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Off-Site Improvements to Magnolia Avenue**

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# **GEOLOGIC RECONNAISSANCE**

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## **FANITA RANCH OFF-SITE IMPROVEMENTS TO MAGNOLIA AVENUE SANTEE, CALIFORNIA**



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Dear Mr. Blessent:

In accordance with your request, we have performed a geologic reconnaissance for the proposed extension of Magnolia Avenue in the City of Santee, California. The accompanying report presents our findings, conclusions and preliminary recommendations relative to the geotechnical considerations during project development.

It is our opinion that the roadway can be constructed as planned provided our preliminary recommendations are followed. A future geotechnical investigation including subsurface exploration, laboratory testing, and engineering analyses will be necessary to provide specific grading recommendations.

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

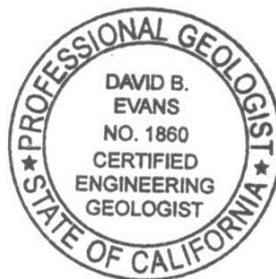
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# **GEOLOGIC RECONNAISSANCE**

## **1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This report presents the results of a geologic reconnaissance for the proposed north and westward extension of Magnolia Avenue located in Santee, California (see Vicinity Map, Figure 1). The study was performed to evaluate the soil and geologic conditions along the alignment, as well as evaluate geotechnical constraints that may impact areas of proposed development as shown on the Geologic Map, Figure 2. This report provides preliminary recommendations relative to the geotechnical engineering aspects of roadway construction based on a reconnaissance level investigation. A geotechnical investigation that includes subsurface exploration, laboratory testing, and engineering analyses will be required once the tentative map has been approved to determine the geotechnical considerations for the roadway development.

The scope of our study included a review of readily available published geologic literature pertinent to the project (see *List of References*), performing a field reconnaissance that consisted of cursory geologic mapping along the alignment, reviewing stereoscopic aerial photographs of the area, and preparing this report summarizing our findings. Please note, for continuity, the List of References is considered a “master list” applicable to all of our Fanita Ranch investigation reports.

The exhibit used as our base map for Figure 2 consists of an AutoCAD file of digital information from the plan entitled *Fanita Ranch – Vesting Tentative Map/Preliminary Grading Plan*, Sheet 24, prepared by Hunsaker & Associates San Diego, Inc., Revision 5 dated March 27, 2020. The Geologic Map depicts the proposed roadway configuration, existing topography, and mapped geologic contacts. The conclusions and recommendations presented herein are based on an analysis of the data reviewed as part of this study and our experience with similar soil and geologic conditions.

## **2. SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed roadway is approximately 3,000 feet long and connects the northern terminus of existing Magnolia Avenue with future Cuyamaca Street to the west. Both roadways are part of off-site improvements associated with the proposed Fanita Ranch development. The alignment crosses rural, essentially open land occupied by several estate homes and associated structures. Topographically the center portion of the road traverses two drainages and a broad valley with a natural ground elevation of 540 Mean Sea Level (MSL). The east and west ends of the alignment are elevated to approximately 580 and 650, respectively, at their connection points with future Cuyamaca Street and existing Magnolia Avenue.

The preliminary grading plan indicates that cut and fills on the order of 40 feet and 55 feet, respectively, are proposed. Cut and fill slopes with maximum heights of approximately 45 feet and

50 feet, respectively, are planned. The major cut and fill slopes are designed at 1.5:1 and 2:1 (horizontal:vertical), respectively. A 15-foot-high soil nail wall is proposed on the north side of the eastern portion of the alignment. Two water quality basins are proposed on the north side of the roadway at its midpoint.

The locations and descriptions of the roadway and conditions along the alignment are based on review of published geologic literature, in-house geotechnical reports pertinent to the general geographic area of the roadway, the referenced alignment plans, and our general understanding of the project as presently proposed. If project details vary significantly from those described above, Geocon Incorporated should be retained to update and/or modify this report accordingly.

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

Five geologic units were mapped or assumed along the alignment and include artificial fill, topsoil, younger alluvium, colluvium/older alluvium and granitic rock. Each of the geologic units encountered is described below in order of increasing age. Their mapped extent (with the exception of topsoil and generally artificial fill) is shown on the *Geologic Map*.

