along the perimeter of the concrete slab adjacent to landscaping areas and extend at least 6-inches into the soil subgrade.
- 7.8.4 Concrete flatwork should be provided with crack control joints to reduce and/or control shrinkage cracking. Crack control spacing should be determined by the project structural engineer based upon the slab thickness and intended usage. Criteria of the American Concrete Institute (ACI) should be taken into consideration when establishing crack control spacing. A 4-inch-thick slab should have a maximum joint spacing of 10 feet. Subgrade soil for exterior slabs not subjected to vehicle loads should be compacted in accordance with criteria presented above prior to concrete placement. Subgrade soil should be properly compacted and the moisture content of subgrade soil should be checked prior to placing concrete.
- 7.8.5 Even with the incorporation of the recommendations within this report, the exterior concrete flatwork has a likelihood of experiencing some settlement due to potentially compressible and liquefiable soil beneath grade; therefore, the welded wire mesh should overlap continuously in flatwork to reduce the potential for vertical offsets within flatwork. Additionally, flatwork should be structurally connected to the curbs, where possible, to reduce the potential for offsets between the curbs and the flatwork.

7.8.6 The recommendations of this report are intended to reduce the potential for cracking of slabs due to expansive soil (if present), differential settlement of existing soil or soil with varying thicknesses. However, even with the incorporation of the recommendations presented herein, foundations, stucco walls, and slabs-on-grade placed on such conditions may still exhibit some cracking due to soil movement and/or shrinkage. Periodic maintenance such as slab replacement and/or grinding of elevated slab margins may be necessary due to the highly expansive soils. The occurrence of concrete shrinkage cracks is independent of the supporting soil characteristics. Their occurrence may be reduced and/or controlled by limiting the slump of the concrete, proper concrete placement and curing, and by the placement of crack control joints at periodic intervals, in particular, where re-entrant slab corners occur.

## 7.9 Conventional Retaining Walls

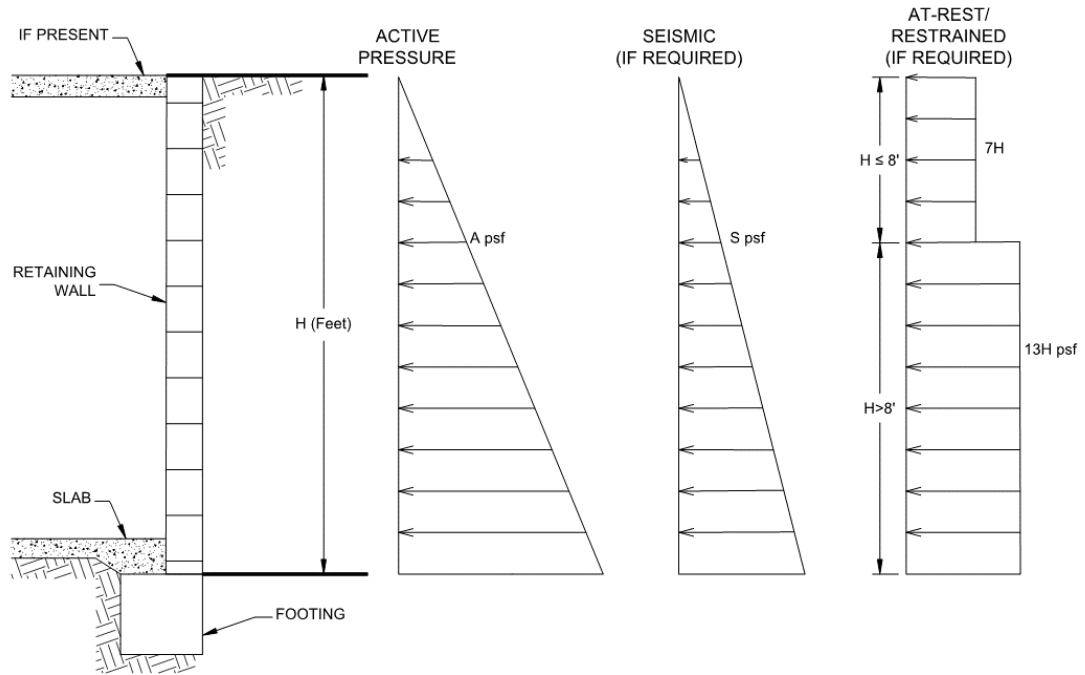
7.9.1 Retaining walls should be designed using the values presented in Table 7.9.1. Soil with an expansion index (EI) of greater than 50 should not be used as backfill material behind retaining walls.

**TABLE 7.9.1  
RETAINING WALL DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS**

Parameter	ValueP
Active Soil Pressure, A (Fluid Density, Level Backfill)	35 pcf
Active Soil Pressure, A (Fluid Density, 2:1 Sloping Backfill)	50 pcf
Seismic Pressure, S	18H psf
At-Rest/Restrained Walls Additional Uniform Pressure (0 to 8 Feet High)	8H psf
At-Rest/Restrained Walls Additional Uniform Pressure (8+ Feet High)	12H psf
Expected Expansion Index for the Subject Property	EI <sub>≤</sub> 50

H equals the height of the retaining portion of the wall

7.9.2 The project retaining walls should be designed as shown in the Retaining Wall Loading Diagram.

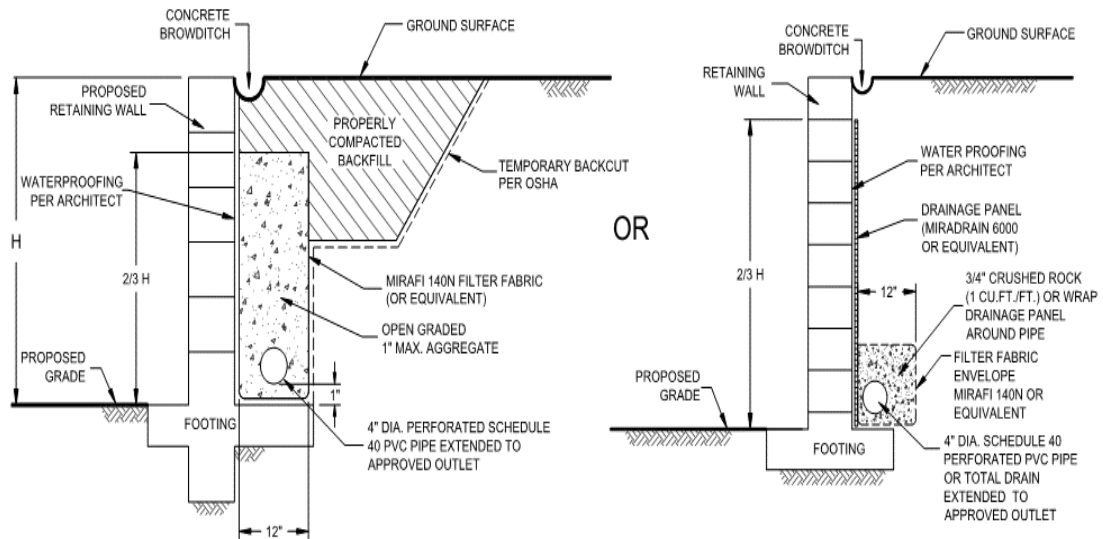


**Retaining Wall Loading Diagram**

- 7.9.3 Unrestrained walls are those that are allowed to rotate more than  $0.001H$  (where  $H$  equals the height of the retaining portion of the wall) at the top of the wall. Where walls are restrained from movement at the top (at-rest condition), an additional uniform pressure should be applied to the wall. For retaining walls subject to vehicular loads within a horizontal distance equal to two-thirds the wall height, a surcharge equivalent to 2 feet of fill soil should be added.
- 7.9.4 The structural engineer should determine the Seismic Design Category for the project in accordance with Section 1613.3.5 of the 2019 CBC or Section 11.6 of ASCE 7-16. For structures assigned to Seismic Design Category of D, E, or F, retaining walls that support more than 6 feet of backfill should be designed with seismic lateral pressure in accordance with Section 1803.5.12 of the 2019 CBC. The seismic load is dependent on the retained height where  $H$  is the height of the wall, in feet, and the calculated loads result in pounds per square foot (psf) exerted at the base of the wall and zero at the top of the wall.
- 7.9.5 Retaining walls should be designed to ensure stability against overturning sliding, and excessive foundation pressure. Where a keyway is extended below the wall base with the intent to engage passive pressure and enhance sliding stability, it is not necessary to consider active pressure on the keyway.



7.9.6 Drainage openings through the base of the wall (weep holes) should not be used where the seepage could be a nuisance or otherwise adversely affect the property adjacent to the base of the wall. The recommendations herein assume a properly compacted granular (EI of 90 or less) free-draining backfill material with no hydrostatic forces or imposed surcharge load. The retaining wall should be properly drained as shown in the Typical Retaining Wall Drainage Detail. If conditions different than those described are expected, or if specific drainage details are desired, Geocon Incorporated should be contacted for additional recommendations.



**Typical Retaining Wall Drainage Detail**

7.9.7 The retaining walls may be designed using either the active and restrained (at-rest) loading condition or the active and seismic loading condition as suggested by the structural engineer. Typically, it appears the design of the restrained condition for retaining wall loading may be adequate for the seismic design of the retaining walls. However, the active earth pressure combined with the seismic design load should be reviewed and also considered in the design of the retaining walls.

7.9.8 In general, wall foundations should be designed in accordance with Table 7.9.2. The proximity of the foundation to the top of a slope steeper than 3:1 could impact the allowable soil bearing pressure. Therefore, retaining wall foundations should be deepened such that the bottom outside edge of the footing is at least 7 feet horizontally from the face of the slope.

**TABLE 7.9.2  
SUMMARY OF RETAINING WALL FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Parameter	Value
Minimum Retaining Wall Foundation Width	12 inches
Minimum Retaining Wall Foundation Depth	12 Inches
Minimum Steel Reinforcement	Per Structural Engineer
Allowable Bearing Capacity	2,000 psf
Bearing Capacity Increase	500 psf per Foot of Depth
	300 psf per Foot of Width
Maximum Allowable Bearing Capacity	4,000 psf
Estimated Total Static Settlement*	1 Inch
Estimated Differential Static Settlement*	½ Inch in 40 Feet

- 7.9.9 The recommendations presented herein are generally applicable to the design of rigid concrete or masonry retaining walls. In the event that other types of walls (such as mechanically stabilized earth [MSE] walls) are planned, Geocon Incorporated should be consulted for additional recommendations.
- 7.9.10 Unrestrained walls will move laterally when backfilled and loading is applied. The amount of lateral deflection is dependent on the wall height, the type of soil used for backfill, and loads acting on the wall. The retaining walls and improvements above the retaining walls should be designed to incorporate an appropriate amount of lateral deflection as determined by the structural engineer.
- 7.9.11 Soil contemplated for use as retaining wall backfill, including import materials, should be identified in the field prior to backfill. At that time, Geocon Incorporated should obtain samples for laboratory testing to evaluate its suitability. Modified lateral earth pressures may be necessary if the backfill soil does not meet the required expansion index or shear strength. City or regional standard wall designs, if used, are based on a specific active lateral earth pressure and/or soil friction angle. In this regard, on-site soil to be used as backfill may or may not meet the values for standard wall designs. Geocon Incorporated should be consulted to assess the suitability of the on-site soil for use as wall backfill if standard wall designs will be used.

## 7.10 Lateral Loading

7.10.1 Table 7.10 should be used to help design the proposed structures and improvements to resist lateral loads for the design of footings or shear keys. The allowable passive pressure assumes a horizontal surface extending at least 5 feet, or three times the surface generating the passive pressure, whichever is greater. The upper 12 inches of material in areas not protected by floor slabs or pavement should not be included in design for passive resistance.

**TABLE 7.10  
SUMMARY OF LATERAL LOAD DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS**

Parameter	Value
Passive Pressure Fluid Density	300 pcf
Coefficient of Friction (Concrete and Soil)	0.35
Coefficient of Friction (Along Vapor Barrier)	0.2 to 0.25*

\*Per manufacturer's recommendations.

7.10.2 The passive and frictional resistant loads can be combined for design purposes. The lateral passive pressures may be increased by one-third when considering transient loads due to wind or seismic forces.

## 7.11 Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) Retaining Walls

7.11.1 Mechanized stabilized earth (MSE) retaining walls can be used on the property. MSE retaining walls are alternative walls that consist of modular block facing units with geogrid reinforced earth behind the block. The reinforcement grid attaches to the block units and is typically placed at specified vertical intervals and embedment lengths. The grid length and spacing will be determined by the wall designer.

7.11.2 The geotechnical parameters listed in Table 7.11 can be used for preliminary design of the MSE walls. Soil with an expansion index (EI) of greater than 50 should not be used as backfill material behind retaining walls. In addition, some wall designers request soil with a plasticity index greater than 20, a liquid limit greater than 40 and a fines content greater than 35 percent should not be used for soil within the reinforcing zone. This may require import of select materials for the wall backfilling operations or selectively stockpiling of granular soils. Once the backfill source has been determined, laboratory testing should be performed to check that the shear strength parameters used in the design of the MSE walls meet or exceed the required strength within the reinforced zone.

**TABLE 7.11  
GEOTECHNICAL PARAMETERS FOR MSE WALLS**

Parameter	Reinforced Zone	Retained Zone	Foundation Zone
Angle of Internal Friction	30 degrees	30 degrees	30 degrees
Cohesion	0 psf	0 psf	0 psf
Wet Unit Density	125 pcf	125 pcf	125 pcf

- 7.11.3 The soil parameters presented in Table 7.17 are based on our experience with MSE wall contractors on previous projects. The wet unit density values presented in Table 7.17 can be used for design but actual in-place densities may range from approximately 110 to 135 pounds per cubic foot. Geocon has no way of knowing which materials will actually be used as backfill behind the wall during construction. It is up to the wall designers to use their judgment in selection of the design parameters. As such, once backfill materials have been selected and/or stockpiled, sufficient shear tests should be conducted on samples of the proposed backfill materials to check that they conform to actual design values. Results should be provided to the designer to re-evaluate stability of the walls. Dependent upon test results, the designer may require modifications to the original wall design (e.g., longer reinforcement embedment lengths and/or steel reinforcement).
- 7.11.4 The foundation zone is the area where the footing is embedded, the reinforced zone is the area of the backfill that possesses the reinforcing fabric, and the retained zone is the area behind the reinforced zone.
- 7.11.5 Wall foundations having a minimum depth and width of one foot may be designed for an allowable soil bearing pressure of 2,000 psf. The MSE walls should be designed for a total and differential static settlement of 1-inch and ½-inch in 40 feet, respectively.
- 7.11.6 Backfill materials within the reinforced zone should be compacted to a dry density of at least 90 percent of the laboratory maximum dry density near to slightly above optimum moisture content in accordance with ASTM D 1557. This is applicable to the entire embedment width of the reinforcement. Typically, wall designers specify no heavy compaction equipment within 3 feet of the face of the wall. However, smaller equipment (e.g., walk-behind, self-driven compactors or hand whackers) can be used to compact the materials without causing deformation of the wall. If the designer specifies no compactive effort for this zone, the materials are essentially not properly compacted and the reinforcement grid within the uncompacted zone should not be relied upon for reinforcement, and overall embedment lengths will have to be increased to account for the difference.

- 7.11.7 The wall should be provided with a drainage system sufficient to prevent excessive seepage through the wall and the base of the wall, thus preventing hydrostatic pressures behind the wall.
- 7.11.8 Geosynthetic reinforcement must elongate to develop full tensile resistance. This elongation generally results in movement at the top of the wall. The amount of movement is dependent upon the height of the wall (e.g., higher walls rotate more) and the type of reinforcing grid used. In addition, over time the reinforcement grid has been known to exhibit creep (sometimes as much as 5 percent) and can undergo additional movement. Given this condition, the owner should be aware that structures and pavement placed within the reinforced and retained zones of the wall may undergo movement.
- 7.11.9 The MSE wall contractor should provide the estimated deformation of wall and adjacent ground in associated with wall construction. The calculated horizontal and vertical deformations should be determined by the wall designer. The estimated movements should be provided to the project structural engineer to determine if the planned improvements can tolerate the expected movements.
- 7.11.10 The MSE wall designer/contractor should review this report, including the slope stability requirements, and incorporate our recommendations as presented herein. We should be provided the plans for the MSE walls to check if they are in conformance with our recommendations prior to issuance of a permit and construction.

## **7.12 Preliminary Pavement Recommendations**

- 7.12.1 We calculated the preliminary flexible pavement sections in general conformance with the *Caltrans Method of Flexible Pavement Design* (Highway Design Manual, Section 608.4) using estimated Traffic Indices (TI's) of 4.5, 5.0, 6.0 and 7.0 for the interior roadways. The project civil engineer and owner should review the pavement designations to determine appropriate locations for pavement thickness. We have assumed an R-Value of 10 and 78 for the subgrade soil and base materials, respectively, for the purposes of this preliminary analysis. The final pavement sections should be based on the R-Value of the subgrade soil encountered at final subgrade elevation once site grading and utility trench backfill is completed. Table 7.12.1 presents the preliminary flexible pavement sections.

**TABLE 7.12.1  
PRELIMINARY FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT SECTION**

Location	Assumed Traffic Index	Assumed Subgrade R-Value	Asphalt Concrete (inches)	Class 2 Aggregate Base (inches)
Parking Stalls	4.5	10	3	7
Interior Roadways (light-duty)	5.0	10	3	9
Interior Roadways (medium duty)	6.0	10	3.5	12.5
Interior Roadways (heavy duty)	7.0	10	4	14.5

- 7.12.2 Prior to placing base materials, the upper 12 inches of the subgrade soil should be scarified, moisture conditioned as necessary, and recompacted to a dry density of at least 95 percent of the laboratory maximum dry density near to slightly above optimum moisture content as determined by ASTM D 1557. Similarly, the base material should be compacted to a dry density of at least 95 percent of the laboratory maximum dry density near to slightly above optimum moisture content. Asphalt concrete should be compacted to a density of at least 95 percent of the laboratory Hveem density in accordance with ASTM D 2726.
- 7.12.3 Base materials should conform to Section 26-1.02B of the *Standard Specifications for The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)* with a ¾-inch maximum size aggregate. The asphalt concrete should conform to Section 203-6 of the *Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (Greenbook)*.
- 7.12.4 The base thickness can be reduced if a reinforcement geogrid is used during the installation of the pavement. Geocon should be contact for additional recommendations, if required.
- 7.12.5 A rigid Portland cement concrete (PCC) pavement section should be placed in driveway entrance aprons, cross-gutters and trash bin loading/storage areas. The concrete pad for trash truck areas should be large enough such that the truck wheels will be positioned on the concrete during loading. We calculated the rigid pavement section in general conformance with the procedure recommended by the American Concrete Institute report ACI 330R-08 *Guide for Design and Construction of Concrete Parking Lots* using the parameters presented in Table 7.12.2.

**TABLE 7.12.2  
RIGID PAVEMENT DESIGN PARAMETERS**

Design Parameter	Design Value
Modulus of subgrade reaction, k	50 pci
Modulus of rupture for concrete, $M_R$	500 psi
Traffic Category, TC	A and B
Average daily truck traffic, ADTT	10 and 25

7.12.6 Based on the criteria presented herein, the PCC pavement sections should have a minimum thickness as presented in Table 7.12.3.

**TABLE 7.12.3  
RIGID PAVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Location	Portland Cement Concrete (inches)
Medium Duty Areas (TC=B)	6.0
Heavy Duty Areas (TC=C)	7.0

7.12.7 The PCC pavement should be placed over subgrade soil that is compacted to a dry density of at least 95 percent of the laboratory maximum dry density near to slightly above optimum moisture content. This pavement section is based on a minimum concrete compressive strength of approximately 3,000 psi (pounds per square inch). Base materials will not be required beneath concrete improvements including cross-gutters, curb and gutters, and sidewalks.

7.12.8 A thickened edge or integral curb should be constructed on the outside of concrete slabs subjected to wheel loads. The thickened edge should be 1.2 times the slab thickness or a minimum thickness of 2 inches, whichever results in a thicker edge, and taper back to the recommended slab thickness 4 feet behind the face of the slab (e.g., a 7.5-inch-thick slab would have a 9.5-inch-thick edge). Reinforcing steel will not be necessary within the concrete for geotechnical purposes with the possible exception of dowels at construction joints as discussed herein.

