

Appendix F
Geotechnical Investigation

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Dear Ms. Monterrosas:

In accordance with your authorization of our proposal dated May 10, 2017, we have performed a geotechnical investigation for the proposed mixed-use development located at 119 and 121 South Soto Street and 2316 – 2324 East 1st Street in the City of Los Angeles, California. The accompanying report presents the findings of our study, and our conclusions and recommendations pertaining to the geotechnical aspects of proposed design and construction. Based on the results of our investigation, it is our opinion that the site can be developed as proposed, provided the recommendations of this report are followed and implemented during design and construction.

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

Very truly yours,

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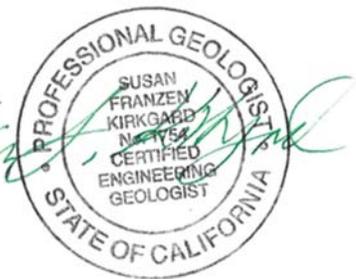


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PRELIMINARY GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This report presents the results of a preliminary geotechnical investigation for the proposed mixed-use development located at 119 & 121 South Soto Street and 2316 – 2324 East 1st Street in the City of Los Angeles, California (see Vicinity Map, Figure 1). The purpose of the investigation was to evaluate subsurface soil and geologic conditions at the site and, based on conditions encountered, to provide conclusions and recommendations pertaining to the geotechnical aspects of design and construction.

The scope of this investigation included a site reconnaissance, field exploration, laboratory testing, engineering analysis, and the preparation of this report. The site was explored on September 15, 2017 by excavating three 8-inch diameter borings to depths of approximately 30½ to 40½ feet below the existing ground surface utilizing a truck-mounted hollow-stem auger drilling machine. The approximate locations of the exploratory borings are depicted on the Site Plan (see Figure 2A). A detailed discussion of the field investigation, including boring logs, is presented in Appendix A.

Laboratory tests were performed on selected soil samples obtained during the investigation to determine pertinent physical and chemical soil properties. Appendix B presents a summary of the laboratory test results.

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

If project details vary significantly from those described herein, Geocon should be contacted to determine the necessity for review and possible revision of this report.

2. SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located at 119 & 121 South Soto Street and 2316 – 2324 East 1st Street in the City of Los Angeles, California. The site is currently occupied by a vacant lot in the southern portion of the property and by a paved plaza for the Metro Transit Authority (MTA) Soto Station in the northern portion of the property. The site is bounded by single-story residential structures to the south, by an alley to the west, by South Soto Street to the east, and by East 1st Street to the north. The site is relatively level, with no pronounced highs or lows. Surface water drainage at the site appears to be by sheet flow along the existing ground contours to the city streets. Vegetation onsite consists of trees, which are located in isolated planter areas.

Based on the information provided by the Client, it is our understanding that the proposed development will consist of a 66-unit, five-story mixed-use structure to be constructed on the southern portion of the property. The proposed structure will be constructed over one subterranean parking level, which is anticipated to extend approximately 12 feet below the existing ground surface, including foundation depths. It is our further understanding that the northern portion of the property will be comprised of open space; no structures will be constructed in this area. The existing and proposed site conditions are shown on the Site Plan and Cross Sections (see Figures 2A and 2B).

It is our understanding that the MTA 1st and Soto Station is located along the northern portion of the subject property. Geotechnical reports and foundation designs will likely require MTA review and approval, and must be designed in a manner that will prevent or minimize potential building surcharges on the existing tunnel structures. Based on the plans provided to us, the setback of the proposed structure from the MTA station, and the depth of the proposed structure, the proposed structure is not anticipated to surcharge the existing MTA structures.

Based on the preliminary nature of the design at this time, wall and column loads were not available. It is anticipated that column loads for the proposed structures will be up to 600 kips, and wall loads will be up to 6 kips per linear foot.

Once the design phase and foundation loading configuration proceeds to a more finalized plan, the recommendations within this report should be reviewed and revised, if necessary. Any changes in the design, location or elevation of any structure, as outlined in this report, should be reviewed by this office. Geocon should be contacted to determine the necessity for review and possible revision of this report.

3. GEOLOGIC SETTING

The site is located on the Montebello Plain in the northern portion of the Los Angeles Basin. The Los Angeles Basin is a coastal plain bounded by the Santa Monica Mountains, Elsyian Hills and Repetto Hills to the north and northeast, the Puente Hills and Whittier faults to the east, the Palos Verdes Peninsula and Pacific Ocean to the west and south, and the Santa Ana Mountains and San Joaquin Hills to the south and southeast. Regionally, the site is located within the Peninsular Ranges Geomorphic Province. This province is characterized by northwest-trending physiographic and geologic features such as the Newport-Inglewood Fault Zone and the Whittier Fault Zone.

4. SOIL AND GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS

Based on our field investigation and published geologic maps of the area, the site is underlain by artificial fill and a thin veneer of Holocene age young alluvial fan deposits that are in turn underlain by Pleistocene age alluvial fan deposits. The alluvial fan deposits consist of varying amounts of unconsolidated gravel, sand and silt (California Geological Survey, 2012; Dibblee, 1989). Detailed stratigraphic profiles are provided on the boring logs in Appendix A.

4.1 Artificial Fill

Artificial fill was encountered in our field explorations to a maximum depth of 4.5 feet below existing ground surface. The artificial fill generally consists of brown to dark reddish brown sandy silt and silty sand with some fine gravel. The artificial fill is characterized as slightly moist and firm or medium dense. The fill is likely the result of past grading or construction activities at the site. Deeper fill may exist between excavations and in other portions of the site that were not directly explored.