#### **3.1 Artificial Fill (generally unmapped)**

Limited amounts of artificial fill deposits associated with the north end of existing Magnolia Avenue and scattered dirt roads were observed along the proposed roadway alignment. These soils appear to be relatively minor and are not considered suitable for support of structural fill or other improvements in their present condition. Remedial grading in the form of removal and compaction will be required where artificial fill soils exist in proposed improvement areas.

#### **3.2 Topsoil (unmapped)**

Topsoil generally blankets the granitic rock along the alignment. These deposits typically consist of loose, unconsolidated, silty to clayey sands and sandy clays. In general, the topsoil is not expected to exceed a thickness of two or three feet. The topsoil is considered compressible and unsuitable in its present condition to support fill or site improvements and will require remedial grading where improvements are planned.

#### **3.3 Younger Alluvium (Qal)**

Younger alluvium was mapped within a Y-shaped drainage along the central portion of the roadway. It is anticipated that the alluvial materials consist of loose, porous, silty to clayey sands with a variable moisture content. This deposit will require remedial grading in roadway crossing areas.

### **3.4 Colluvium/Older Alluvium (Qcol/Qoa)**

Potentially thick (on the order of 5 to 10 feet) accumulations of colluvium and older alluvium may blanket the central areas of the roadway alignment. These materials form the gently inclined slopes at the base of the granitic promontories and are expected to consist of loose to medium dense, silty to clayey sands and sandy clays. Future geotechnical studies should evaluate these deposits with respect to their compression potential and remedial grading.

### **3.5 Granitic Rock (Kgr)**

Cretaceous-age granitic rock of the Southern California Batholith (Woodson Mountain Granodiorite) is exposed at the east and west ends of the proposed roadway. Granitic rock is the oldest geologic unit in the region and is believed to underlie the entire roadway and the sedimentary units on the adjacent Fanita Ranch project at depth. Granitic rock materials generally exhibit excellent bearing characteristics in both a natural or properly compacted condition. Cut slopes excavated in granitic rocks with an inclination of 1.5:1 or flatter should be stable if free from adversely oriented fractures and/or joints.

Excavations on the order of 40 feet are planned into a granitic knob directly north of existing Magnolia Avenue. Robust topography and boulder outcrops were observed at the ground surface in this area. This section of roadway should be the focus of future studies to evaluate the rippability of the rock and whether or not blasting will be required to perform the proposed excavations. Based on our observations, blasting may be necessary.

## **4. GROUNDWATER**

Shallow groundwater should be expected during the winter months where the roadway alignment crosses the two younger alluvial areas. Also, colluvial/older alluvial deposits are capable of shallow perched groundwater conditions during periods of rainfall. Perched groundwater levels in drainages could seasonally affect excavations and site grading. Localized dewatering may be necessary in order to perform remedial grading operations during construction.

## **5. GEOLOGIC HAZARDS**

### **5.1 Faulting and Seismicity**

Based on our reconnaissance and a review of published geologic maps and reports, the site is not located on any known “active,” “potentially active” or “inactive” fault traces as defined by the California Geological Survey (CGS).

The Newport-Inglewood Fault and Rose Canyon Fault Zone, located approximately 15 miles west of the site, are the closest known active faults. The CGS considers a fault seismically active when

evidence suggests seismic activity within roughly the last 11,000 years. The CGS has included portions of the Rose Canyon Fault Zone within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone.

## 5.2 Seismicity-Deterministic Analysis

We used the computer program *EZ-FRISK* (Version 7.65) to determine the distance of known faults to the site and to estimate ground accelerations at the site for the maximum anticipated seismic event.

According to the results of the computer program *EZ-FRISK* (Version 7.65), 7 known active faults are located within a search radius of 50 miles from the property. We used acceleration attenuation relationships developed by Boore-Atkinson (2008) NGA USGS2008, Campbell-Bozorgnia (2008) NGA USGS, and Chiou-Youngs (2008) NGA in our analysis. The nearest known active faults are the Newport-Inglewood and Rose Canyon Fault Zones, located approximately 15 miles west of the site, respectively, and are the dominant sources of potential ground motion. Table 5.2 lists the estimated maximum earthquake magnitudes and PGA's for the most dominant faults for the site location calculated for Site Class D as defined by Table 1613.3.2 of the 2016 California Building Code (CBC).