7.12.9 To control the location and spread of concrete shrinkage cracks, crack-control joints (weakened plane joints) should be included in the design of the concrete pavement slab. Crack-control joints should not exceed 30 times the slab thickness with a maximum spacing of 15 feet for slabs 6 inches and thicker and should be sealed with an appropriate sealant to prevent the migration of water through the control joint to the subgrade materials. The depth of the crack-control joints should be determined by the referenced ACI report. The depth of

the crack-control joints should be at least ¼ of the slab thickness when using a conventional saw, or at least 1 inch when using early-entry saws on slabs 9 inches or less in thickness, as determined by the referenced ACI report discussed in the pavement section herein. Cuts at least ¼ inch wide are required for sealed joints, and a ¾ inch wide cut is commonly recommended. A narrow joint width of 1/10 to 1/8-inch wide is common for unsealed joints.

7.12.10 Concrete curb/gutter should be placed on soil subgrade compacted to a dry density of at least 90 percent of the laboratory maximum dry density near to slightly above optimum moisture content. Cross-gutters should be placed on subgrade soil compacted to a dry density of at least 95 percent of the laboratory maximum dry density near to slightly above optimum moisture content. Base materials should not be placed below the curb/gutter, cross-gutters, or sidewalk so water is not able to migrate from the adjacent parkways to the pavement sections.

7.12.11 The performance of pavement is highly dependent on providing positive surface drainage away from the edge of the pavement. Ponding of water on or adjacent to the pavement and subgrade will likely result in pavement distress and subgrade failure. Drainage from landscaped areas should be directed to controlled drainage structures. Landscape areas adjacent to the edge of asphalt pavements are not recommended due to the potential for surface or irrigation water to infiltrate the underlying permeable aggregate base and cause distress. Where such a condition cannot be avoided, consideration should be given to incorporating measures that will significantly reduce the potential for subsurface water migration into the aggregate base. If planter islands are planned, the perimeter curb should extend at least 6 inches below the level of the base materials.

### **7.13 Low Impact Development (Bioswales, Bio-retention systems)**

7.13.1 At the completion of grading the site will be underlain by compacted fill over dense/hard formation materials. Based on soils encountered during the field investigation, we anticipate that the compacted fill will consist of sandy clay and clayey gravel, and mixtures of angular gravel and boulders generated from breaking operations in granitic rock. Infiltrating into compacted fill generally results in settlement of granular soils, heaving of expansive soils, and distress to improvements placed over the compacted fill; as well as slope instability. It is our opinion the compacted fill is unsuitable for infiltration of storm water runoff due to the potential for adverse settlement and potential for water to daylight. The formational materials (Friars Formation and granitic rock) are also sufficiently dense and impermeable that infiltration water would be expected to perch on the surface.

7.13.2 Bio-retention basins, bioswales and bio-remediation areas should be designed by the project civil engineer and reviewed by Geocon Incorporated. Typically, bioswales consist of a surface



layer of vegetation underlain by clean sand. A subdrain should be provided beneath the sand layer. Prior to discharging into the storm drain pipe, a seepage cutoff wall should be constructed at the interface between the subdrain and storm drain pipe. The concrete cut-off wall should extend at least 6 inches beyond the perimeter of the gravel-packed subdrain system.

7.13.3 To minimize adverse impacts to existing or planned improvements, we recommend that proposed LID systems be provided with a waterproof liner, such as 30-mil HDPE, or equivalent, to prevent water infiltration and saturation of compacted fill soil and formational materials. This recommendation is intended to reduce potential negative impacts to public and private improvements due to water infiltration. Downstream properties may be subjected to seeps, springs, slope instability, raised groundwater, movement of foundations and slabs, or other impacts as a result of water infiltration. Saturating compacted fills typically results in induced hydraulic settlement of the fills potentially impacting adjacent surface improvements supported by the fill. Bioswale systems when located adjacent to pavements often enable water to migrate beneath pavements saturating subgrade soils and aggregate base, which can lead to premature pavement distress. Also, water may enter underground utility pipe zones and impact improvements down gradient from the site.

7.13.4 A storm water vault is shown on the Tentative Map. If this vault allows water to migrate into the subgrade soils, the design should include an impermeable liner, as discussed in Appendix C.

7.13.5 As plans progress and details for LID systems are available for our review, we can provide additional recommendations. Temporary detention basins in areas where improvements have not been constructed do not need to be lined.

7.13.6 Appendix C presents storm water management for the subject project in accordance with City of Poway Storm Water BMP Design Manual. Recommendations for the planned drainage management areas (DMA) are presented in Appendix C.

7.13.7 The landscape architect should be consulted to provide the appropriate plant recommendations for use with LID systems. If drought resistant plants are not used, irrigation may be required.

## **7.14 Site Drainage and Moisture Protection**

7.14.1 Adequate site drainage is critical to reduce the potential for differential soil movement, erosion and subsurface seepage. Under no circumstances should water be allowed to pond adjacent to footings. The site should be graded and maintained such that surface drainage is

directed away from structures in accordance with 2019 CBC 1804.3 or other applicable standards. In addition, surface drainage should be directed away from the top of slopes into swales or other controlled drainage devices. Roof and pavement drainage should be directed into conduits that carry runoff away from the proposed structure.

- 7.14.2 Underground utilities should be leak free. Utility and irrigation lines should be checked periodically for leaks, and detected leaks should be repaired promptly. Detrimental soil movement could occur if water is allowed to infiltrate the soil for prolonged periods of time.
- 7.14.3 Landscaping planters adjacent to paved areas are not recommended due to the potential for surface or irrigation water to infiltrate the pavement's subgrade and base course. Area drains to collect excess irrigation water and transmit it to drainage structures or impervious above-grade planter boxes can be used. In addition, where landscaping is planned adjacent to the pavement, construction of a cutoff wall along the edge of the pavement that extends at least 6 inches below the bottom of the base material should be considered.

## **7.15 Slope Maintenance**

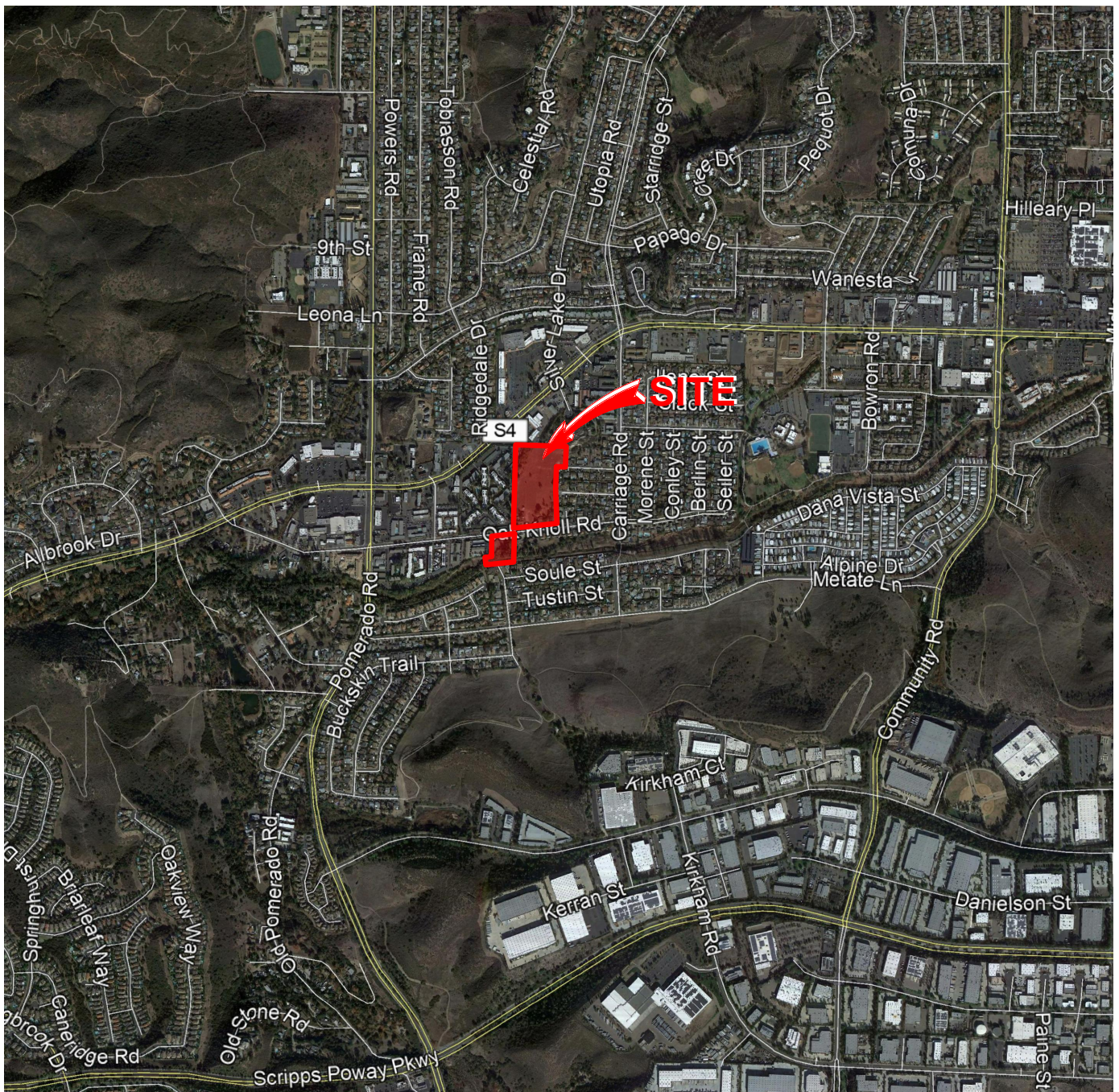
- 7.15.1 Slopes that are steeper than 3:1 (horizontal:vertical) may, under conditions that are both difficult to prevent and predict, be susceptible to near-surface (surficial) slope instability. The instability is typically limited to the outer 3 feet of a portion of the slope and usually does not directly impact the improvements on the pad areas above or below the slope. The occurrence of surficial instability is more prevalent on fill slopes and is generally preceded by a period of heavy rainfall, excessive irrigation, or the migration of subsurface seepage. The disturbance and/or loosening of the surficial soils, as might result from root growth, soil expansion, or excavation for irrigation lines and slope planting, may also be a significant contributing factor to surficial instability. It is therefore recommended that, to the maximum extent practical: (a) disturbed/loosened surficial soils be either removed or properly recompacted, (b) irrigation systems be periodically inspected and maintained to eliminate leaks and excessive irrigation, and (c) surface drains on and adjacent to slopes be periodically maintained to preclude ponding or erosion. Although the incorporation of the above recommendations should reduce the potential for surficial slope instability, it will not eliminate the possibility and, therefore, it may be necessary to rebuild or repair a portion of the project's slopes in the future.

## **7.16 Grading and Foundation Plan Review**

- 7.16.1 Geocon Incorporated should review the grading plans and foundation plans for the project prior to final design submittal to evaluate whether additional analyses and/or recommendations are required

## LIMITATIONS AND UNIFORMITY OF CONDITIONS

1. The firm that performed the geotechnical investigation for the project should be retained to provide testing and observation services during construction to provide continuity of geotechnical interpretation and to check that the recommendations presented for geotechnical aspects of site development are incorporated during site grading, construction of improvements, and excavation of foundations. If another geotechnical firm is selected to perform the testing and observation services during construction operations, that firm should prepare a letter indicating their intent to assume the responsibilities of project geotechnical engineer of record. A copy of the letter should be provided to the regulatory agency for their records. In addition, that firm should provide revised recommendations concerning the geotechnical aspects of the proposed development, or a written acknowledgement of their concurrence with the recommendations presented in our report. They should also perform additional analyses deemed necessary to assume the role of Geotechnical Engineer of Record.
2. The recommendations of this report pertain only to the site investigated and are based upon the assumption that the soil conditions do not deviate from those disclosed in the investigation. If any variations or undesirable conditions are encountered during construction, or if the proposed construction will differ from that anticipated herein, Geocon Incorporated should be notified so that supplemental recommendations can be given. The evaluation or identification of the potential presence of hazardous or corrosive materials was not part of the scope of services provided by Geocon Incorporated.
3. This report is issued with the understanding that it is the responsibility of the owner, or of his representative, to ensure that the information and recommendations contained herein are brought to the attention of the architect and engineer for the project and incorporated into the plans, and that the necessary steps are taken to see that the contractor and subcontractors carry out such recommendations in the field.
4. The findings of this report are valid as of the present date. However, changes in the conditions of a property can occur with the passage of time, whether they are due to natural processes or the works of man on this or adjacent properties. In addition, changes in applicable or appropriate standards may occur, whether they result from legislation or the broadening of knowledge. Accordingly, the findings of this report may be invalidated wholly or partially by changes outside our control. Therefore, this report is subject to review and should not be relied upon after a period of three years.



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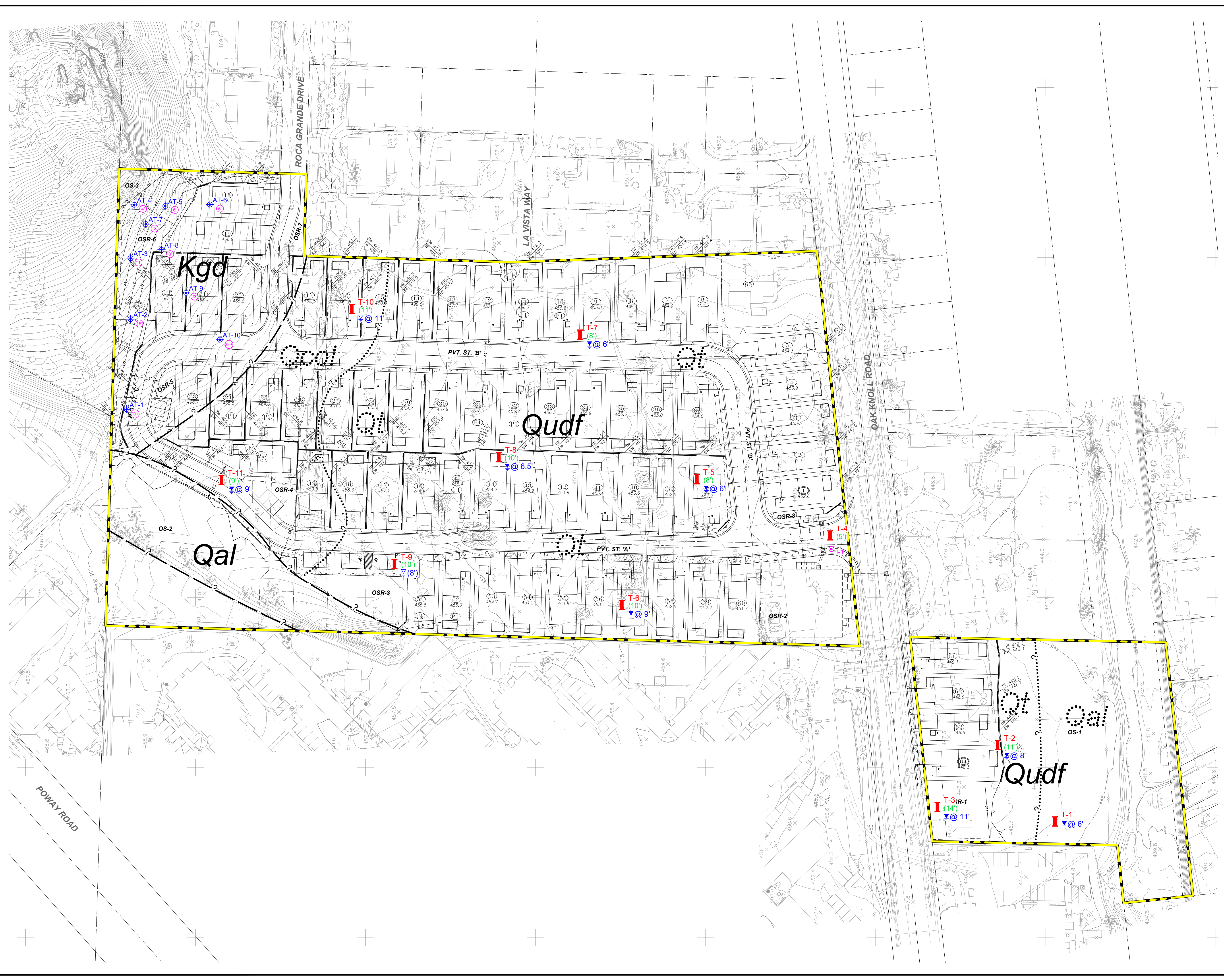
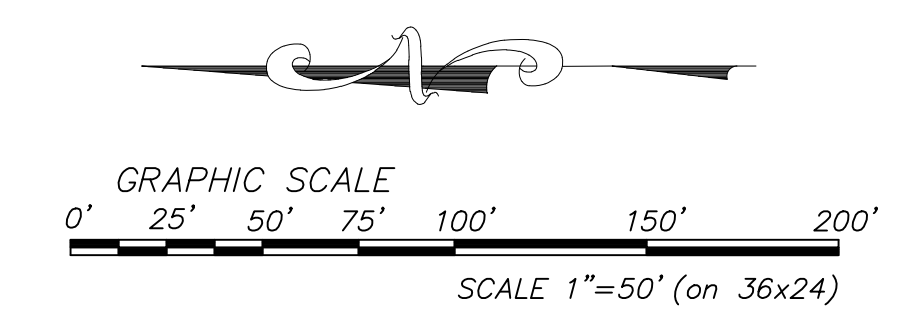
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**GEOCON LEGEND**

- Qudf* ..... UNDOCUMENTED FILL
- Qal* ..... ALLUVIUM (Dotted Where Buried)
- Qt* ..... TERRACE DEPOSITS (Dotted Where Buried)
- Qcol* ..... COLLUVIUM (Dotted Where Buried)
- Kgd* ..... GRANODIORITE (Dotted Where Buried)
- ..... APPROX. LOCATION OF GEOLOGIC CONTACT (Quened Where Uncertain)
- T-11 ..... APPROX. LOCATION OF EXPLORATORY TRENCH
- (9') ..... APPROX. THICKNESS OF SURFICIAL SOIL REQUIRING REMEDIAL GRADING
- @ 9' ..... APPROX. DEPTH TO GROUNDWATER
- @ 11' ..... APPROX. DEPTH TO SEEPAGE
- I-1 ..... APPROX. LOCATION OF INFILTRATION TEST
- AT-10 ..... APPROX. LOCATION OF AIR-TRACK BORING
- (16) ..... APPROX. THICKNESS (F) OF RIPPLABLE MATERIAL BASED ON A LITERAL INTERPRETATION OF 20 SECONDS PER FOOT AS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN RIPPLABLE AND TO MARGINALLY TO NON-RIPPLABLE ROCK
- ..... PROPERTY BOUNDARY

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ASSUMED CONDITIONS :

SLOPE HEIGHT	H = Infinite
DEPTH OF SATURATION	Z = 3 feet
SLOPE INCLINATION	2 : 1 (Horizontal : Vertical)
SLOPE ANGLE	i = 26.6 degrees
UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER	$\gamma_w$ = 62.4 pounds per cubic foot
TOTAL UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL	$\gamma_t$ = 130 pounds per cubic foot
ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION	$\phi$ = 35 degrees
APPARENT COHESION	C = 250 pounds per square foot

SLOPE SATURATED TO VERTICAL DEPTH Z BELOW SLOPE FACE

SEEPAGE FORCES PARALLEL TO SLOPE FACE

ANALYSIS :

$$FS = \frac{C + (\gamma_t - \gamma_w) Z \cos^2 i \tan \phi}{\gamma_t Z \sin i \cos i} = 2.3$$

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SURFICIAL SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS

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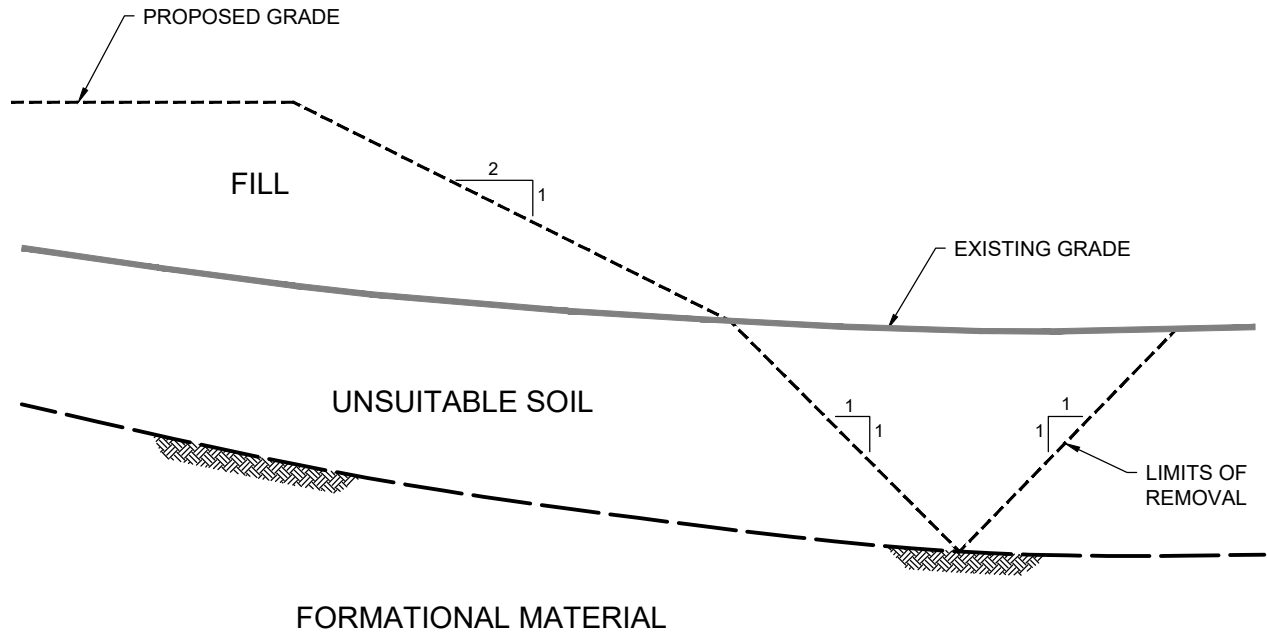
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FIG. 3





NOTE:

SLOPE OF BACKCUT MAY BE STEEPENED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SOILS ENGINEER WHERE BOUNDARY CONSTRAINTS LIMIT EXTENT OF REMOVALS

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CONSTRUCTION DETAIL FOR LATERAL EXTENT OF REMOVAL

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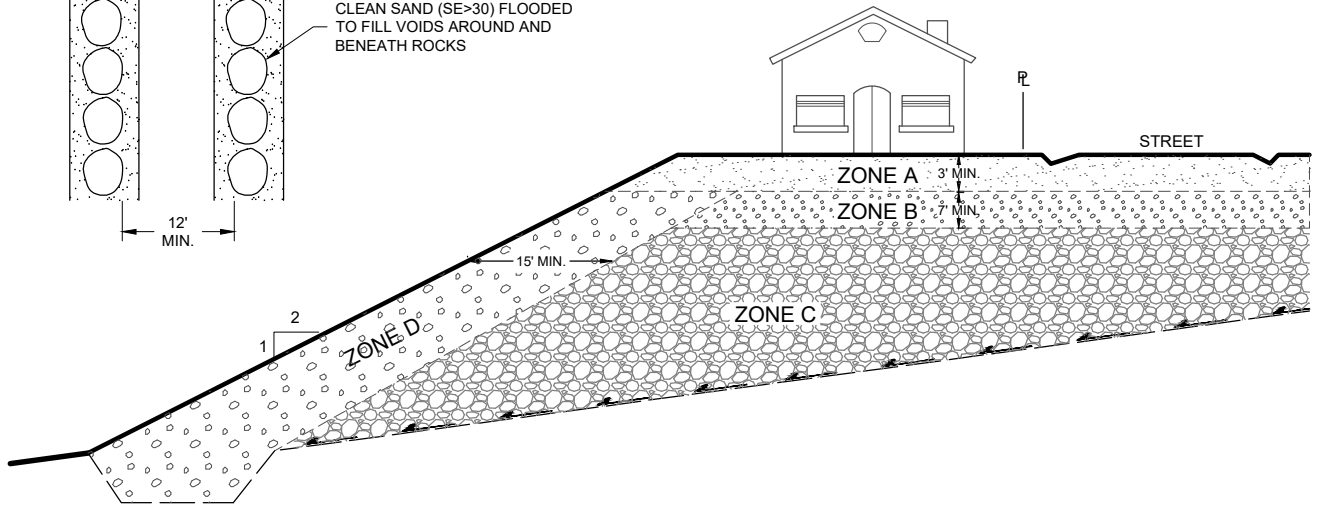
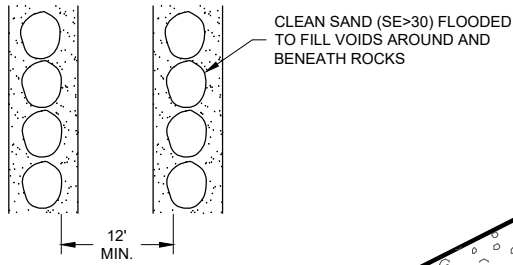
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FIG. 5



**ZONE B**  
WINDROWS DETAIL  
(PLAN VIEW)



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ZONE A: COMPACTED SOIL FILL. NO ROCK FRAGMENTS OVER 6 INCHES IN DIMENSION.

ZONE B: ROCKS UP TO 1 FOOT IN MAXIMUM DIMENSION IN A MATRIX OF COMPACTED SOIL FILL.

ZONE C: ROCK OR SOIL-ROCK FILL GENERALLY CONSISTING OF 2 FOOT MINUS MATERIAL WITH OCCASIONAL INDIVIDUAL FRAGMENTS UP TO 4 FEET MAXIMUM DIMENSION. ZONE C SHOULD TERMINATE AT LEAST 2 FEET BELOW LOWES UTILITY. ALTERNATE: ROCKS 2 TO 4 FEET IN MAXIMUM DIMENSION CAN BE PLACED IN WINDROWS IN COMPACTED SOIL FILL AND BACKFILLED WITH SOIL POSSESSING A SAND EQUIVALENT OF AT LEAST 30.

ZONE D: ROCKS UP TO 12 INCHES IN MAXIMUM DIMENSION IN A MATRIX OF COMPACTED SOIL FILL.

NOTES

1. COMPACTED SOIL FILL IN UPPER 3 FEET SHALL CONTAIN AT LEAST 40 PERCENT SOIL PASSING THE 3/4 - INCH SIEVE (BY WEIGHT) AND AT LEAST 20% SOIL PASSING THE NO. 4 SIEVE (BY WEIGHT)
2. CONTINUOUS OBSERVATION REQUIRED BY GEOCON DURING ROCK PLACEMENT.

**ROCK PLACEMENT DETAIL**

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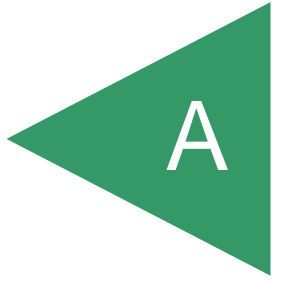
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FIG. 6

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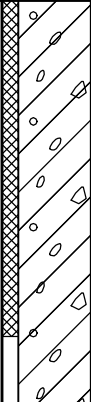
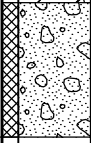
## **APPENDIX A**

### **FIELD INVESTIGATION**

The initial field investigation was performed on May 28, 2021, and consisted of a visual site reconnaissance and drilling 10 air-track borings in anticipated cut areas. On May 18, 2022, eleven exploratory trenches were excavated to evaluate the thickness and condition of surficial soils requiring remedial grading. The approximate locations of the exploratory trenches and air-track borings are shown on the Geologic Map, Figure 2.








The exploratory trenches were performed using a John Deere 310L rubber tire backhoe equipped with a 24-inch-wide bucket. We collected bulk soil samples for laboratory testing. The air-track borings were advanced using an Ingersoll-Rand ECM 490 drill rig with 4-inch diameter bit.

The soil conditions encountered in the excavations were visually classified and logged in general accordance with American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual Manual Procedure D 2844) and, where applicable, in general conformance with current Caltrans Soil and Rock Logging, Classification and Presentation Manual. Logs of the backhoe trenches depicting the soil and geologic conditions encountered and the depth at which samples were obtained are presented on Figures A-1 through A-11. Air-track boring logs are presented as Figures A-12 through A-21.




DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	<b>TRENCH T 1</b>		PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) <u>446'</u>	DATE COMPLETED <u>05-18-2022</u>			
					EQUIPMENT <u>310L RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE</u> BY: <u>DJM</u>				
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
0	T1-1			GC	<b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL (Qudf)</b> Loose to medium dense, moist to damp, brown, Clayey to Silty GRAVEL with cobble; some granodiorite boulders, abundant debris  -Layer of asphalt concrete (deteriorated) -Groundwater at 6 feet				
2									
4									
6	T1-2		▼	GP	<b>ALLUVIUM (Qal)</b> Very loose, wet, dark brown to gray, fine- to coarse-grained Sandy GRAVEL with cobble; some silt and clay				
8					PRACTICAL REFUSAL AT 8 FEET DUE TO CAVING Groundwater encountered at 6 feet Backfilled with spoils				

**Figure A-1,**  
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SAMPLE SYMBOLS	 ... SAMPLING UNSUCCESSFUL	 ... STANDARD PENETRATION TEST	 ... DRIVE SAMPLE (UNDISTURBED)
	 ... DISTURBED OR BAG SAMPLE	 ... CHUNK SAMPLE	 ... WATER TABLE OR  ... SEEPAGE

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DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	<b>TRENCH T 2</b>			PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) <u>447'</u>	DATE COMPLETED <u>05-18-2022</u>	EQUIPMENT <u>310L RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE</u> BY: <u>DJM</u>			
					MATERIAL DESCRIPTION					
0				SC	<b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL (Qudf)</b> Loose to medium dense, damp, brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey SAND					
2	T2-1			CL	<b>TERRACE DEPOSITS (Qt)</b> Medium stiff, moist, dark brown to reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Sandy CLAY; trace gravel					
4	T2-2			GC	Medium dense, moist, reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey GRAVEL with cobble; oxidized, clasts of stadium conglomerate					
8			▼		-Groundwater at 8 feet					
10					-wet; more cobble and boulders					
12				CL	<b>FRIARS FORMATION (Tf)</b> Stiff to very stiff, moist, greenish gray, fine grained Silty CLAYSTONE; moderately cemented/indurated					
					TRENCH TERMINATED AT 12.5 FEET Groundwater encountered at 8 feet Backfilled with spoils					

**Figure A-2,**  
**Log of Trench T 2, Page 1 of 1**

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<b>SAMPLE SYMBOLS</b>	 ... SAMPLING UNSUCCESSFUL	 ... STANDARD PENETRATION TEST	 ... DRIVE SAMPLE (UNDISTURBED)
	 ... DISTURBED OR BAG SAMPLE	 ... CHUNK SAMPLE	 ... WATER TABLE OR  ... SEEPAGE

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DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	<b>TRENCH T 3</b>			PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) <u>447'</u>	DATE COMPLETED <u>05-18-2022</u>	EQUIPMENT <u>310L RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE</u> BY: <u>DJM</u>			
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION										
0				SC	<b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL (Qudf)</b> Loose to medium dense, damp, brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey SAND with gravel; some debris					
2				CL	<b>TERRACE DEPOSITS (Qt)</b> Medium stiff to stiff, moist, dark reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Sandy CLAY; trace gravel					
4				GC	Medium dense, moist, reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey GRAVEL with cobble; consist of predominantly stadium conglomerate; oxidized					
6										
8					-Zone of mottling/heavier oxidation					
10					-Groundwater at 11 feet					
12					-wet; more cobble and boulders					
14				CL	<b>FRIARS FORMATION (Tf)</b> Stiff to hard, wet, greenish gray, fine grained Silty CLAYSTONE					
TRENCH TERMINATED AT 15 FEET Groundwater encountered at 11 feet Backfilled with spoils										

**Figure A-3,**  
**Log of Trench T 3, Page 1 of 1**

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
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DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	<b>TRENCH T 4</b>		PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) <u>449'</u>	DATE COMPLETED <u>05-18-2022</u>			
					EQUIPMENT <u>310L RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE</u>		BY: <u>DJM</u>		
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
0				SC	<b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL (Qudf)</b> Loose to medium dense, moist, brown, fine to coarse Clayey SAND; trace gravel				
2				CL	<b>TERRACE DEPOSITS (Qt)</b> Stiff, moist, reddish brown, fine to coarse Sandy CLAY; trace gravel; precipitates and oxidation				
4									
6				CL	<b>FRIARS FORMATION (Tf)</b> Very stiff to hard, moist, greenish gray, fine grained Silty CLAYSTONE; manganese staining, moderately indurated/cemented				
8					TRENCH TERMINATED AT 8 FEET Groundwater not encountered Backfilled with spoils				

**Figure A-4,**  
**Log of Trench T 4, Page 1 of 1**

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SAMPLE SYMBOLS	 ... SAMPLING UNSUCCESSFUL	 ... STANDARD PENETRATION TEST	 ... DRIVE SAMPLE (UNDISTURBED)
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DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	<b>TRENCH T 5</b>		PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) <u>451'</u>	DATE COMPLETED <u>05-18-2022</u>			
					EQUIPMENT <u>310L RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE</u> BY: <u>DJM</u>				
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
0				SC	<b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL (Qudf)</b> Loose to medium dense, moist, brown, fine to coarse Clayey SAND				
2	T5-1			CL	<b>TERRACE DEPOSITS (Qt)</b> Stiff, damp to moist, dark brown to reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Sandy CLAY				
6	T5-2		▼	GC	Medium dense, moist, reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey GRAVEL; oxidized, some cobble -Groundwater at 6 feet				
8				CL	<b>FRIARS FORMATION (Tf)</b> Very stiff to stiff, moist, greenish gray, fine grained Silty CLAYSTONE; manganese staining, moderately cemented/indurated				
10	TRENCH TERMINATED AT 10 FEET Groundwater encountered at 6 feet Backfilled with spoils								








**Figure A-5,**  
**Log of Trench T 5, Page 1 of 1**

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<b>SAMPLE SYMBOLS</b>	... SAMPLING UNSUCCESSFUL	... STANDARD PENETRATION TEST	... DRIVE SAMPLE (UNDISTURBED)
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
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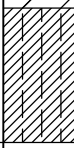
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					ELEV. (MSL.) <u>452'</u>	DATE COMPLETED <u>05-18-2022</u>			
					EQUIPMENT <u>310L RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE</u>		BY: <u>DJM</u>		
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
0				SC	<b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL (Qudf)</b> Medium dense, damp, brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey SAND; debris				
2				CL	<b>TERRACE DEPOSITS (Qt)</b> Stiff, moist, reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Sandy CLAY				
4				GC	Medium dense, moist, reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey GRAVEL; oxidized				
6									
8									
9			▼		-Groundwater at 9 feet				
10				CL	<b>FRIARS FORMATION (Tf)</b> Very stiff to hard, moist, greenish gray, fine grained Silty CLAYSTONE; moderately cemented/indurated, manganese staining				
					<p>TRENCH TERMINATED AT 11 FEET Groundwater encountered at 9 feet Backfilled with spoils</p>				

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
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		... DISTURBED OR BAG SAMPLE		... CHUNK SAMPLE		... WATER TABLE OR  ... SEEPAGE

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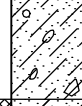

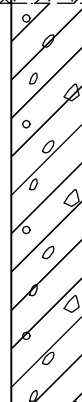
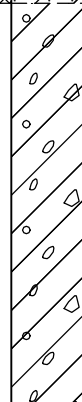
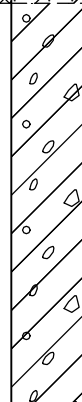

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					ELEV. (MSL.) <u>453'</u>	DATE COMPLETED <u>05-18-2022</u>			
					EQUIPMENT <u>310L RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE</u> BY: <u>DJM</u>				
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
0				CL	<b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL (Qudf)</b> Stiff, dry, dark gray, fine- to coarse-grained Sandy CLAY				
2				CL	<b>TERRACE DEPOSITS (Qt)</b> Stiff, moist, mottled light gray to gray, fine grained Sandy CLAY				
4					-Becomes medium stiff				
6			▼	GC	-Groundwater at 6 feet Medium dense, wet, reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey GRAVEL				
8				CL	<b>FRIARS FORMATION (Tf)</b> Very stiff to hard, moist, greenish gray, fine grained Silty CLAYSTONE; manganese staining, moderately cemented/indurated				
10	TRENCH TERMINATED AT 10 FEET Groundwater encountered at 6 feet Backfilled with spoils								

**Figure A-7,**  
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
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DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	<b>TRENCH T 8</b>		PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) <u>453'</u>	DATE COMPLETED <u>05-18-2022</u>			
					EQUIPMENT <u>310L RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE</u> BY: <u>DJM</u>				
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
0	T8-1			GC	<b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL (Qudf)</b> Medium dense, moist, brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey SAND with gravel				
2				SC	<b>TERRACE DEPOSITS (Qt)</b> Very stiff, , moist, gray, fine- to coarse-grained Sandy CLAY; precipitates				
4				GC	Medium dense, moist, reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey GRAVEL with cobble				
6			▼		-Groundwater at 6.5 feet				
8					-More cobbles				
10				CL	<b>FRIARS FORMATION (Tf)</b> Very stiff to hard, moist, greenish gray, fine grained CLAYSTONE; manganese staining				
					TRENCH TERMINATED AT 11.5 FEET Groundwater encountered at 6.5 feet Backfilled with spoils				

**Figure A-8,**  
**Log of Trench T 8, Page 1 of 1**

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<b>SAMPLE SYMBOLS</b>	 ... SAMPLING UNSUCCESSFUL	 ... STANDARD PENETRATION TEST	 ... DRIVE SAMPLE (UNDISTURBED)
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DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	<b>TRENCH T 9</b>			PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) <u>457'</u>	DATE COMPLETED <u>05-18-2022</u>	EQUIPMENT <u>310L RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE</u> BY: <u>DJM</u>			
					MATERIAL DESCRIPTION					
0				GC	<b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL (Qudf)</b> Medium dense, moist, dark brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey GRAVEL					
2			GC	<b>TERRACE DEPOSITS (Qt)</b> Medium dense, moist, light brown to reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey GRAVEL; oxidized						
4					-Seepage at 8 feet					
6					-Becomes wet					
8					-More cobble					
10				CL	<b>FRIARS FORMATION (Tf)</b> Very stiff to hard, moist, yellowish gray, fine-to coarse-grained Sandy Silty CLAYSTONE; moderately cemented/indurated, oxidized/mottled					
12			TRENCH TERMINATED AT 12 FEET Seepage encountered at 8 feet Backfilled with spoils							

**Figure A-9,**  
**Log of Trench T 9, Page 1 of 1**

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SAMPLE SYMBOLS	... SAMPLING UNSUCCESSFUL	... STANDARD PENETRATION TEST	... DRIVE SAMPLE (UNDISTURBED)
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DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	<b>TRENCH T 10</b>			PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) <u>459'</u>	DATE COMPLETED <u>05-18-2022</u>	EQUIPMENT <u>310L RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE</u> BY: <u>DJM</u>			
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION										
0	T10-1			SC	<b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL (Qudf)</b> Medium dense, dry, light brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey SAND					
2				SC	<b>COLLUVIUM (QcoI)</b> Medium dense, moist to damp, reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey SAND; manganese staining, oxidized, moderately cemented, pinhole porosity					
4										
6										
8										
10										
			▽		-Seepage at 11 feet					
12				GC	<b>TERRACE DEPOSITS (Qt)</b> Dense, wet, gray to reddish brown, fine- to coarse-grained Clayey GRAVEL with cobble					
					REFUSAL AT 13 FEET DUE TO GRAVEL AND DIORITE Seepage encountered at 11 feet Backfilled with spoils					