**TABLE 5.2  
DETERMINISTIC SPECTRA SITE PARAMETERS**

Fault Name	Distance from Site (miles)	Maximum Earthquake Magnitude (Mw)	Peak Ground Acceleration		
			Boore-Atkinson 2008 (g)	Campbell-Bozorgnia 2008 (g)	Chiou-Youngs 2008 (g)
Newport-Inglewood	15	7.5	0.23	0.17	0.21
Rose Canyon	15	6.9	0.19	0.15	0.16
Elsinore	26	7.85	0.19	0.13	0.16
Coronado Bank	28	7.4	0.16	0.11	0.12
Palos Verdes Connected	28	7.7	0.18	0.12	0.14
Earthquake Valley	31	6.8	0.12	0.08	0.07
San Jacinto	48	7.88	0.13	0.08	0.10

## 5.3 Seismicity-Probabilistic Analysis

We used the computer program *EZ-FRISK* (version 7.65) to perform a probabilistic seismic hazard analysis. *EZ-FRISK* operates under the assumption that the occurrence rate of earthquakes on each mapped Quaternary fault is proportional to the fault slip rate. The program accounts for earthquake magnitude as a function of rupture length. Site acceleration estimates are made using the earthquake magnitude and distance from the site to the rupture zone. The program also accounts for uncertainty in each of following: (1) earthquake magnitude, (2) rupture length for a given magnitude, (3) location of

the rupture zone, (4) maximum possible magnitude of a given earthquake, and (5) acceleration at the site from a given earthquake along each fault. By calculating the expected accelerations from considered earthquake sources, the program calculates the total average annual expected number of occurrences of site acceleration greater than a specified value. We utilized acceleration-attenuation relationships suggested by Boore-Atkinson (2008) NGA USGS 2008, Campbell-Bozorgnia (2008) NGA USGS 2008, and Chiou-Youngs (2008) NGA USGS 2008 in the analysis. Table 5.3 presents the site-specific probabilistic seismic hazard parameters including acceleration-attenuation relationships and the probability of exceedence for Site Class D.

**TABLE 5.3  
PROBABILISTIC SEISMIC HAZARD PARAMETERS**

Probability of Exceedence	Peak Ground Acceleration		
	Boore-Atkinson, 2008 (g)	Campbell-Bozorgnia, 2008 (g)	Chiou-Youngs, 2008 (g)
2% in a 50 Year Period	0.44	0.36	0.42
5% in a 50 Year Period	0.34	0.27	0.30
10% in a 50 Year Period	0.27	0.22	0.23

While listing peak accelerations is useful for comparison of potential effects of fault activity in a region, other considerations are important in seismic design, including frequency and duration of motion and soil conditions underlying the site. Seismic design of the structures should be evaluated in accordance with the California Building Code (CBC) or City of Santee guidelines.

#### **5.4 Liquefaction**

Liquefaction is a phenomenon where loose, saturated, and relatively cohesionless soil deposits lose strength during strong ground motions. Primary factors controlling the development of liquefaction include intensity and duration of ground accelerations, characteristics of the subsurface soil, in situ stress conditions, and depth to groundwater. The potential for liquefaction occurring along the roadway is considered low due to the relatively dense nature of the underlying materials and lack of permanent near-surface groundwater.

#### **5.5 Landslides**

Our limited site reconnaissance, examination of aerial photographs in our files and review of available geotechnical reports for the roadway vicinity did not reveal evidence of landslides.

## **6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **6.1 General**

- 6.1.1 No soil or geologic conditions were observed that, in the opinion of Geocon Incorporated, would preclude grading of the roadway as proposed, provided the recommendations of this report and future studies are followed. A future geotechnical investigation including subsurface exploration, laboratory testing, and engineering analyses will be necessary as plans progress in order to evaluate rock rippability, slope stability, and provide specific remedial grading recommendations.
- 6.1.2 The presence of shallow hardrock in the proposed cut area north of existing Magnolia Avenue may necessitate blasting techniques to accomplish the grading. A rippability study should be performed in this area.
- 6.1.3 The site is underlain by surficial units that include topsoils, colluvium, and alluvium that are unsuitable in their present condition and will require remedial grading where improvements are planned.
- 6.1.4 Shallow groundwater may occur within the alluvial deposits along the proposed roadway, particularly in the winter months. If present, these conditions can limit the extent of remedial grading using conventional techniques. In this regard, de-watering may be necessary.

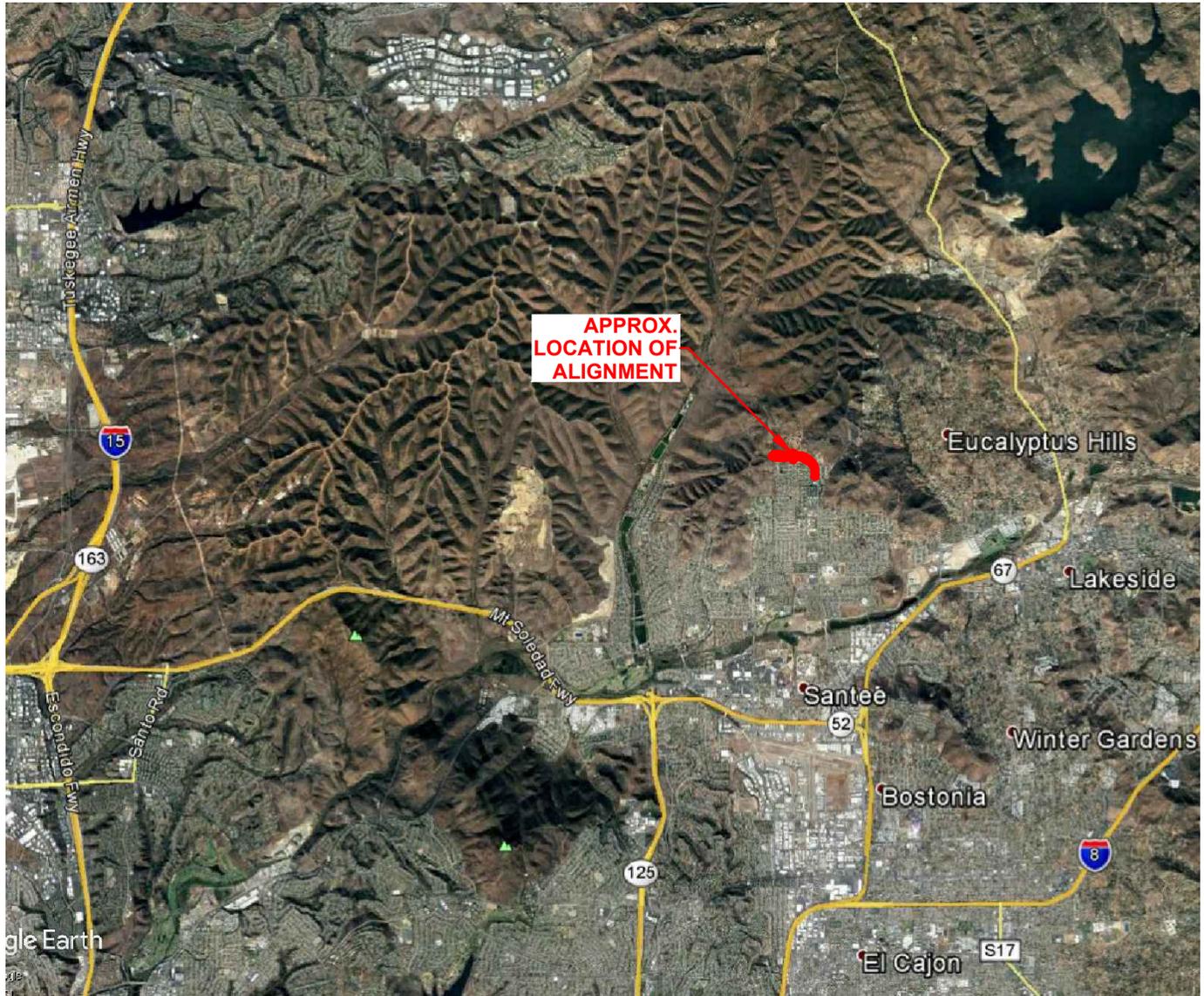
### **6.2 Preliminary Grading Recommendations**