**Figure A-10,**  
**Log of Trench T 10, Page 1 of 1**

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<b>SAMPLE SYMBOLS</b>	... SAMPLING UNSUCCESSFUL	... STANDARD PENETRATION TEST	... DRIVE SAMPLE (UNDISTURBED)
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DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	<b>TRENCH T 11</b>		PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) <u>461'</u>	DATE COMPLETED <u>05-18-2022</u>			
					EQUIPMENT <u>310L RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE</u> BY: <u>DJM</u>				
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
0				SC	<b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL (Qudf)</b> Medium dense, damp, dark brown, Clayey SAND with gravel; some debris				
2	T11-1			SM	<b>COLLUVIUM (Qco)</b> Medium dense, dry, brown to light brown, fine- to coarse-grained Silty SAND; some gravel, pinhole porosity				
4									
6									
8									
9			▼		-Groundwater at 9 feet -More gravel and cobble				
10	T11-2				<b>GRANODIORITE (Kgd)</b> Highly weathered, strong, gray to yellowish brown, GRANODIORITE; moderately decomposed				
					TRENCH TERMINATED AT 10.5 FEET Groundwater encountered at 9 feet Backfilled with spoils				

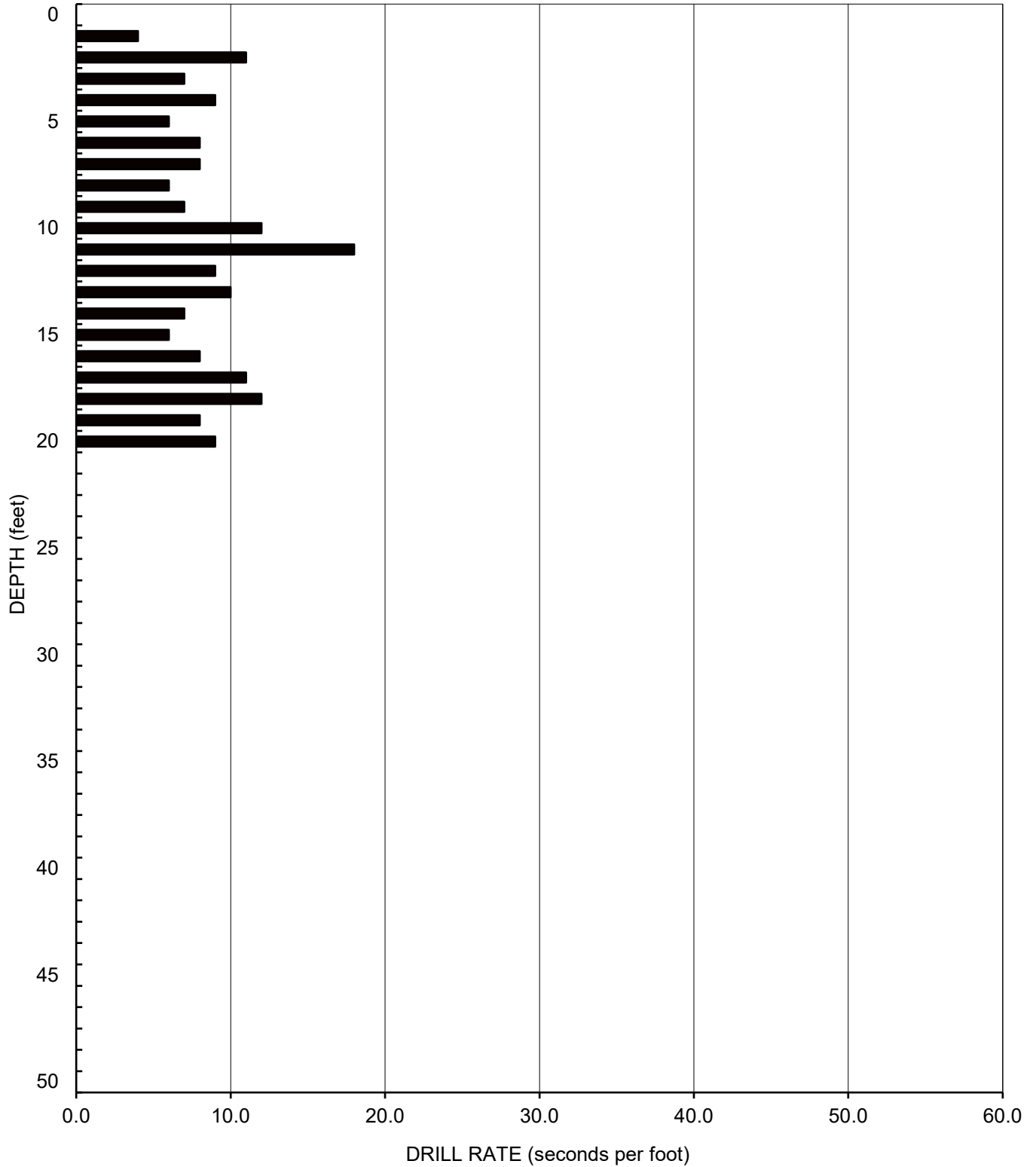
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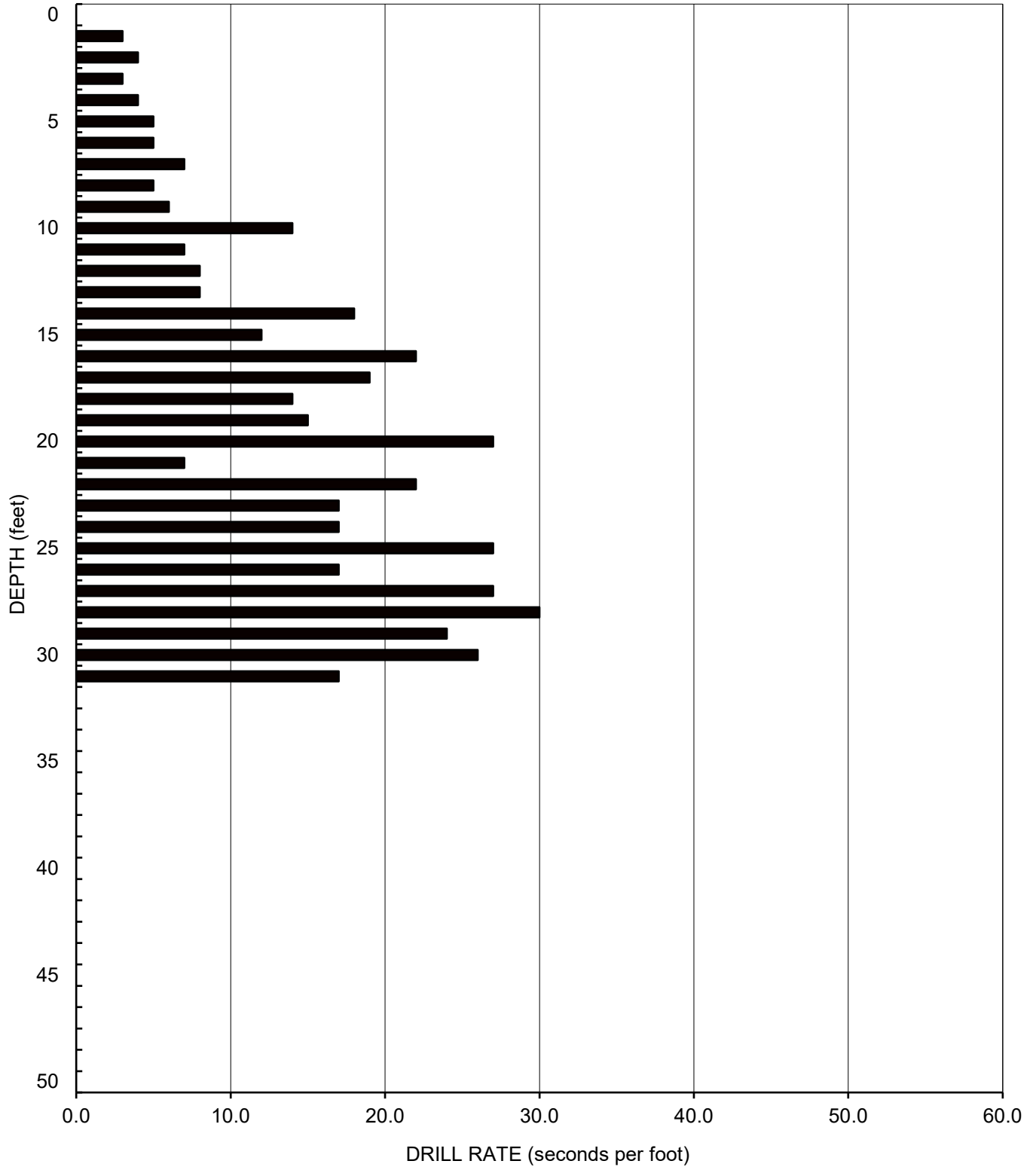
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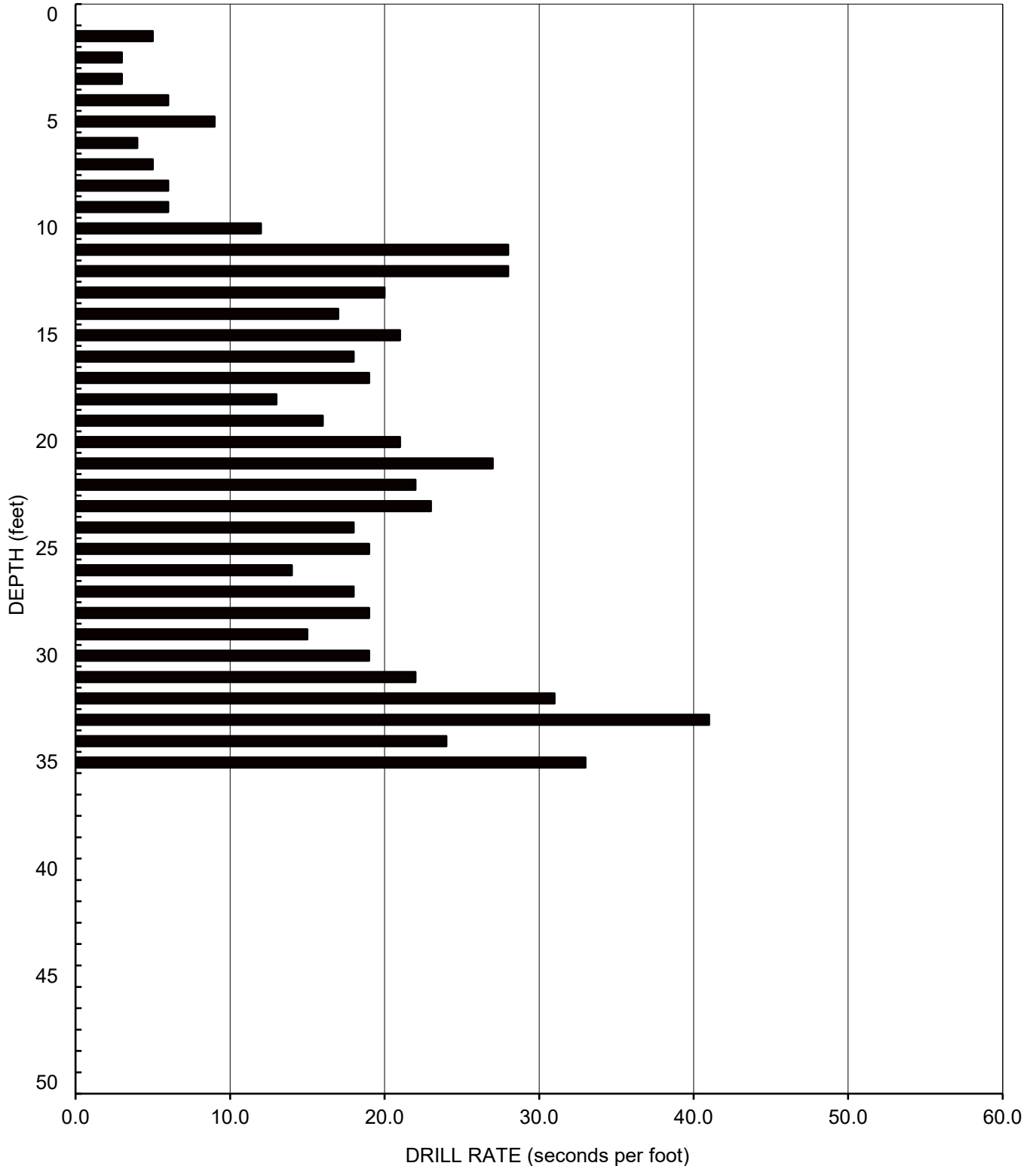


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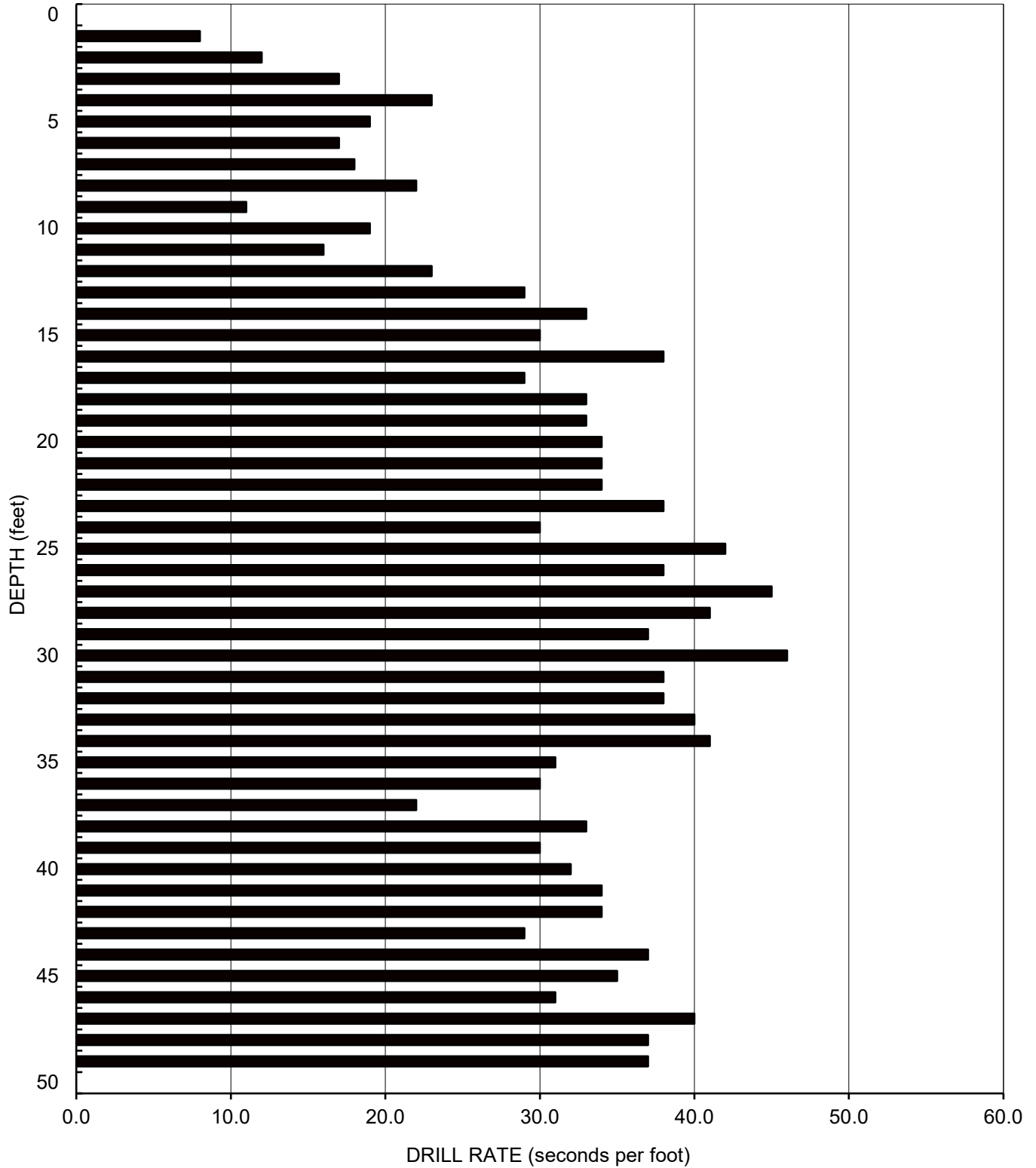




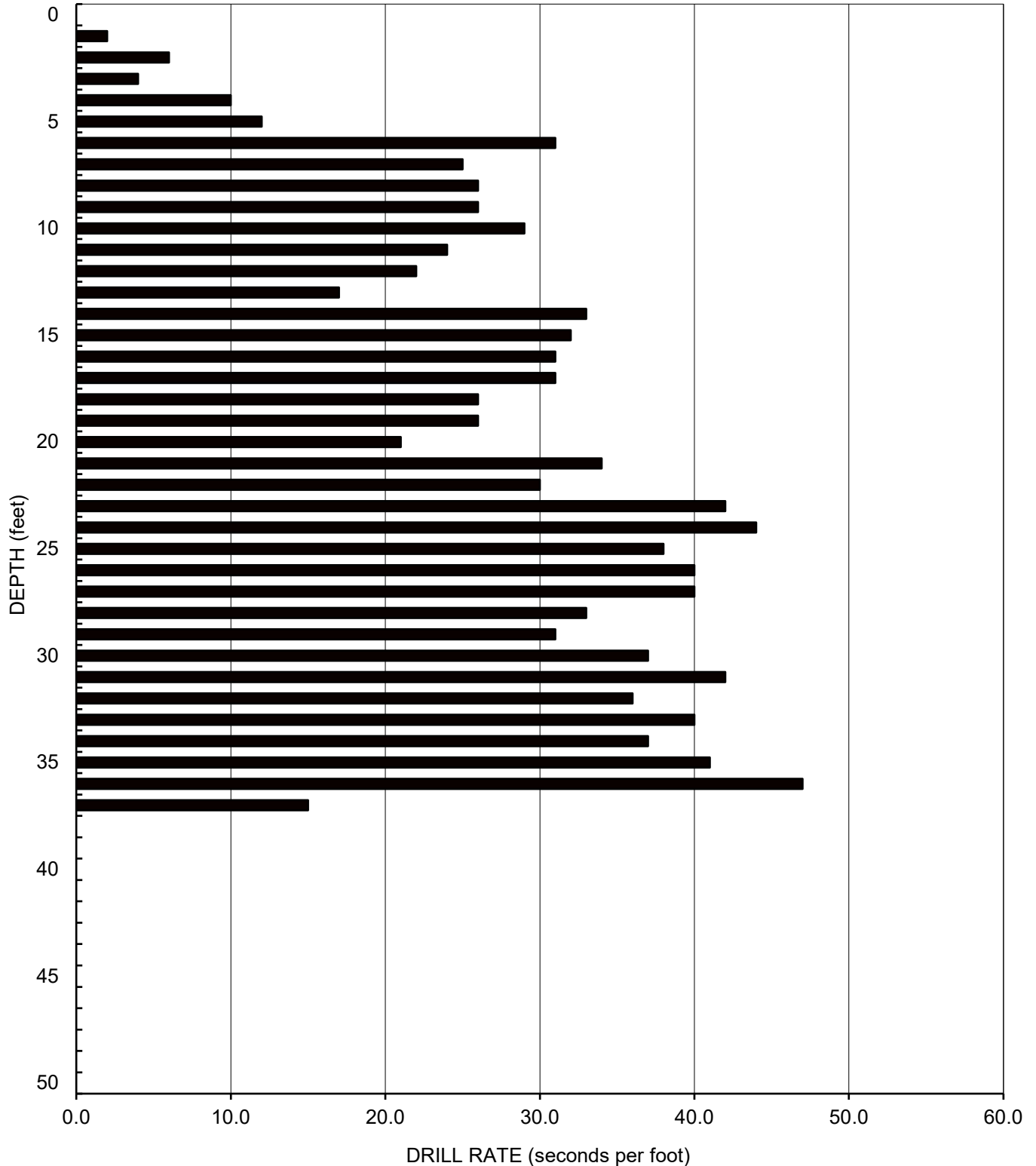
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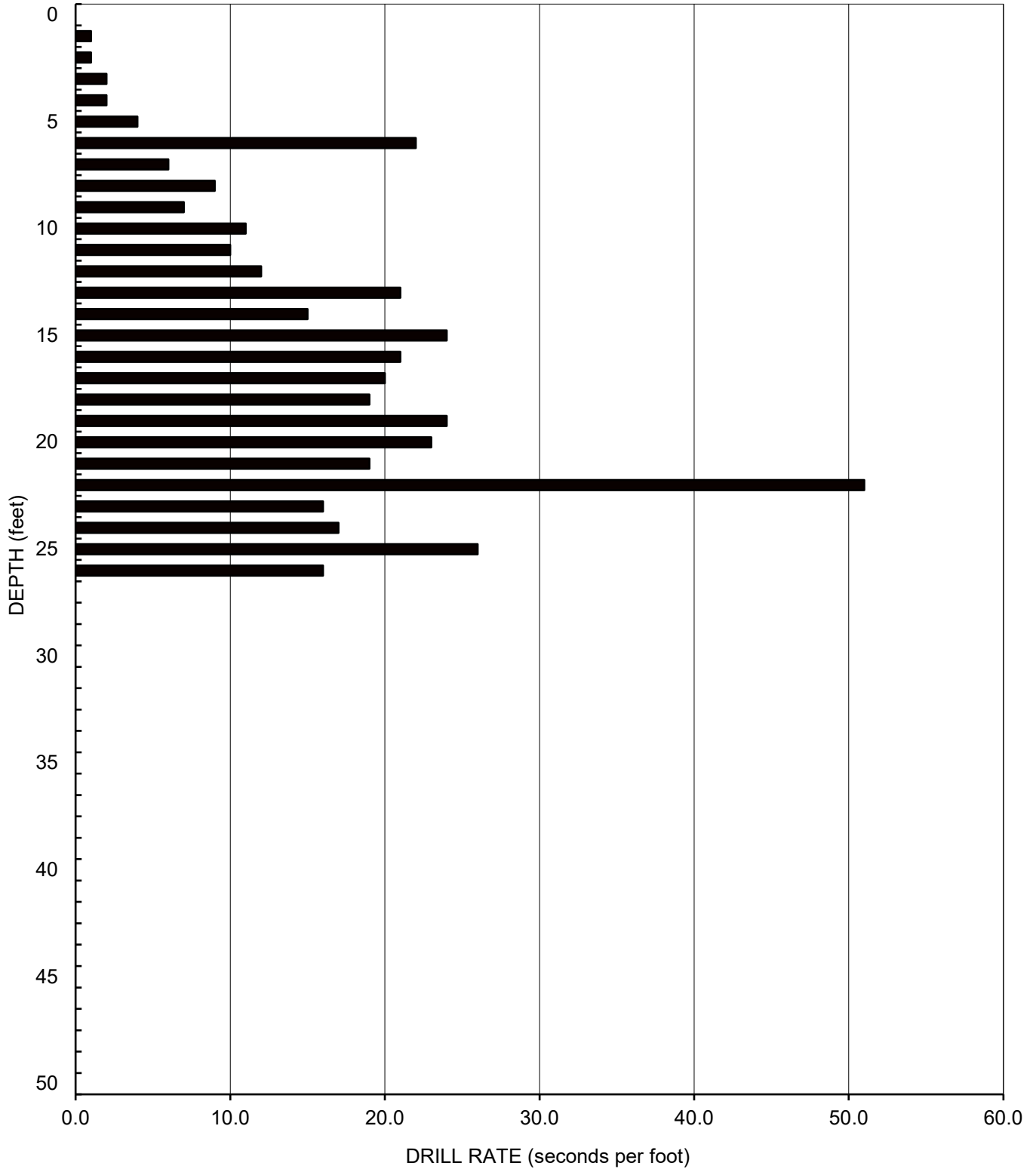
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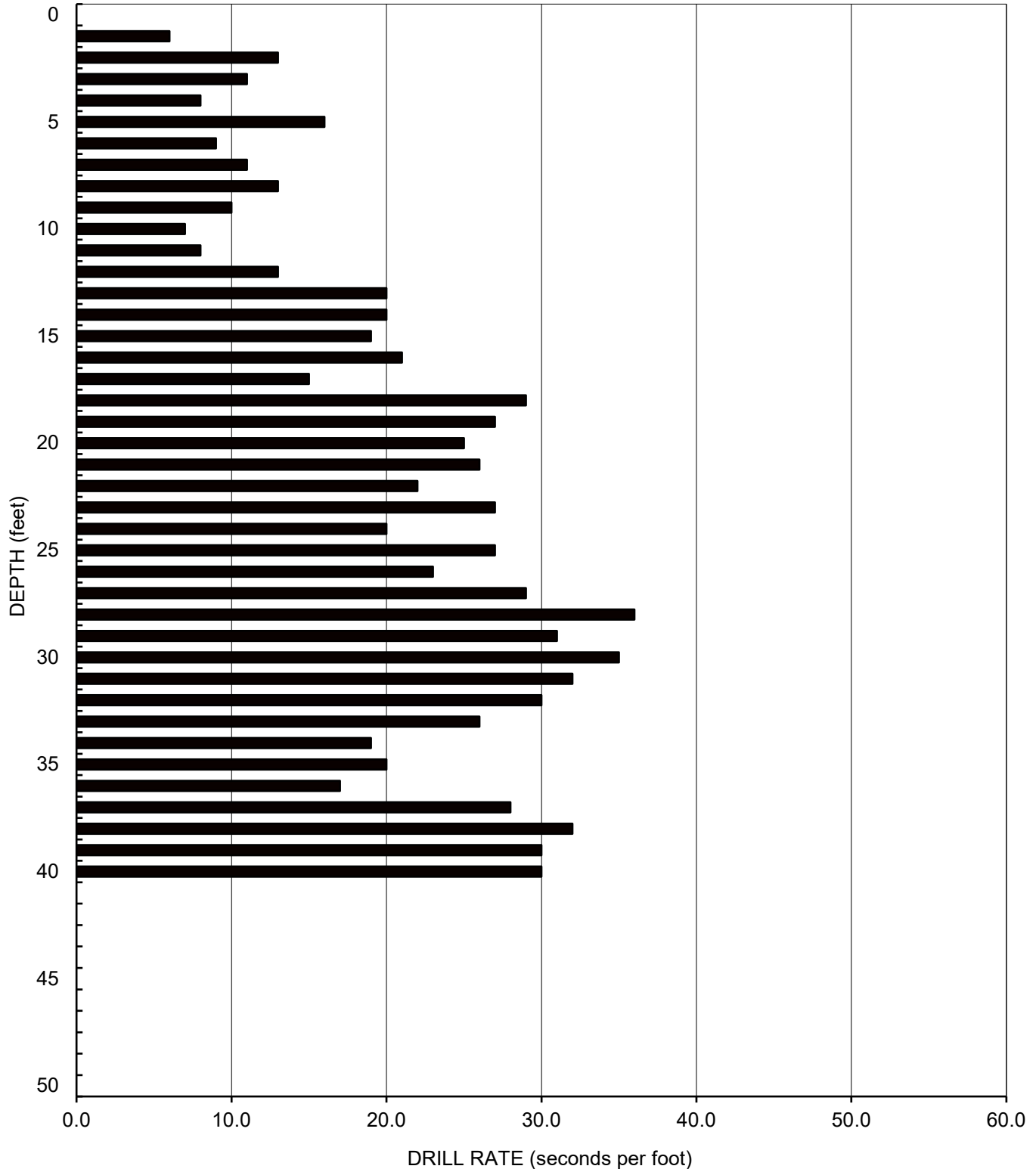
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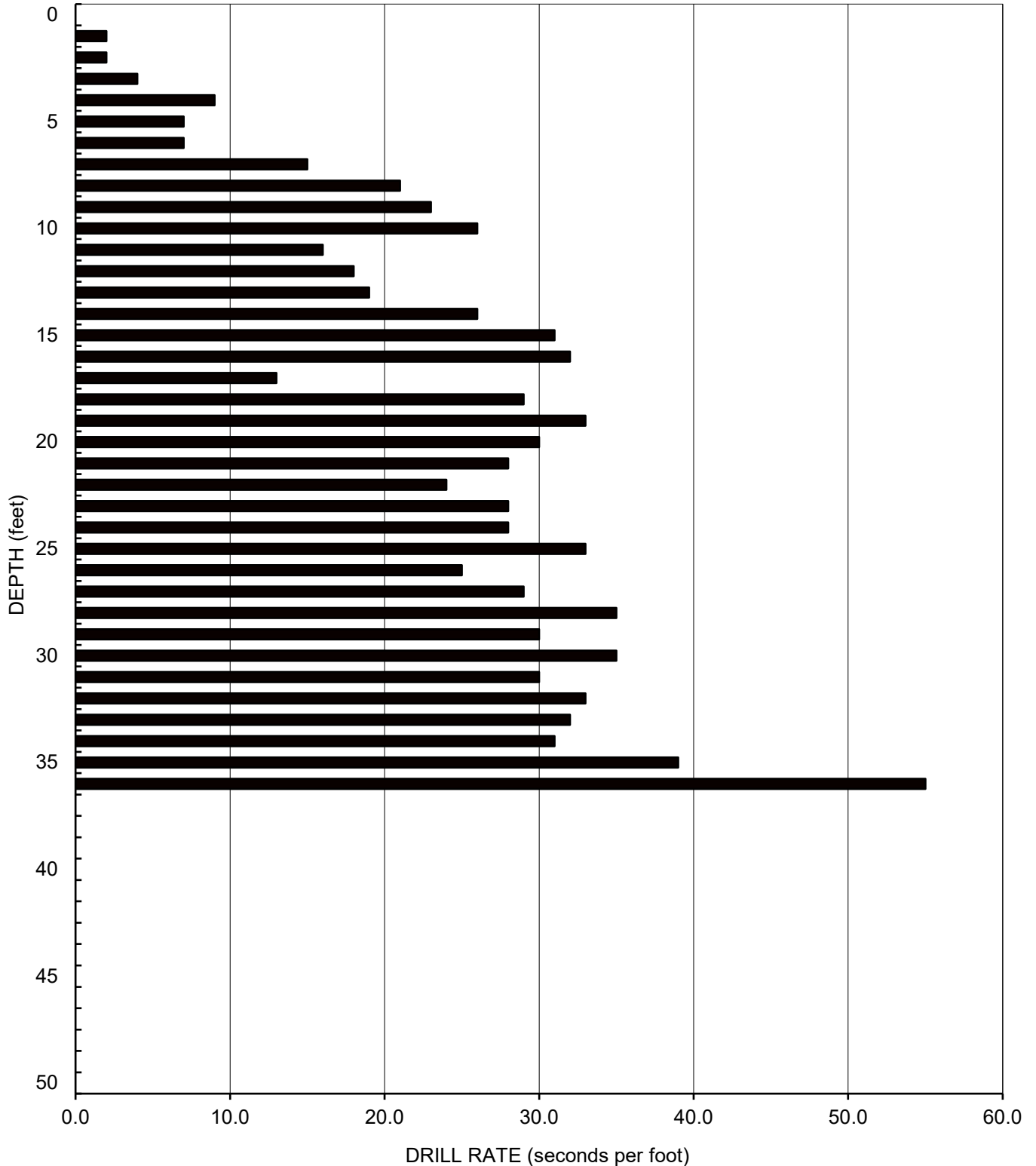
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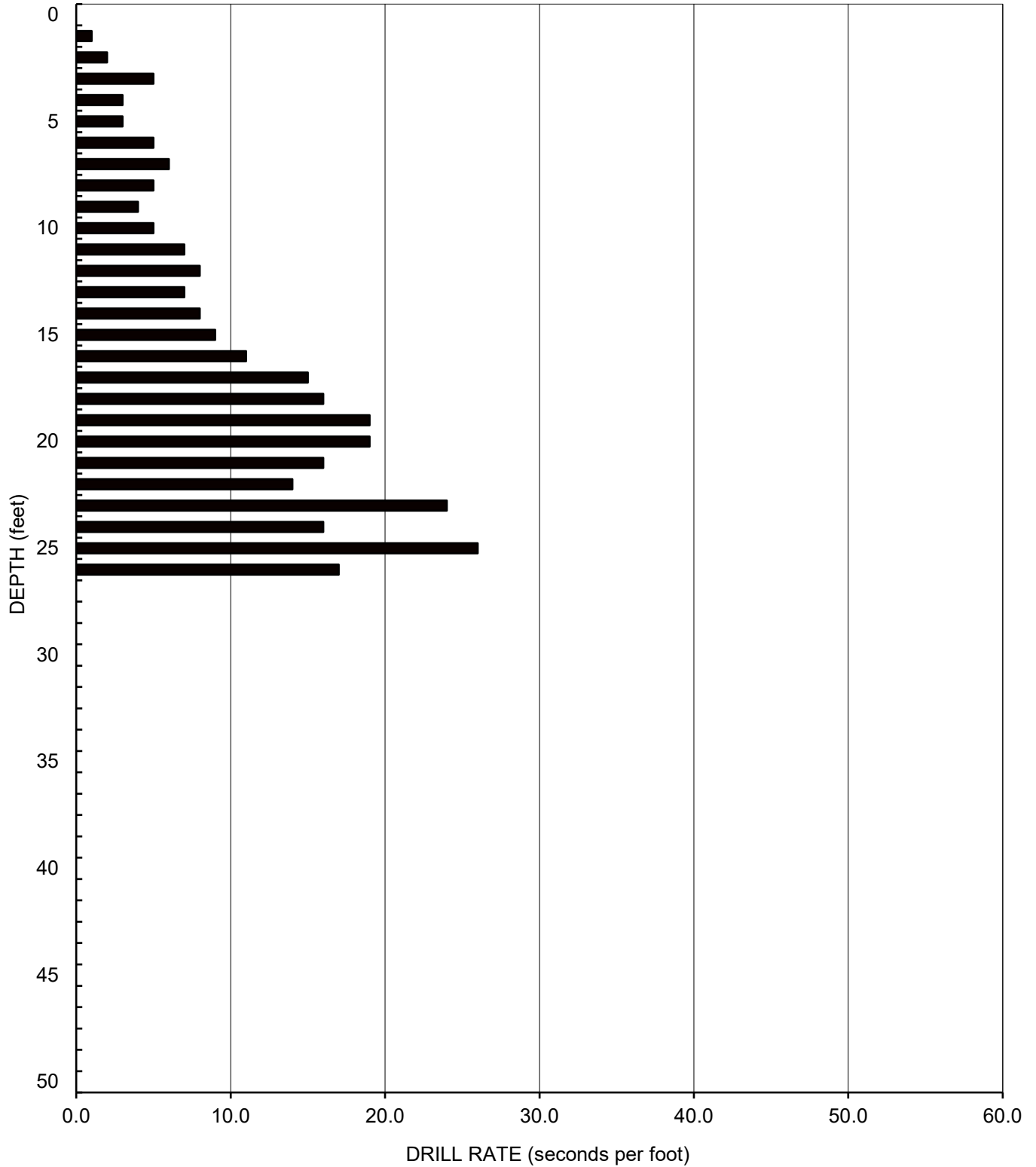
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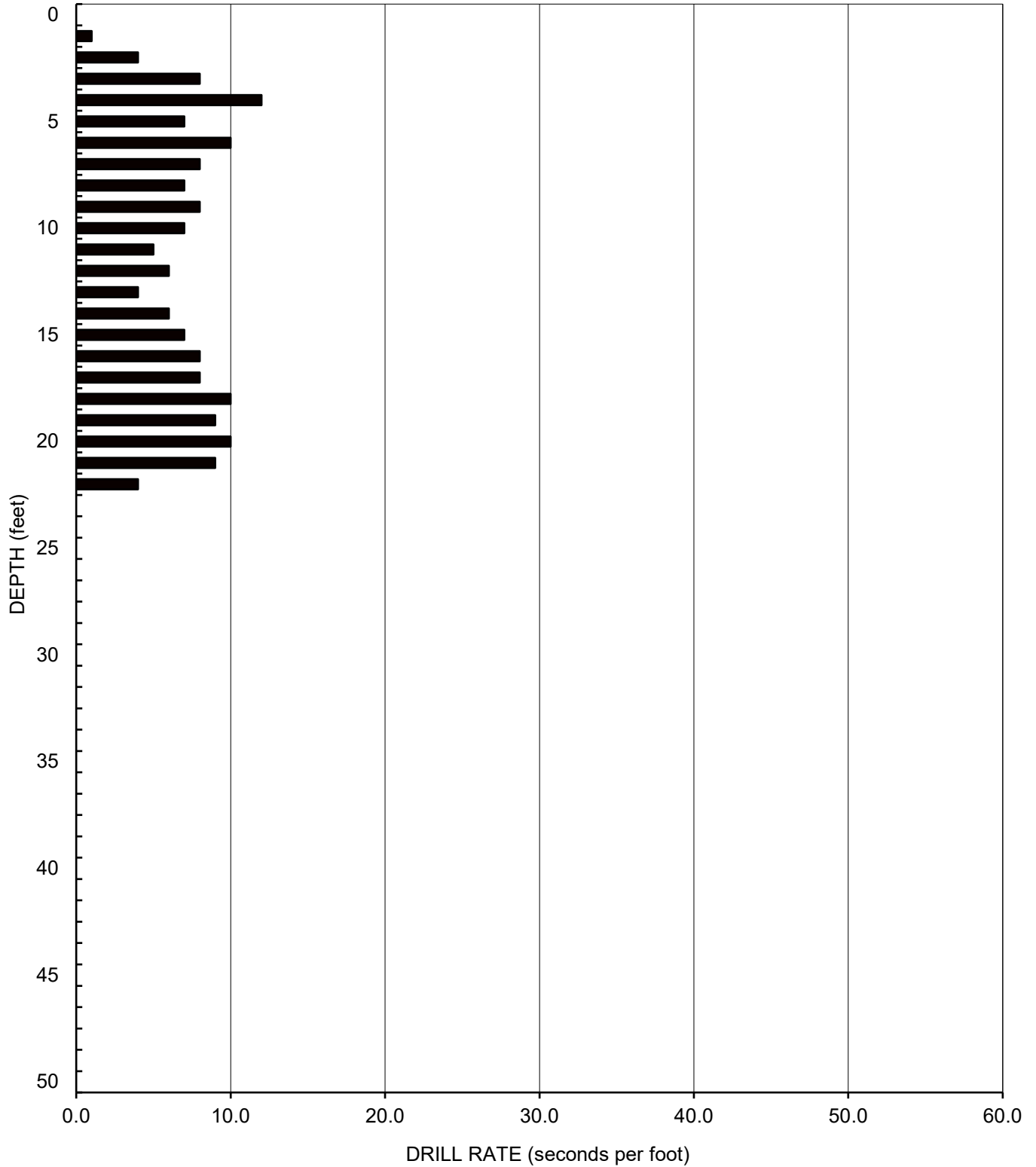
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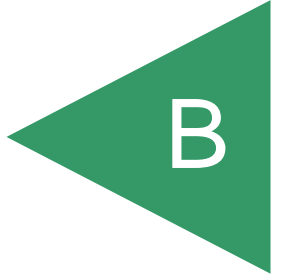


**AIR TRACK BORING AT-10**  
Elevation - 472 Feet (MSL)  
Date 05-28-2021 - Equipment: 4-Inch Dia ECM-490





APPENDIX



## APPENDIX B

### LABORATORY TESTING

We performed laboratory testing on select soil samples in accordance with generally accepted test methods of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or other suggested procedures.

Selected disturbed bulk samples were tested for maximum dry density and optimum moisture content, shear strength characteristics, expansion potential, and water-soluble sulfate content. The results of our laboratory tests are presented in Tables B-1 through B-IV.