- 6.2.1 All grading should be performed in accordance with the attached Recommended Grading Specifications (Appendix A). Where the recommendations of this section conflict with Appendix A, the recommendations of this section take precedence. All earthwork should be observed and all fills tested for proper compaction by Geocon Incorporated.
- 6.2.2 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/or the grading plans can be discussed at that time.
- 6.2.3 Site preparation should begin with the removal of all deleterious material and vegetation. The depth of removal should be such that material exposed in cut areas or soils to be used as fill are relatively free of organic matter. Material generated during stripping and/or site demolition can remain on-site and be used for ecological restoration. Trash or any other objectionable materials not suitable for fills should be hauled off-site.

- 6.2.4 All compressible surficial soil deposits, including topsoil, colluvium, and alluvium within areas where structural improvements are planned, should be removed to firm natural ground and properly compacted prior to placing additional fill and/or structural loads. The actual extent of unsuitable soil removals will be determined in the field during grading by the soil engineer and/or engineering geologist.
- 6.2.5 After removal of unsuitable materials is performed, the site should then 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 maximum dry density at or above optimum moisture content, as determined in accordance with ASTM Test Procedure D1557-12. Fill materials below optimum moisture content will require additional moisture conditioning prior to placing additional fill.

## 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 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 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 be 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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### VICINITY MAP

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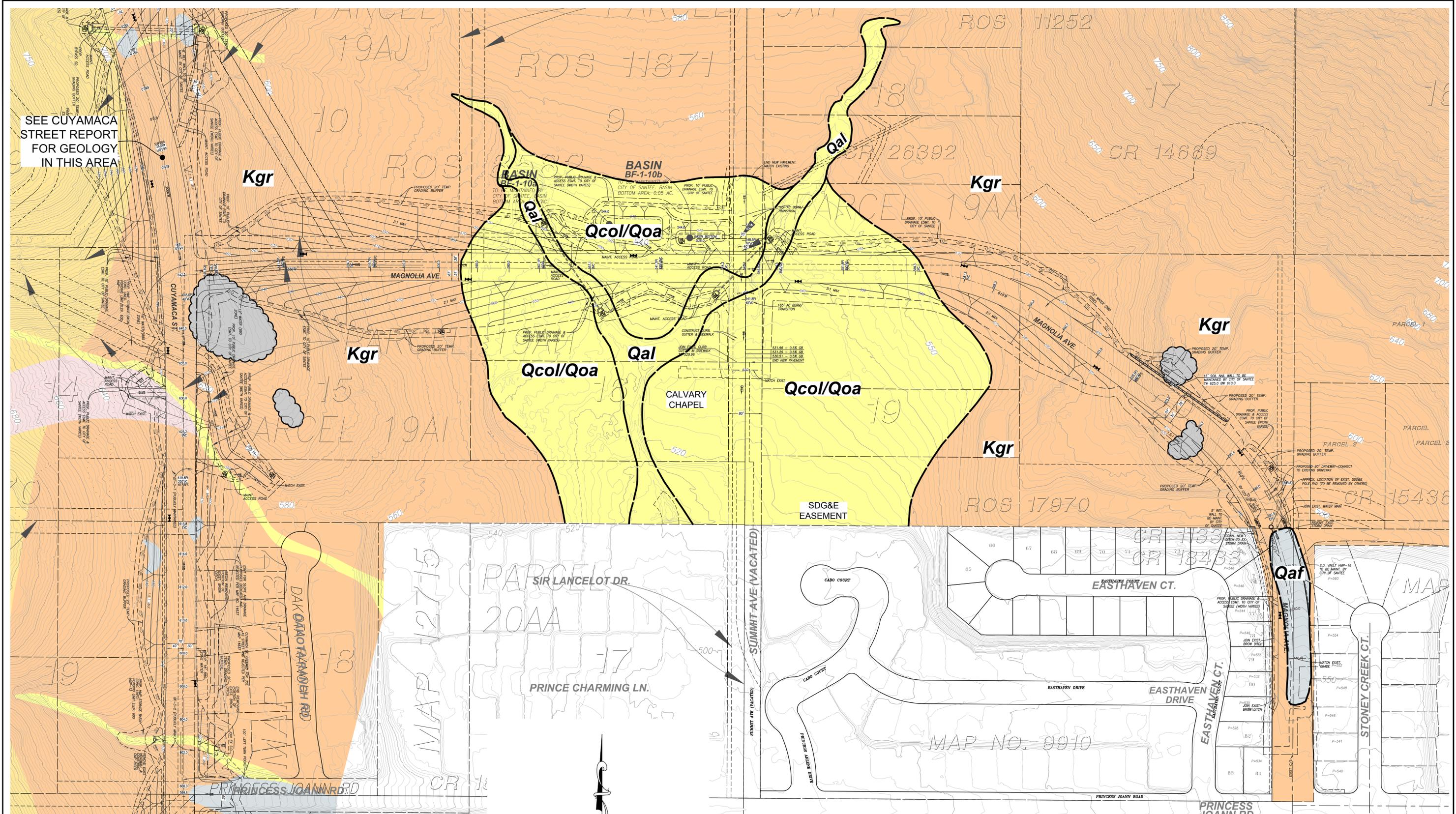
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FIG. 1