**TABLE B-I  
SUMMARY OF LABORATORY MAXIMUM DRY DENSITY  
AND OPTIMUM MOISTURE CONTENT TEST RESULTS  
ASTM D 1557**

Sample No.	Description	Maximum Dry Density (pcf)	Optimum Moisture Content (% dry wt.)
T1-1	Brown, Silty/Clayey SAND with gravel and cobble (includes 14 percent rock correction)	137.3	6.7
T5-1/T8-1	Dark brown, Sandy CLAY with trace gravel	123.5	11.4
T10-1/T11-1	Reddish-brown, Silty/Clayey, fine to medium SAND	130.0	9.0
T11-2	Light brown, Silty, fine to medium SAND with trace gravel	134.2	8.3

**TABLE B-II  
SUMMARY OF LABORATORY DIRECT SHEAR TEST RESULTS  
ASTM D 3080**

Sample No.*	Dry Density (pcf)	Moisture Content (%)		Unit Cohesion (psf) Peak	Angle of Shear Resistance (degrees)
		Initial	Final		
T1-1	120.6	8.0	12.6	450	33
T5-1/T8-1	109.6	13.0	23.8	300	26
T10-1/T11-1	116.8	9.3	13.9	580	30
T11-2	121.5	8.0	13.0	490	33

\*Soil samples remolded to 90 percent of laboratory maximum dry density at near optimum moisture content. Ultimate values are shown.

**TABLE B-III  
SUMMARY OF LABORATORY EXPANSION INDEX TEST RESULTS  
ASTM D 4829**

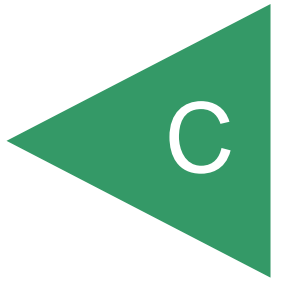
Sample No.	Moisture Content (%)		Dry Density (pcf)	Expansion Index	ASTM Classification (per 2019 CBC)
	Before Test	After Test			
T1-1	7.6	15.2	118.8	61	Medium
T5-1/T8-1	10.9	26.2	105.7	112	High
T10-1/T11-1	8.6	15.3	115.1	3	Very Low

**TABLE B-IV  
SUMMARY OF LABORATORY WATER-SOLUBLE SULFATE TEST RESULTS  
CALIFORNIA TEST NO. 417**

Sample No.	Water-Soluble Sulfate (%)	Sulfate Exposure Class*	Exposure Rating (severity)
T1-1	0.012	Not Applicable	S0
T5-1/T8-1	0.035	Not Applicable	S0

\*Reference: Table 4.2.1, ACI 318 report.

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**APPENDIX C**  
**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT**  
**FOR**  
**OAK KNOLL**  
**POWAY, CALIFORNIA**  
**PROJECT NO. G2746-32-02**

## APPENDIX C

### STORM WATER MANAGEMENT INVESTIGATION

We understand storm water management devices are being proposed in accordance with the *2016 City of Poway BMP Design Manual*, commonly referred to as the *Storm Water Standards (SWS)*. If not properly constructed, there is a potential for distress to improvements and properties located hydrologically down gradient or adjacent to these devices. Factors such as the amount of water to be detained, its residence time, and soil permeability have an important effect on seepage transmission and the potential adverse impacts that may occur if the storm water management features are not properly designed and constructed. We have not performed a hydrogeological study at the site. If infiltration of storm water runoff occurs, downstream properties may be subjected to seeps, springs, slope instability, raised groundwater, movement of foundations and slabs, or other undesirable impacts as a result of water infiltration.

#### Hydrologic Soil Group

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Services, possesses general information regarding the existing soil conditions for areas within the United States. The USDA website also provides the Hydrologic Soil Group. Table C-1 presents the descriptions of the hydrologic soil groups. In addition, the USDA website also provides an estimated saturated hydraulic conductivity for the existing soil.

**TABLE C-1  
HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUP DEFINITIONS**

Soil Group	Soil Group Definition
A	Soils having a high infiltration rate (low runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist mainly of deep, well drained to excessively drained sands or gravelly sands. These soils have a high rate of water transmission.
B	Soils having a moderate infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of moderately deep or deep, moderately well drained or well drained soils that have moderately fine texture to moderately coarse texture. These soils have a moderate rate of water transmission.
C	Soils having a slow infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of soils having a layer that impedes the downward movement of water or soils of moderately fine texture or fine texture. These soils have a slow rate of water transmission.
D	Soils having a very slow infiltration rate (high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of clays that have a high shrink-swell potential, soils that have a high-water table, soils that have a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.

The northern property is underlain by three units identified as Cieneba rocky coarse sandy loam (CmE2), Olivehain cobbly loam (OhC), and Placentia sandy loam (PfC). Table C-2A presents the information from the USDA NRCS website for the subject property.

**TABLE C-2A  
USDA WEB SOIL SURVEY – HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUP (NORTH PROPERTY)**

Map Unit Name	Map Unit Symbol	Approximate Percentage of Property	Hydrologic Soil Group	k <sub>SAT</sub> of Most Limiting Layer (inches/hour)
Cieneba rocky coarse sandy loam	CmE2	1	D	1.98 – 5.95
Olivehain cobbly loam	OhC	20	D	0.0 – 0.06
Placentia sandy loam	PfC	79	D	0.0 – 0.06

The southern property is underlain by Placentia sandy loam (PfC) and Visalia sandy loam (VaA). Table C-2B presents the information from the USDA NRCS website for the subject property.

**TABLE C-2B  
USDA WEB SOIL SURVEY – HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUP (SOUTH PROPERTY)**

Map Unit Name	Map Unit Symbol	Approximate Percentage of Property	Hydrologic Soil Group	k <sub>SAT</sub> of Most Limiting Layer (inches/hour)
Placentia sandy loam	PfC	73	D	0.0 – 0.06
Visalia sandy loam	VaA	27	A	1.98 – 5.95

### In-Situ Testing

The infiltration rate, percolation rates and saturated hydraulic conductivity are different and have different meanings. Percolation rates tend to overestimate infiltration rates and saturated hydraulic conductivities by a factor of 10 or more. Table C-3 describes the differences in the definitions.

**TABLE C-3  
SOIL PERMEABILITY DEFINITIONS**

Term	Definition
Infiltration Rate	The observation of the flow of water through a material into the ground downward into a given soil structure under long term conditions. This is a function of layering of soil, density, pore space, discontinuities and initial moisture content.
Percolation Rate	The observation of the flow of water through a material into the ground downward and laterally into a given soil structure under long term conditions. This is a function of layering of soil, density, pore space, discontinuities and initial moisture content.
Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity (k <sub>SAT</sub> , Permeability)	The volume of water that will move in a porous medium under a hydraulic gradient through a unit area. This is a function of density, structure, stratification, fines content and discontinuities. It is also a function of the properties of the liquid as well as of the porous medium.

The degree of soil compaction or in-situ density has a significant impact on soil permeability and infiltration. Based on our experience and other studies we performed, an increase in compaction results in a decrease in soil permeability.

We performed one constant head, borehole Infiltration Test, I-1, at location shown on the attached Geologic Map, Figure 2. The test boring was 4 inches in diameter. The results of the tests provide parameters for the saturated hydraulic conductivity characteristics of on-site soil and geologic units. Table C-4 presents the results of the estimated field saturated hydraulic conductivity and estimated infiltration rates obtained from the borehole percolation test. The test results are also attached herein. We applied a feasibility factor of safety of 2 to the field results for use in preparation of Worksheet C.4-1. The results of the testing indicate adjusted soil infiltration rates of 0.0 inches per hour after applying a Factor of Safety of 2.

**TABLE C-4  
FIELD PERMEAMETER INFILTRATION TEST RESULTS**

Test No.	Geologic Unit	Test Depth (feet)	Field-Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity, $K_{sat}$ (inch/hour)	Worksheet <sup>1</sup> Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity, $K_{sat}$ (inch/hour)
I-1	Qt	2.7	0.071	0.036

<sup>1</sup> Using a factor of safety of 2 for Worksheet C.4-1.

### STORM WATER MANAGEMENT CONCLUSIONS

The Geologic Map, Figure 2, depicts the existing property, proposed development, the approximate lateral limits of the geologic units, the locations of the field excavations and the in-situ infiltration test locations.

#### Soil Types

**Proposed Compacted Fill** – Compacted fill will be placed across the entire property during site development. Proposed remedial grading will consist of removing the surficial soils and replacement as compacted fill. The proposed storm water BMP’s will be founded in compacted fill placed above Friars Formation or granitic rock. The compacted fill will be comprised of on-site sandy clay and clayey gravel. The fill will be compacted to a dry density of at least 90 percent of the laboratory maximum dry density. In our experience, compacted fill does not possess infiltration rates appropriate for infiltration BMP’s. Hazards that occur as a result of fill soil saturation include a potential for hydro-consolidation of the granular fill soils, heaving of expansive soils, long term fill settlement, differential fill settlement, and lateral movement associated with saturated fill relaxation. The potential for lateral water migration to adversely impact existing or proposed structures, foundations, utilities, and roadways, is high. Therefore, full infiltration should be considered infeasible.



Section D.4.2 of the 2016 Storm Water Standards (SWS) provides a discussion regarding fill materials used for infiltration. The SWS states:

- *For engineered fills, infiltration rates may still be quite uncertain due to layering and heterogeneities introduced as part of construction that cannot be precisely controlled. Due to these uncertainties, full and partial infiltration should be considered geotechnically infeasible and liners and subdrains should be used in areas where infiltration BMP's are founded in compacted fill.*
- *Where possible, infiltration BMPs on fill material should be designed such that their infiltrating surface extends into native soils. Full and partial infiltration should be considered geotechnically infeasible within the compacted fill and liners and subdrains should be used. If the infiltration BMP's extended below the compacted fill, partial infiltration may be feasible.*
- *Because of the uncertainty of fill parameters as well as potential compaction of the native soils, an infiltration BMP may not be feasible. Therefore, full infiltration should be considered geotechnically infeasible. Partial infiltration may be feasible if the infiltration BMP extends below the compacted fill.*

### **Infiltration Rates**

The results of the infiltration test (including the feasibility factor of safety of 2) obtained within the Terrace Deposits was 0.036 inches per hour (iph). Based on the results of the infiltration testing, the test does not meet the minimum threshold for full or partial infiltration; therefore, full and partial infiltration is considered infeasible.

### **Groundwater Elevations**

Groundwater was encountered during the field investigation and is expected to be a constraint.

### **Soil or Groundwater Contamination**

Based on our review of the Geotracker website, no soil contamination exists or is known to exist on-site.

### **New or Existing Utilities**

Existing utilities are present within right of ways adjacent to the existing streets, generally beneath public sidewalks and roadways. Full infiltration near existing or proposed utilities should be avoided to prevent lateral water migration into the permeable trench backfill materials. Any infiltration BMP's should be setback at least 10 feet from closest utility.

## Existing and Planned Structures

Proposed storm water BMP's are shown throughout the development. Any proposed storm water BMP's adjacent to existing or proposed structures should include a horizontal setback of at least 10 feet.

## Slopes

The northern property moderately to steeply slopes to the south. Proposed cut and fill slopes of approximately 30 feet and 4 feet high, respectively, are proposed. Proposed storm water BMP's adjacent to existing or proposed cut and fill slopes should include a horizontal setback of H and 1.5H, respectively. For example, considering a 30 foot high cut slope and 4 foot high fill slope, a horizontal setback of 30 feet and 6 feet, respectively, should be used.

## Recommendations

Due to the low infiltration rate obtained in the Terrace Deposits, and considering the entire site will be underlain with compacted fill over dense granitic rock or hard Friars Formation, full and partial infiltration of storm water is considered geotechnically infeasible and the proposed development exhibits a “*No Infiltration*” condition. Liners and subdrains should be incorporated into the design and construction of the planned storm water devices. The liners should be impermeable (e.g. High-density polyethylene, HDPE, with a thickness of about 30 mil or equivalent Polyvinyl Chloride, PVC) to prevent water migration. The subdrains should be perforated within the liner area, installed at the base and above the liner, be at least 4 inches in diameter and consist of Schedule 40 PVC pipe. The subdrains outside of the liner should consist of solid pipe. Seams and penetrations of the liners should be properly waterproofed. The subdrains should be connected to a proper outlet. The devices should also be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

## Storm Water Standard Worksheets

The SWS requests the geotechnical engineer complete the *Categorization of Infiltration Feasibility Condition* (Worksheet C.4-1 or I-8) worksheet information to help evaluate the potential for infiltration on the property. The attached Worksheet C.4-1 presents the completed information for the submittal process.

The regional storm water standards also have a worksheet (Worksheet D.5-1 or Form I-9) that helps the project civil engineer estimate the factor of safety based on several factors. Table C-5 describes the suitability assessment input parameters related to the geotechnical engineering aspects for the factor of safety determination.

**TABLE C-5  
SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT RELATED CONSIDERATIONS  
FOR INFILTRATION FACILITY SAFETY FACTORS**

Consideration	High Concern – 3 Points	Medium Concern – 2 Points	Low Concern – 1 Point
Assessment Methods	Use of soil survey maps or simple texture analysis to estimate short-term infiltration rates. Use of well permeameter or borehole methods without accompanying continuous boring log. Relatively sparse testing with direct infiltration methods	Use of well permeameter or borehole methods with accompanying continuous boring log. Direct measurement of infiltration area with localized infiltration measurement methods (e.g., Infiltrometer). Moderate spatial resolution	Direct measurement with localized (i.e. small-scale) infiltration testing methods at relatively high resolution or use of extensive test pit infiltration measurement methods.
Predominant Soil Texture	Silty and clayey soils with significant fines	Loamy soils	Granular to slightly loamy soils
Site Soil Variability	Highly variable soils indicated from site assessment or unknown variability	Soil boring/test pits indicate moderately homogenous soils	Soil boring/test pits indicate relatively homogenous soils
Depth to Groundwater/ Impervious Layer	<5 feet below facility bottom	5-15 feet below facility bottom	>15 feet below facility bottom

Based on our geotechnical investigation and the information in Table C-5, Table C-6 presents the estimated factor values for the evaluation of the factor of safety. This table only provides the suitability assessment safety factor (Part A) of the worksheet. The project civil engineer should evaluate the safety factor for design (Part B) and use the combined safety factor for the design infiltration rate.

**TABLE D-6  
FACTOR OF SAFETY WORKSHEET DESIGN VALUES – PART A<sup>1</sup>**

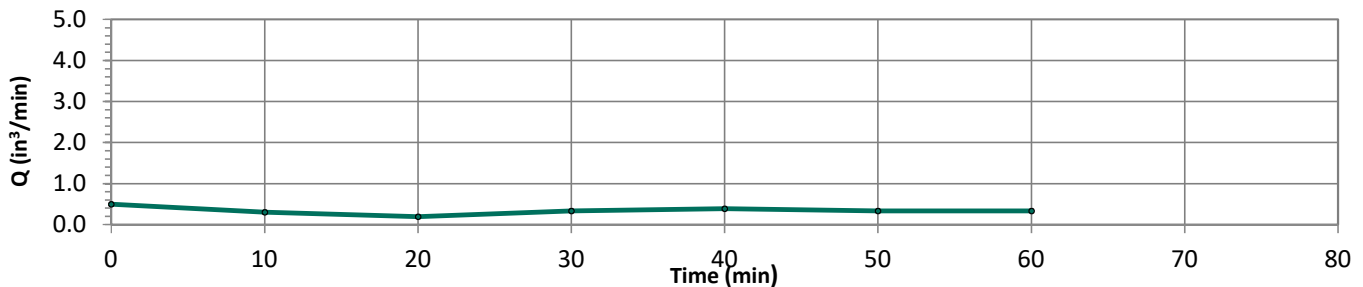
Suitability Assessment Factor Category	Assigned Weight (w)	Factor Value (v)	Product (p = w x v)
Assessment Methods	0.25	3	0.75
Predominant Soil Texture	0.25	3	0.75
Site Soil Variability	0.25	1	0.25
Depth to Groundwater/ Impervious Layer	0.25	2	0.50
Suitability Assessment Safety Factor, $S_A = \sum p$			2.25

<sup>1</sup> The project civil engineer should complete Worksheet D.5-1 or Form I-9 using the data on this table. Additional information is required to evaluate the design factor of safety.

TEST NO.: I-IGEOLOGIC UNIT: QtEXCAVATION ELEVATION (MSL, FT): 449

TEST INFORMATION	
BOREHOLE DIAMETER (IN):	4
BOREHOLE DEPTH (FT):	2.7
TEST/BOTTOM ELEVATION (MSL, FT):	446
MEASURED HEAD HEIGHT (IN):	5.5
CALCULATED HEAD HEIGHT (IN):	5.9
FACTOR OF SAFETY:	2.0

TEST RESULTS	
STEADY FLOW RATE (IN <sup>3</sup> /MIN):	<b>0.332</b>
FIELD-SATURATED INFILTRATION RATE (IN/HR):	<b>0.071</b>
FACTORED INFILTRATION RATE (IN/HR):	<b>0.036</b>



TEST DATA				
Reading	Time Elapsed (min)	Water Weight Consumed (lbs)	Water Volume Consumed (in <sup>3</sup> )	Q (in <sup>3</sup> /min)
1	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.00
2	10.00	0.180	4.98	0.498
3	10.00	0.110	3.05	0.305
4	10.00	0.070	1.94	0.194
5	10.00	0.120	3.32	0.332
6	10.00	0.140	3.88	0.388
7	10.00	0.120	3.32	0.332
8	10.00	0.120	3.32	0.332

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### DOWNHOLE PERMEAMETER TEST RESULTS

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# Custom Soil Resource Report for San Diego County Area, California

## Oak Knoll North, Poway



# Preface

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Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/>) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (<https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2\\_053951](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2_053951)).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Web Soil Survey, the site for official soil survey information.

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# How Soil Surveys Are Made

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Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil

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scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and

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identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

# Soil Map




































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## MAP LEGEND

<b>Area of Interest (AOI)</b>	 Area of Interest (AOI)	 Spoil Area
<b>Soils</b>	 Soil Map Unit Polygons	 Stony Spot
	 Soil Map Unit Lines	 Very Stony Spot
	 Soil Map Unit Points	 Wet Spot
<b>Special Point Features</b>	 Blowout	 Other
	 Borrow Pit	 Special Line Features
	 Clay Spot	<b>Water Features</b>
	 Closed Depression	 Streams and Canals
	 Gravel Pit	<b>Transportation</b>
	 Gravelly Spot	 Rails
	 Landfill	 Interstate Highways
	 Lava Flow	 US Routes
	 Marsh or swamp	 Major Roads
	 Mine or Quarry	 Local Roads
	 Miscellaneous Water	<b>Background</b>
	 Perennial Water	 Aerial Photography
	 Rock Outcrop	
	 Saline Spot	
	 Sandy Spot	
	 Severely Eroded Spot	
	 Sinkhole	
	 Slide or Slip	
	 Sodic Spot	

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
 Web Soil Survey URL:  
 Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: San Diego County Area, California  
 Survey Area Data: Version 16, Sep 13, 2021

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Aug 22, 2018—Aug 31, 2018

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
CmE2	Cieneba rocky coarse sandy loam, 9 to 30 percent slopes, eroded	0.1	1.2%
OhC	Olivenhain cobbly loam, 2 to 9 percent slopes	1.5	19.8%
PfC	Placentia sandy loam, thick surface, 2 to 9 percent slopes	5.8	79.0%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>7.4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Map Unit Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate

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pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.



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### **CmE2—Cieneba rocky coarse sandy loam, 9 to 30 percent slopes, eroded**

#### **Map Unit Setting**

*National map unit symbol:* hb9t  
*Elevation:* 500 to 4,000 feet  
*Mean annual precipitation:* 8 to 35 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 45 to 64 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 110 to 300 days  
*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

#### **Map Unit Composition**

*Cieneba and similar soils:* 60 percent  
*Rock outcrop:* 30 percent  
*Minor components:* 10 percent  
*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

#### **Description of Cieneba**

##### **Setting**

*Landform:* Hills  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Backslope  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Side slope  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex  
*Across-slope shape:* Convex  
*Parent material:* Residuum weathered from granite and granodiorite

##### **Typical profile**

*H1 - 0 to 8 inches:* coarse sandy loam  
*H2 - 8 to 12 inches:* weathered bedrock

##### **Properties and qualities**

*Slope:* 9 to 30 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* 4 to 20 inches to paralithic bedrock  
*Drainage class:* Somewhat excessively drained  
*Runoff class:* Medium  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* High (1.98 to 5.95 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* Very low (about 0.8 inches)

##### **Interpretive groups**

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 7e  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D  
*Ecological site:* R019XD060CA - SHALLOW LOAMY (1975)  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### **Description of Rock Outcrop**

##### **Setting**

*Landform:* Hills

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*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Side slope  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex  
*Across-slope shape:* Convex

### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 4 inches:* unweathered bedrock

### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 8  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Minor Components

#### Vista

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### Las posas

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

## OhC—Olivenhain cobbly loam, 2 to 9 percent slopes

### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* hbfb  
*Elevation:* 100 to 600 feet  
*Mean annual precipitation:* 14 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 63 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 290 to 330 days  
*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

### Map Unit Composition

*Olivenhain and similar soils:* 85 percent  
*Minor components:* 10 percent  
*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

### Description of Olivenhain

#### Setting

*Landform:* Marine terraces  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex  
*Across-slope shape:* Convex  
*Parent material:* Gravelly alluvium derived from mixed sources

#### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 10 inches:* cobbly loam  
*H2 - 10 to 42 inches:* very cobbly clay  
*H3 - 42 to 60 inches:* cobbly clay loam

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### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 2 to 9 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Runoff class:* Very high  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* Very low (about 1.3 inches)

### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 4e  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4e  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D  
*Ecological site:* R019XD061CA - CLAYPAN (1975)  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Minor Components

#### Diablo

*Percent of map unit:* 4 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### Linne

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### Unnamed, ponded

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent  
*Landform:* Depressions  
*Hydric soil rating:* Yes

#### Huerhuero

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

## PfC—Placentia sandy loam, thick surface, 2 to 9 percent slopes

### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* hbfm  
*Elevation:* 50 to 2,500 feet  
*Mean annual precipitation:* 12 to 18 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 61 to 63 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 200 to 300 days  
*Farmland classification:* Farmland of statewide importance

### Map Unit Composition

*Placentia and similar soils:* 85 percent  
*Minor components:* 11 percent

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*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

### Description of Placentia

#### Setting

*Landform:* Alluvial fans  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Toeslope  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Base slope, rise  
*Down-slope shape:* Linear  
*Across-slope shape:* Convex  
*Parent material:* Alluvium derived from granite

#### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 13 inches:* sandy loam  
*H2 - 13 to 34 inches:* clay

#### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 2 to 9 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches  
*Drainage class:* Moderately well drained  
*Runoff class:* Very high  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Maximum salinity:* Very slightly saline to moderately saline (2.0 to 8.0 mmhos/cm)  
*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum:* 25.0  
*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* Very low (about 2.7 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 3e  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4e  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D  
*Ecological site:* R019XD061CA - CLAYPAN (1975)  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Minor Components

#### Ramona

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### Bonsall

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### Unnamed, ponded

*Percent of map unit:* 1 percent  
*Landform:* Depressions  
*Hydric soil rating:* Yes

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Oak Knoll South, Poway, CA



# Preface

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Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/>) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (<https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2\\_053951](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2_053951)).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Web Soil Survey, the site for official soil survey information.

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# How Soil Surveys Are Made

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Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil

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scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and

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identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

# Soil Map

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































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Map Scale: 1:410 if printed on A landscape (11" x 8.5") sheet.



Map projection: Web Mercator Corner coordinates: WGS84 Edge tics: UTM Zone 11N WGS84

## MAP LEGEND

<b>Area of Interest (AOI)</b>	 Area of Interest (AOI)	 Spoil Area
<b>Soils</b>	 Soil Map Unit Polygons	 Stony Spot
	 Soil Map Unit Lines	 Very Stony Spot
	 Soil Map Unit Points	 Wet Spot
<b>Special Point Features</b>	 Blowout	 Other
	 Borrow Pit	 Special Line Features
	 Clay Spot	<b>Water Features</b>
	 Closed Depression	 Streams and Canals
	 Gravel Pit	<b>Transportation</b>
	 Gravelly Spot	 Rails
	 Landfill	 Interstate Highways
	 Lava Flow	 US Routes
	 Marsh or swamp	 Major Roads
	 Mine or Quarry	 Local Roads
	 Miscellaneous Water	<b>Background</b>
	 Perennial Water	 Aerial Photography
	 Rock Outcrop	
	 Saline Spot	
	 Sandy Spot	
	 Severely Eroded Spot	
	 Sinkhole	
	 Slide or Slip	
	 Sodic Spot	

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
 Web Soil Survey URL:  
 Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: San Diego County Area, California  
 Survey Area Data: Version 16, Sep 13, 2021

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Aug 22, 2018—Aug 31, 2018

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.



## Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
PfC	Placentia sandy loam, thick surface, 2 to 9 percent slopes	0.4	73.4%
VaA	Visalia sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	0.2	26.6%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>0.6</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Map Unit Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the

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development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

## San Diego County Area, California

### PfC—Placentia sandy loam, thick surface, 2 to 9 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* hbfn

*Elevation:* 50 to 2,500 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 12 to 18 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 61 to 63 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 200 to 300 days

*Farmland classification:* Farmland of statewide importance

#### Map Unit Composition

*Placentia and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 11 percent

*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

#### Description of Placentia

##### Setting

*Landform:* Alluvial fans

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Toeslope

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Base slope, rise

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Convex

*Parent material:* Alluvium derived from granite

##### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 13 inches:* sandy loam

*H2 - 13 to 34 inches:* clay

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 2 to 9 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches

*Drainage class:* Moderately well drained

*Runoff class:* Very high

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* None

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Maximum salinity:* Very slightly saline to moderately saline (2.0 to 8.0 mmhos/cm)

*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum:* 25.0

*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* Very low (about 2.7 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 3e

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4e

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D

*Ecological site:* R019XD061CA - CLAYPAN (1975)

*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### Minor Components

##### Ramona

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent

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*Hydric soil rating:* No

### **Bonsall**

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent

*Hydric soil rating:* No

### **Unnamed, ponded**

*Percent of map unit:* 1 percent

*Landform:* Depressions

*Hydric soil rating:* Yes

## **VaA—Visalia sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes**

### **Map Unit Setting**

*National map unit symbol:* hbh2

*Elevation:* 600 to 1,200 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 57 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 200 to 350 days

*Farmland classification:* Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season

### **Map Unit Composition**

*Visalia and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

### **Description of Visalia**

#### **Setting**

*Landform:* Alluvial fans

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Toeslope

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Riser, flat

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Convex

*Parent material:* Alluvium derived from granite

#### **Typical profile**

*H1 - 0 to 12 inches:* sandy loam

*H2 - 12 to 40 inches:* fine sandy loam

*H3 - 40 to 60 inches:* very fine sandy loam

#### **Properties and qualities**

*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches

*Drainage class:* Well drained

*Runoff class:* Very low

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* High (1.98 to 5.95 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* Rare

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*Frequency of ponding: None*

*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 7.8 inches)*

### **Interpretive groups**

*Land capability classification (irrigated): 1*

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2c*

*Hydrologic Soil Group: A*

*Ecological site: R019XG911CA - Loamy Fan*

*Hydric soil rating: No*

### **Minor Components**

#### **Grangeville**

*Percent of map unit: 5 percent*

*Hydric soil rating: No*

#### **Greenfield**

*Percent of map unit: 5 percent*

*Hydric soil rating: No*

#### **Placentia**

*Percent of map unit: 2 percent*

*Hydric soil rating: No*

#### **Tujunga**

*Percent of map unit: 2 percent*

*Hydric soil rating: No*

#### **Unnamed**

*Percent of map unit: 1 percent*

*Landform: Flood plains*

*Hydric soil rating: Yes*

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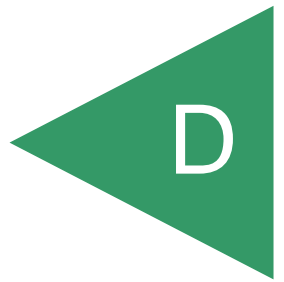
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APPENDIX





**APPENDIX D**

**RECOMMENDED GRADING SPECIFICATIONS**

**FOR**

**OAK KNOLL**  
**POWAY, CALIFORNIA**

**PROJECT NO. G2746-32-02**

## RECOMMENDED GRADING SPECIFICATIONS

### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Recommended Grading Specifications shall be used in conjunction with the Geotechnical Report for the project prepared by Geocon. The recommendations contained in the text of the Geotechnical Report are a part of the earthwork and grading specifications and shall supersede the provisions contained hereinafter in the case of conflict.
- 1.2 Prior to the commencement of grading, a geotechnical consultant (Consultant) shall be employed for the purpose of observing earthwork procedures and testing the fills for substantial conformance with the recommendations of the Geotechnical Report and these specifications. The Consultant should provide adequate testing and observation services so that they may assess whether, in their opinion, the work was performed in substantial conformance with these specifications. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to assist the Consultant and keep them apprised of work schedules and changes so that personnel may be scheduled accordingly.
- 1.3 It shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to provide adequate equipment and methods to accomplish the work in accordance with applicable grading codes or agency ordinances, these specifications and the approved grading plans. If, in the opinion of the Consultant, unsatisfactory conditions such as questionable soil materials, poor moisture condition, inadequate compaction, and/or adverse weather result in a quality of work not in conformance with these specifications, the Consultant will be empowered to reject the work and recommend to the Owner that grading be stopped until the unacceptable conditions are corrected.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **Owner** shall refer to the owner of the property or the entity on whose behalf the grading work is being performed and who has contracted with the Contractor to have grading performed.
- 2.2 **Contractor** shall refer to the Contractor performing the site grading work.
- 2.3 **Civil Engineer** or **Engineer of Work** shall refer to the California licensed Civil Engineer or consulting firm responsible for preparation of the grading plans, surveying and verifying as-graded topography.
- 2.4 **Consultant** shall refer to the soil engineering and engineering geology consulting firm retained to provide geotechnical services for the project.

- 2.5 **Soil Engineer** shall refer to a California licensed Civil Engineer retained by the Owner, who is experienced in the practice of geotechnical engineering. The Soil Engineer shall be responsible for having qualified representatives on-site to observe and test the Contractor's work for conformance with these specifications.
- 2.6 **Engineering Geologist** shall refer to a California licensed Engineering Geologist retained by the Owner to provide geologic observations and recommendations during the site grading.
- 2.7 **Geotechnical Report** shall refer to a soil report (including all addenda) which may include a geologic reconnaissance or geologic investigation that was prepared specifically for the development of the project for which these Recommended Grading Specifications are intended to apply.

### 3. MATERIALS

- 3.1 Materials for compacted fill shall consist of any soil excavated from the cut areas or imported to the site that, in the opinion of the Consultant, is suitable for use in construction of fills. In general, fill materials can be classified as *soil* fills, *soil-rock* fills or *rock* fills, as defined below.
- 3.1.1 **Soil fills** are defined as fills containing no rocks or hard lumps greater than 12 inches in maximum dimension and containing at least 40 percent by weight of material smaller than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in size.
- 3.1.2 **Soil-rock fills** are defined as fills containing no rocks or hard lumps larger than 4 feet in maximum dimension and containing a sufficient matrix of soil fill to allow for proper compaction of soil fill around the rock fragments or hard lumps as specified in Paragraph 6.2. **Oversize rock** is defined as material greater than 12 inches.
- 3.1.3 **Rock fills** are defined as fills containing no rocks or hard lumps larger than 3 feet in maximum dimension and containing little or no fines. Fines are defined as material smaller than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in maximum dimension. The quantity of fines shall be less than approximately 20 percent of the rock fill quantity.
- 3.2 Material of a perishable, spongy, or otherwise unsuitable nature as determined by the Consultant shall not be used in fills.
- 3.3 Materials used for fill, either imported or on-site, shall not contain hazardous materials as defined by the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 30, Articles 9

and 10; 40CFR; and any other applicable local, state or federal laws. The Consultant shall not be responsible for the identification or analysis of the potential presence of hazardous materials. However, if observations, odors or soil discoloration cause Consultant to suspect the presence of hazardous materials, the Consultant may request from the Owner the termination of grading operations within the affected area. Prior to resuming grading operations, the Owner shall provide a written report to the Consultant indicating that the suspected materials are not hazardous as defined by applicable laws and regulations.

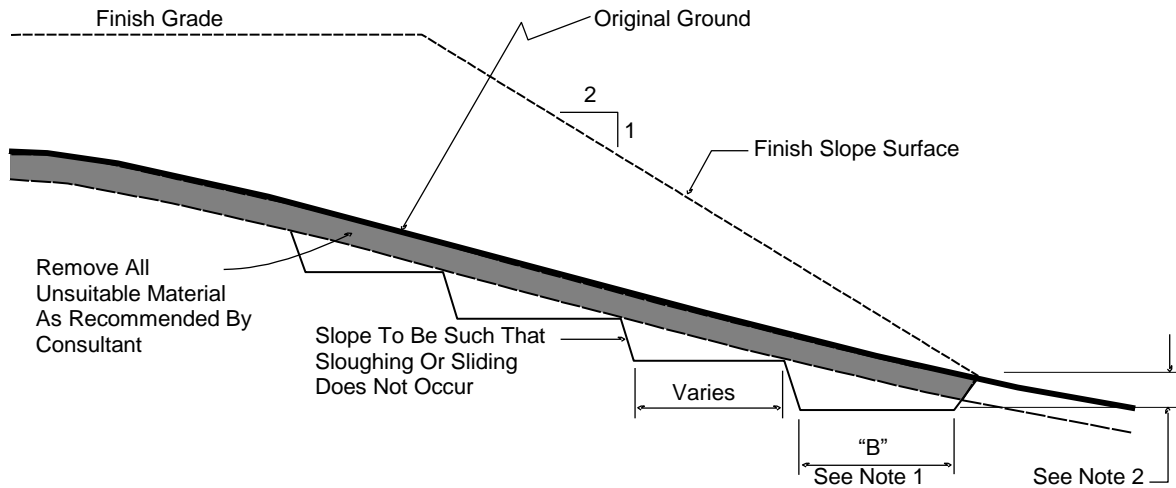
- 3.4 The outer 15 feet of *soil-rock* fill slopes, measured horizontally, should be composed of properly compacted *soil* fill materials approved by the Consultant. *Rock* fill may extend to the slope face, provided that the slope is not steeper than 2:1 (horizontal:vertical) and a soil layer no thicker than 12 inches is track-walked onto the face for landscaping purposes. This procedure may be utilized provided it is acceptable to the governing agency, Owner and Consultant.
- 3.5 Samples of soil materials to be used for fill should be tested in the laboratory by the Consultant to determine the maximum density, optimum moisture content, and, where appropriate, shear strength, expansion, and gradation characteristics of the soil.
- 3.6 During grading, soil or groundwater conditions other than those identified in the Geotechnical Report may be encountered by the Contractor. The Consultant shall be notified immediately to evaluate the significance of the unanticipated condition.

#### **4. CLEARING AND PREPARING AREAS TO BE FILLED**

- 4.1 Areas to be excavated and filled shall be cleared and grubbed. Clearing shall consist of complete removal above the ground surface of trees, stumps, brush, vegetation, man-made structures, and similar debris. Grubbing shall consist of removal of stumps, roots, buried logs and other unsuitable material and shall be performed in areas to be graded. Roots and other projections exceeding 1½ inches in diameter shall be removed to a depth of 3 feet below the surface of the ground. Borrow areas shall be grubbed to the extent necessary to provide suitable fill materials.
- 4.2 Asphalt pavement material removed during clearing operations should be properly disposed at an approved off-site facility or in an acceptable area of the project evaluated by Geocon and the property owner. Concrete fragments that are free of reinforcing steel may be placed in fills, provided they are placed in accordance with Section 6.2 or 6.3 of this document.

- 4.3 After clearing and grubbing of organic matter and other unsuitable material, loose or porous soils shall be removed to the depth recommended in the Geotechnical Report. The depth of removal and compaction should be observed and approved by a representative of the Consultant. The exposed surface shall then be plowed or scarified to a minimum depth of 6 inches and until the surface is free from uneven features that would tend to prevent uniform compaction by the equipment to be used.
- 4.4 Where the slope ratio of the original ground is steeper than 5:1 (horizontal:vertical), or where recommended by the Consultant, the original ground should be benched in accordance with the following illustration.

**TYPICAL BENCHING DETAIL**



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- DETAIL NOTES: (1) Key width "B" should be a minimum of 10 feet, or sufficiently wide to permit complete coverage with the compaction equipment used. The base of the key should be graded horizontal, or inclined slightly into the natural slope.
- (2) The outside of the key should be below the topsoil or unsuitable surficial material and at least 2 feet into dense formational material. Where hard rock is exposed in the bottom of the key, the depth and configuration of the key may be modified as approved by the Consultant.

- 4.5 After areas to receive fill have been cleared and scarified, the surface should be moisture conditioned to achieve the proper moisture content, and compacted as recommended in Section 6 of these specifications.

## 5. COMPACTION EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Compaction of *soil* or *soil-rock* fill shall be accomplished by sheepsfoot or segmented-steel wheeled rollers, vibratory rollers, multiple-wheel pneumatic-tired rollers, or other types of acceptable compaction equipment. Equipment shall be of such a design that it will be capable of compacting the *soil* or *soil-rock* fill to the specified relative compaction at the specified moisture content.
- 5.2 Compaction of *rock* fills shall be performed in accordance with Section 6.3.

## 6. PLACING, SPREADING AND COMPACTION OF FILL MATERIAL

- 6.1 *Soil* fill, as defined in Paragraph 3.1.1, shall be placed by the Contractor in accordance with the following recommendations:
- 6.1.1 *Soil* fill shall be placed by the Contractor in layers that, when compacted, should generally not exceed 8 inches. Each layer shall be spread evenly and shall be thoroughly mixed during spreading to obtain uniformity of material and moisture in each layer. The entire fill shall be constructed as a unit in nearly level lifts. Rock materials greater than 12 inches in maximum dimension shall be placed in accordance with Section 6.2 or 6.3 of these specifications.
- 6.1.2 In general, the *soil* fill shall be compacted at a moisture content at or above the optimum moisture content as determined by ASTM D 1557.
- 6.1.3 When the moisture content of *soil* fill is below that specified by the Consultant, water shall be added by the Contractor until the moisture content is in the range specified.
- 6.1.4 When the moisture content of the *soil* fill is above the range specified by the Consultant or too wet to achieve proper compaction, the *soil* fill shall be aerated by the Contractor by blading/mixing, or other satisfactory methods until the moisture content is within the range specified.
- 6.1.5 After each layer has been placed, mixed, and spread evenly, it shall be thoroughly compacted by the Contractor to a relative compaction of at least 90 percent. Relative compaction is defined as the ratio (expressed in percent) of the in-place dry density of the compacted fill to the maximum laboratory dry density as determined in accordance with ASTM D 1557. Compaction shall be continuous over the entire area, and compaction equipment shall make sufficient passes so that the specified minimum relative compaction has been achieved throughout the entire fill.