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**GEOCON LEGEND**

<b>Qaf</b>	ARTIFICIAL FILL
<b>Qal</b>	YOUNGER ALLUVIUM
<b>Qcol/Qoa</b>	COLLUVIUM/OLDER ALLUVIUM
<b>Kgr</b>	GRANITIC ROCK
	APPROX. LOCATION OF GEOLOGIC CONTACT
	ROCK OUTCROPPINGS

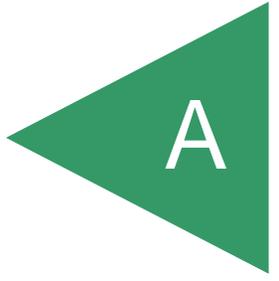
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 FANITA RANCH  
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**APPENDIX A**

**RECOMMENDED GRADING SPECIFICATIONS**

**FOR**

**FANITA RANCH**  
**OFFSITE IMPROVEMENTS TO MAGNOLIA AVENUE**  
**SANTEE, CALIFORNIA**

**PROJECT NO. 05254-32-18A**

## 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.

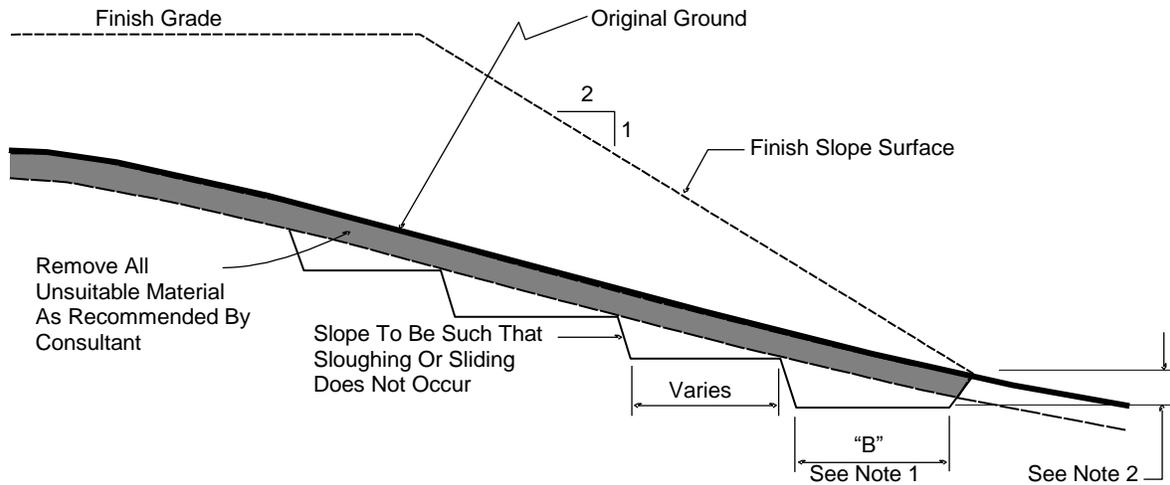
- 3.4 The outer 15 feet of *soil-rock* fill slopes, measured horizontally, should be composed of properly compacted *soil* fill materials approved by the Consultant. *Rock* fill may extend to the slope face, provided that the slope is not steeper than 2:1 (horizontal:vertical) and a soil layer no thicker 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