- 6.1.6 Where practical, soils having an Expansion Index greater than 50 should be placed at least 3 feet below finish pad grade and should be compacted at a moisture content generally 2 to 4 percent greater than the optimum moisture content for the material.
  - 6.1.7 Properly compacted *soil* fill shall extend to the design surface of fill slopes. To achieve proper compaction, it is recommended that fill slopes be over-built by at least 3 feet and then cut to the design grade. This procedure is considered preferable to track-walking of slopes, as described in the following paragraph.
  - 6.1.8 As an alternative to over-building of slopes, slope faces may be back-rolled with a heavy-duty loaded sheepsfoot or vibratory roller at maximum 4-foot fill height intervals. Upon completion, slopes should then be track-walked with a D-8 dozer or similar equipment, such that a dozer track covers all slope surfaces at least twice.
- 6.2 *Soil-rock* fill, as defined in Paragraph 3.1.2, shall be placed by the Contractor in accordance with the following recommendations:
- 6.2.1 Rocks larger than 12 inches but less than 4 feet in maximum dimension may be incorporated into the compacted *soil* fill, but shall be limited to the area measured 15 feet minimum horizontally from the slope face and 5 feet below finish grade or 3 feet below the deepest utility, whichever is deeper.
  - 6.2.2 Rocks or rock fragments up to 4 feet in maximum dimension may either be individually placed or placed in windrows. Under certain conditions, rocks or rock fragments up to 10 feet in maximum dimension may be placed using similar methods. The acceptability of placing rock materials greater than 4 feet in maximum dimension shall be evaluated during grading as specific cases arise and shall be approved by the Consultant prior to placement.
  - 6.2.3 For individual placement, sufficient space shall be provided between rocks to allow for passage of compaction equipment.
  - 6.2.4 For windrow placement, the rocks should be placed in trenches excavated in properly compacted *soil* fill. Trenches should be approximately 5 feet wide and 4 feet deep in maximum dimension. The voids around and beneath rocks should be filled with approved granular soil having a Sand Equivalent of 30 or greater and should be compacted by flooding. Windrows may also be placed utilizing an "open-face" method in lieu of the trench procedure, however, this method should first be approved by the Consultant.

- 6.2.5 Windrows should generally be parallel to each other and may be placed either parallel to or perpendicular to the face of the slope depending on the site geometry. The minimum horizontal spacing for windrows shall be 12 feet center-to-center with a 5-foot stagger or offset from lower courses to next overlying course. The minimum vertical spacing between windrow courses shall be 2 feet from the top of a lower windrow to the bottom of the next higher windrow.
- 6.2.6 Rock placement, fill placement and flooding of approved granular soil in the windrows should be continuously observed by the Consultant.
- 6.3 *Rock* fills, as defined in Section 3.1.3, shall be placed by the Contractor in accordance with the following recommendations:
- 6.3.1 The base of the *rock* fill shall be placed on a sloping surface (minimum slope of 2 percent). The surface shall slope toward suitable subdrainage outlet facilities. The *rock* fills shall be provided with subdrains during construction so that a hydrostatic pressure buildup does not develop. The subdrains shall be permanently connected to controlled drainage facilities to control post-construction infiltration of water.
- 6.3.2 *Rock* fills shall be placed in lifts not exceeding 3 feet. Placement shall be by rock trucks traversing previously placed lifts and dumping at the edge of the currently placed lift. Spreading of the *rock* fill shall be by dozer to facilitate *seating* of the rock. The *rock* fill shall be watered heavily during placement. Watering shall consist of water trucks traversing in front of the current rock lift face and spraying water continuously during rock placement. Compaction equipment with compactive energy comparable to or greater than that of a 20-ton steel vibratory roller or other compaction equipment providing suitable energy to achieve the required compaction or deflection as recommended in Paragraph 6.3.3 shall be utilized. The number of passes to be made should be determined as described in Paragraph 6.3.3. Once a *rock* fill lift has been covered with *soil* fill, no additional *rock* fill lifts will be permitted over the *soil* fill.
- 6.3.3 Plate bearing tests, in accordance with ASTM D 1196, may be performed in both the compacted *soil* fill and in the *rock* fill to aid in determining the required minimum number of passes of the compaction equipment. If performed, a minimum of three plate bearing tests should be performed in the properly compacted *soil* fill (minimum relative compaction of 90 percent). Plate bearing tests shall then be performed on areas of *rock* fill having two passes, four passes and six passes of the compaction equipment, respectively. The number of passes required for the *rock* fill shall be determined by comparing the results of the plate bearing tests for the *soil* fill and the *rock* fill and by evaluating the deflection



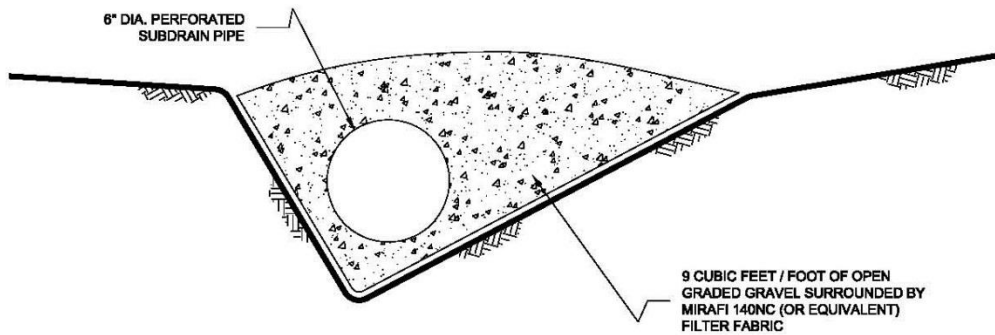
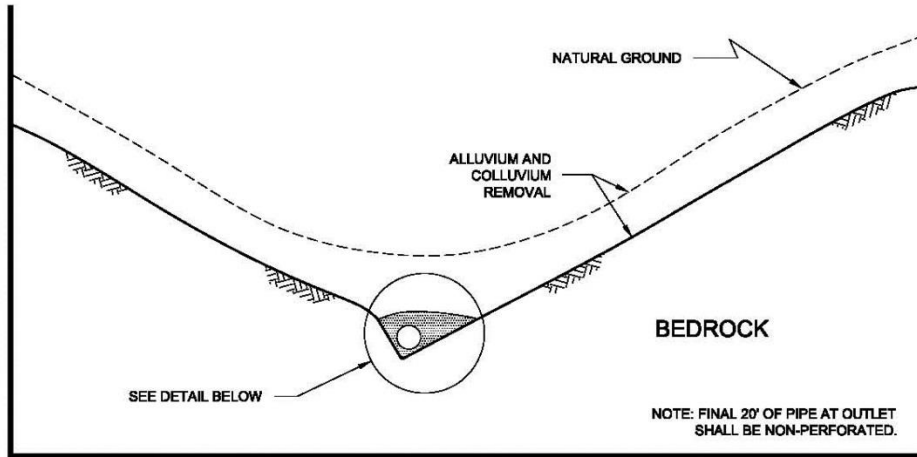
variation with number of passes. The required number of passes of the compaction equipment will be performed as necessary until the plate bearing deflections are equal to or less than that determined for the properly compacted *soil* fill. In no case will the required number of passes be less than two.

- 6.3.4 A representative of the Consultant should be present during *rock* fill operations to observe that the minimum number of “passes” have been obtained, that water is being properly applied and that specified procedures are being followed. The actual number of plate bearing tests will be determined by the Consultant during grading.
- 6.3.5 Test pits shall be excavated by the Contractor so that the Consultant can state that, in their opinion, sufficient water is present and that voids between large rocks are properly filled with smaller rock material. In-place density testing will not be required in the *rock* fills.
- 6.3.6 To reduce the potential for “piping” of fines into the *rock* fill from overlying *soil* fill material, a 2-foot layer of graded filter material shall be placed above the uppermost lift of *rock* fill. The need to place graded filter material below the *rock* should be determined by the Consultant prior to commencing grading. The gradation of the graded filter material will be determined at the time the *rock* fill is being excavated. Materials typical of the *rock* fill should be submitted to the Consultant in a timely manner, to allow design of the graded filter prior to the commencement of *rock* fill placement.
- 6.3.7 *Rock* fill placement should be continuously observed during placement by the Consultant.

## 7. SUBDRAINS

- 7.1 The geologic units on the site may have permeability characteristics and/or fracture systems that could be susceptible under certain conditions to seepage. The use of canyon subdrains may be necessary to mitigate the potential for adverse impacts associated with seepage conditions. Canyon subdrains with lengths in excess of 500 feet or extensions of existing offsite subdrains should use 8-inch-diameter pipes. Canyon subdrains less than 500 feet in length should use 6-inch-diameter pipes.

## TYPICAL CANYON DRAIN DETAIL



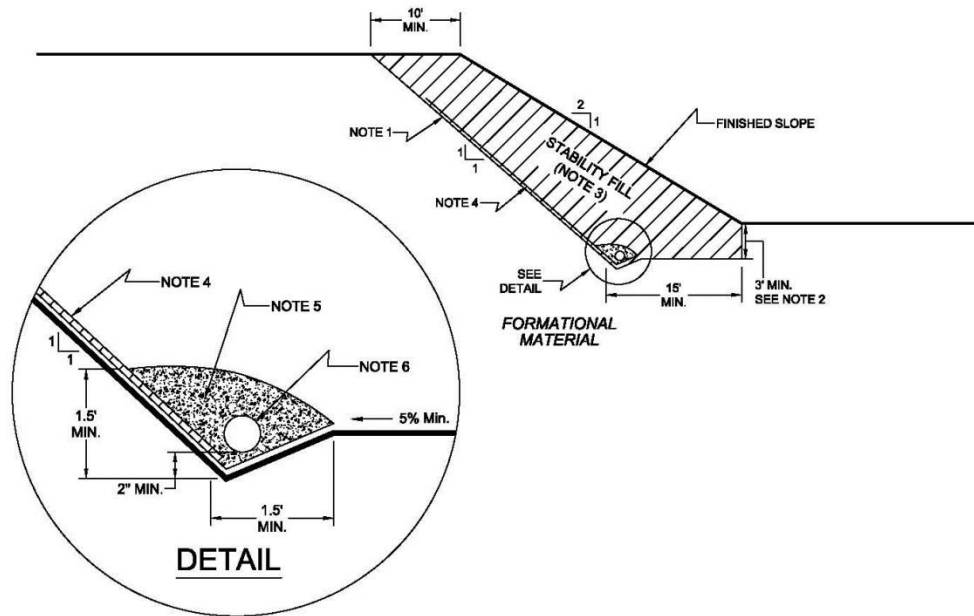
### NOTES:

- 1.....8-INCH DIAMETER, SCHEDULE 80 PVC PERFORATED PIPE FOR FILLS IN EXCESS OF 100-FEET IN DEPTH OR A PIPE LENGTH OF LONGER THAN 500 FEET.
- 2.....6-INCH DIAMETER, SCHEDULE 40 PVC PERFORATED PIPE FOR FILLS LESS THAN 100-FEET IN DEPTH OR A PIPE LENGTH SHORTER THAN 500 FEET.

NO SCALE

7.2 Slope drains within stability fill keyways should use 4-inch-diameter (or larger) pipes.

## TYPICAL STABILITY FILL DETAIL



### NOTES:

- 1.....EXCAVATE BACKCUT AT 1:1 INCLINATION (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED).
- 2.....BASE OF STABILITY FILL TO BE 3 FEET INTO FORMATIONAL MATERIAL, SLOPING A MINIMUM 5% INTO SLOPE.
- 3.....STABILITY FILL TO BE COMPOSED OF PROPERLY COMPACTED GRANULAR SOIL.
- 4.....CHIMNEY DRAINS TO BE APPROVED PREFABRICATED CHIMNEY DRAIN PANELS (MIRADRAIN G200N OR EQUIVALENT) SPACED APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET CENTER TO CENTER AND 4 FEET WIDE. CLOSER SPACING MAY BE REQUIRED IF SEEPAGE IS ENCOUNTERED.
- 5.....FILTER MATERIAL TO BE 3/4-INCH, OPEN-GRADED CRUSHED ROCK ENCLOSED IN APPROVED FILTER FABRIC (MIRAFI 140NC).
- 6.....COLLECTOR PIPE TO BE 4-INCH MINIMUM DIAMETER, PERFORATED, THICK-WALLED PVC SCHEDULE 40 OR EQUIVALENT, AND SLOPED TO DRAIN AT 1 PERCENT MINIMUM TO APPROVED OUTLET.

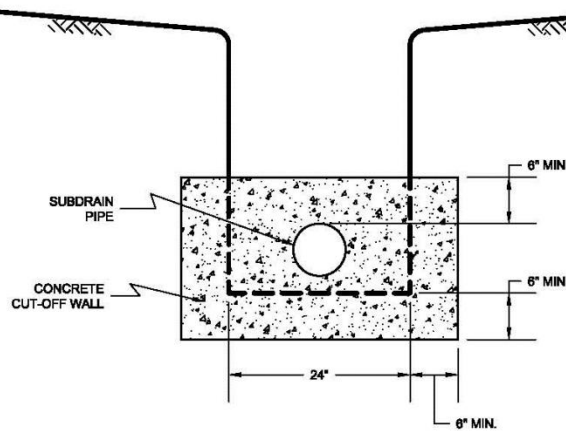
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- 7.3 The actual subdrain locations will be evaluated in the field during the remedial grading operations. Additional drains may be necessary depending on the conditions observed and the requirements of the local regulatory agencies. Appropriate subdrain outlets should be evaluated prior to finalizing 40-scale grading plans.
- 7.4 *Rock fill or soil-rock fill* areas may require subdrains along their down-slope perimeters to mitigate the potential for buildup of water from construction or landscape irrigation. The subdrains should be at least 6-inch-diameter pipes encapsulated in gravel and filter fabric. *Rock fill* drains should be constructed using the same requirements as canyon subdrains.

7.5 Prior to outletting, the final 20-foot segment of a subdrain that will not be extended during future development should consist of non-perforated drainpipe. At the non-perforated/perforated interface, a seepage cutoff wall should be constructed on the downslope side of the pipe.

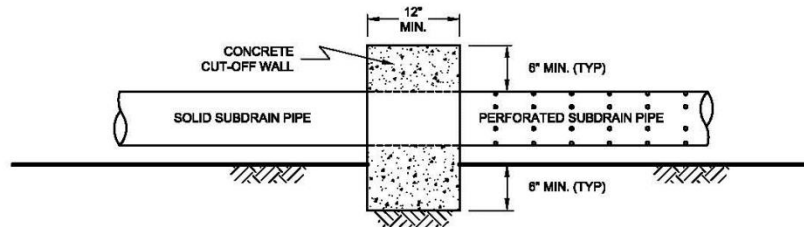
TYPICAL CUT OFF WALL DETAIL

FRONT VIEW



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SIDE VIEW

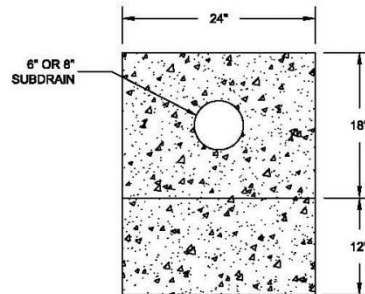


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7.6 Subdrains that discharge into a natural drainage course or open space area should be provided with a permanent headwall structure.

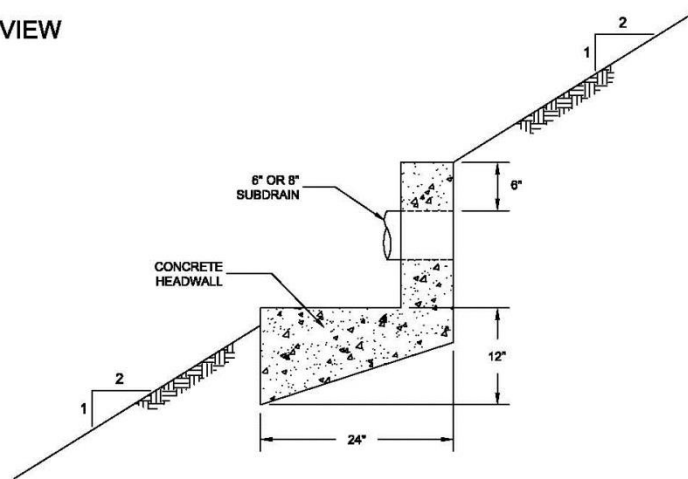
## TYPICAL HEADWALL DETAIL

### FRONT VIEW



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### SIDE VIEW



NOTE: HEADWALL SHOULD OUTLET AT TOE OF FILL SLOPE  
OR INTO CONTROLLED SURFACE DRAINAGE

NO SCALE

- 7.7 The final grading plans should show the location of the proposed subdrains. After completion of remedial excavations and subdrain installation, the project civil engineer should survey the drain locations and prepare an “as-built” map showing the drain locations. The final outlet and connection locations should be determined during grading operations. Subdrains that will be extended on adjacent projects after grading can be placed on formational material and a vertical riser should be placed at the end of the subdrain. The grading contractor should consider videoing the subdrains shortly after burial to check proper installation and functionality. The contractor is responsible for the performance of the drains.

## 8. OBSERVATION AND TESTING

- 8.1 The Consultant shall be the Owner's representative to observe and perform tests during clearing, grubbing, filling, and compaction operations. In general, no more than 2 feet in vertical elevation of *soil* or *soil-rock* fill should be placed without at least one field density test being performed within that interval. In addition, a minimum of one field density test should be performed for every 2,000 cubic yards of *soil* or *soil-rock* fill placed and compacted.
- 8.2 The Consultant should perform a sufficient distribution of field density tests of the compacted *soil* or *soil-rock* fill to provide a basis for expressing an opinion whether the fill material is compacted as specified. Density tests shall be performed in the compacted materials below any disturbed surface. When these tests indicate that the density of any layer of fill or portion thereof is below that specified, the particular layer or areas represented by the test shall be reworked until the specified density has been achieved.
- 8.3 During placement of *rock* fill, the Consultant should observe that the minimum number of passes have been obtained per the criteria discussed in Section 6.3.3. The Consultant should request the excavation of observation pits and may perform plate bearing tests on the placed *rock* fills. The observation pits will be excavated to provide a basis for expressing an opinion as to whether the *rock* fill is properly seated and sufficient moisture has been applied to the material. When observations indicate that a layer of *rock* fill or any portion thereof is below that specified, the affected layer or area shall be reworked until the *rock* fill has been adequately seated and sufficient moisture applied.
- 8.4 A settlement monitoring program designed by the Consultant may be conducted in areas of *rock* fill placement. The specific design of the monitoring program shall be as recommended in the Conclusions and Recommendations section of the project Geotechnical Report or in the final report of testing and observation services performed during grading.
- 8.5 We should observe the placement of subdrains, to check that the drainage devices have been placed and constructed in substantial conformance with project specifications.
- 8.6 Testing procedures shall conform to the following Standards as appropriate:

### 8.6.1 Soil and Soil-Rock Fills:

- 8.6.1.1 Field Density Test, ASTM D 1556, *Density of Soil In-Place By the Sand-Cone Method.*

- 8.6.1.2 Field Density Test, Nuclear Method, ASTM D 6938, *Density of Soil and Soil-Aggregate In-Place by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth)*.
- 8.6.1.3 Laboratory Compaction Test, ASTM D 1557, *Moisture-Density Relations of Soils and Soil-Aggregate Mixtures Using 10-Pound Hammer and 18-Inch Drop*.
- 8.6.1.4 Expansion Index Test, ASTM D 4829, *Expansion Index Test*.

## **9. PROTECTION OF WORK**

- 9.1 During construction, the Contractor shall properly grade all excavated surfaces to provide positive drainage and prevent ponding of water. Drainage of surface water shall be controlled to avoid damage to adjoining properties or to finished work on the site. The Contractor shall take remedial measures to prevent erosion of freshly graded areas until such time as permanent drainage and erosion control features have been installed. Areas subjected to erosion or sedimentation shall be properly prepared in accordance with the Specifications prior to placing additional fill or structures.
- 9.2 After completion of grading as observed and tested by the Consultant, no further excavation or filling shall be conducted except in conjunction with the services of the Consultant.

## **10. CERTIFICATIONS AND FINAL REPORTS**

- 10.1 Upon completion of the work, Contractor shall furnish Owner a certification by the Civil Engineer stating that the lots and/or building pads are graded to within 0.1 foot vertically of elevations shown on the grading plan and that all tops and toes of slopes are within 0.5 foot horizontally of the positions shown on the grading plans. After installation of a section of subdrain, the project Civil Engineer should survey its location and prepare an *as-built* plan of the subdrain location. The project Civil Engineer should verify the proper outlet for the subdrains and the Contractor should ensure that the drain system is free of obstructions.
- 10.2 The Owner is responsible for furnishing a final as-graded soil and geologic report satisfactory to the appropriate governing or accepting agencies. The as-graded report should be prepared and signed by a California licensed Civil Engineer experienced in geotechnical engineering and by a California Certified Engineering Geologist, indicating that the geotechnical aspects of the grading were performed in substantial conformance with the Specifications or approved changes to the Specifications.

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