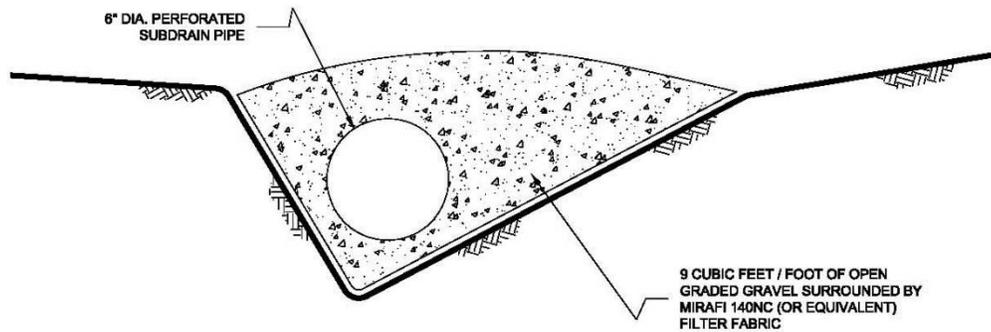
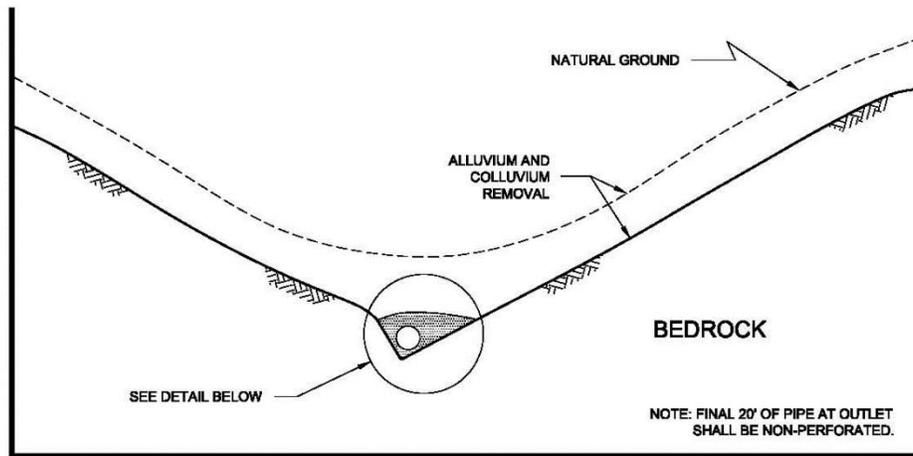
variation with number of passes. The required number of passes of the compaction equipment will be performed as necessary until the plate bearing deflections are equal to or less than that determined for the properly compacted *soil* fill. In no case will the required number of passes be less than two.

- 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



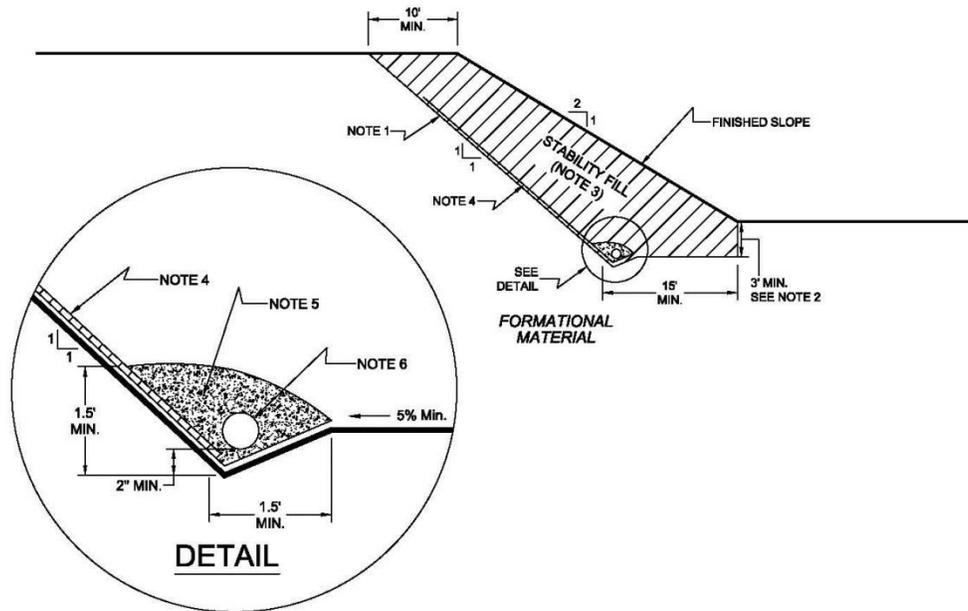
### NOTES:

- 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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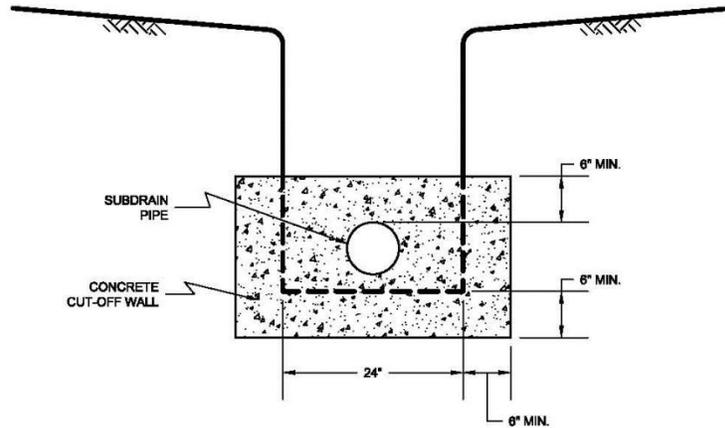
7.3 The actual subdrain locations will be evaluated in the field during the remedial grading operations. Additional drains may be necessary depending on the conditions observed and the requirements of the local regulatory agencies. Appropriate subdrain outlets should be evaluated prior to finalizing 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.

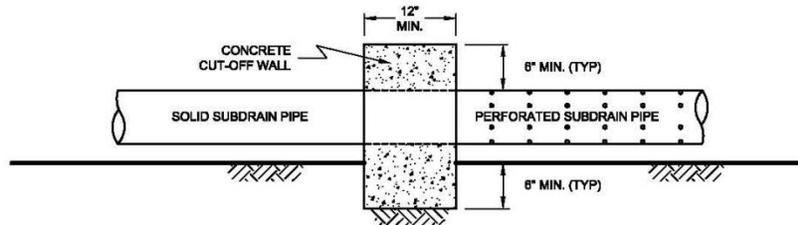
TYPICAL CUT OFF WALL DETAIL

FRONT VIEW



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SIDE VIEW

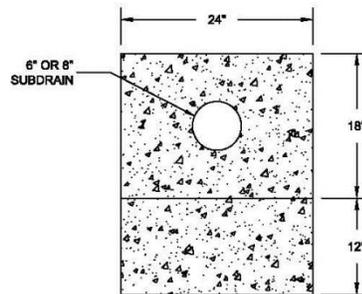


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7.6 Subdrains that discharge into a natural drainage course or open space area should be provided with a permanent headwall structure.

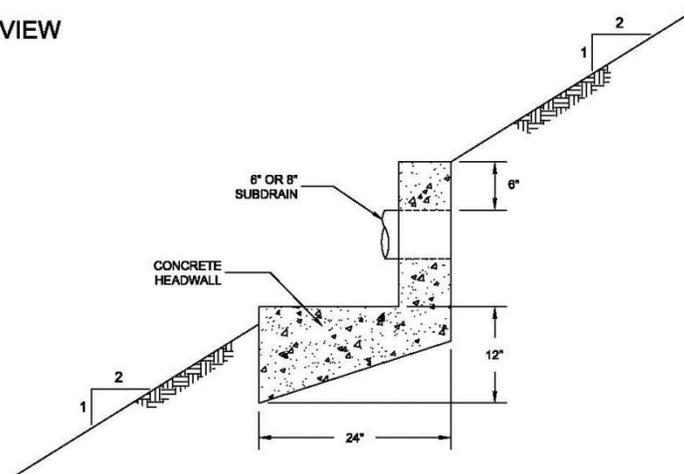
## TYPICAL HEADWALL DETAIL

### 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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