4.2 Alluvium

Holocene and Pleistocene age alluvial fan deposits were encountered beneath the fill. The alluvium generally consists of brown, olive brown, yellowish brown, or reddish brown sandy silt, silt with sand, silty sand, sand with silt, and poorly graded sand with varying amounts of fine to coarse gravel. Clay was encountered in boring B2 at depths ranging from 19 to 24 feet beneath the existing ground surface. The alluvial soils are primarily fine- to medium-grained, slightly moist and medium dense to dense or firm to hard.

5. GROUNDWATER

A review of the Seismic Hazard Evaluation Report for the Los Angeles 7.5-Minute Quadrangle (California Division of Mines and Geology [CDMG], 1998) indicates that the historically highest groundwater level in the area is approximately 80 to 90 feet beneath the ground surface. Groundwater information presented in this document is generated from data collected in the early 1900's to the late 1990s. Based on current groundwater basin management practices, it is unlikely that groundwater levels will ever exceed the historic high levels.

Groundwater was not encountered in our borings, drilled to a maximum depth of 40½ feet below the existing ground surface. Based on the reported historic high groundwater levels in the site vicinity, the lack of groundwater in our borings, and the depth of proposed construction, groundwater is neither expected to be encountered during construction, nor have a detrimental effect on the project. However, it is not uncommon for groundwater levels to vary seasonally or for groundwater seepage conditions to develop where none previously existed, especially in impermeable fine-grained soils which are heavily irrigated or after seasonal rainfall. In addition, recent requirements for stormwater infiltration could result in shallower seepage conditions in the immediate site vicinity. Proper surface drainage of irrigation and precipitation will be critical for future performance of the project. Recommendations for drainage are provided in the *Surface Drainage* section of this report (see Section 7.24).

6. GEOLOGIC HAZARDS

6.1 Surface Fault Rupture

The numerous faults in Southern California include active, potentially active, and inactive faults. The criteria for these major groups are based on criteria developed by the California Geological Survey (CGS, formerly known as CDMG) for the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone Program (CGS, 2018a). By definition, an active fault is one that has had surface displacement within Holocene time (about the last 11,700 years). A potentially active fault has demonstrated surface displacement during Quaternary time (approximately the last 1.6 million years), but has had no known Holocene movement. Faults that have not moved in the last 1.6 million years are considered inactive.

The site is not within a state-designated Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone (CGS, 2017; CGS, 2018b) or a city-designated Preliminary Fault Rupture Study Area (City of Los Angeles, 2018) for surface fault rupture hazards. No active or potentially active faults with the potential for surface fault rupture are known to pass directly beneath the site. Therefore, the potential for surface rupture due to faulting occurring beneath the site during the design life of the proposed development is considered low. However, the site is located in the seismically active Southern California region, and could be subjected to moderate to strong ground shaking in the event of an earthquake on one of the many active Southern California faults. The faults in the vicinity of the site are shown in Figure 3, Regional Fault Map.

The closest surface trace of an active fault to the site is the Raymond Fault located approximately 5.3 miles to the north (CGS, 2017). Other nearby active faults are the Hollywood Fault, the Eagle Rock Fault, the Verdugo Fault, the Newport-Inglewood Fault Zone, and the Whittier Fault located approximately 5.7 miles north, 6.8 miles northeast, 7.4 miles north-northeast, 8.6 miles southwest, and 9.3 miles east-southeast of the site, respectively (Ziony and Jones, 1989). The active San Andreas Fault Zone is located approximately 32 miles northeast of the site.

Several buried thrust faults, commonly referred to as blind thrusts, underlie the Los Angeles Basin at depth. These faults are not exposed at the ground surface and are typically identified at depths greater than 3.0 kilometers. The October 1, 1987 M_w 5.9 Whittier Narrows earthquake and the January 17, 1994 M_w 6.7 Northridge earthquake were a result of movement on the Puente Hills Blind Thrust and the Northridge Thrust, respectively. The Puente Hills Blind Thrust and the Elysian Park Thrust underlie the site at depth. These deep thrust faults and others in the Los Angeles area are not exposed at the surface and do not present a potential surface fault rupture hazard at the site; however, these deep thrust faults are considered active features capable of generating future earthquakes that could result in moderate to significant ground shaking at the site.

6.2 Seismicity

As with all of Southern California, the site has experienced historic earthquakes from various regional faults. The seismicity of the region surrounding the site was formulated based on research of an electronic database of earthquake data. The epicenters of recorded earthquakes with magnitudes equal to or greater than 5.0 in the site vicinity are depicted on Figure 4, Regional Seismicity Map. A partial list of moderate to major magnitude earthquakes that have occurred in the Southern California area within the last 100 years is included in the following table.

LIST OF HISTORIC EARTHQUAKES

Earthquake (Oldest to Youngest)	Date of Earthquake	Magnitude	Distance to Epicenter (Miles)	Direction to Epicenter
San Jacinto-Hemet area	April 21, 1918	6.8	72	ESE
Near Redlands	July 23, 1923	6.3	55	E
Long Beach	March 10, 1933	6.4	33	SSE
Tehachapi	July 21, 1952	7.5	80	NW
San Fernando	February 9, 1971	6.6	28	NNW
Whittier Narrows	October 1, 1987	5.9	8	E
Sierra Madre	June 28, 1991	5.8	19	NE
Landers	June 28, 1992	7.3	102	E
Big Bear	June 28, 1992	6.4	80	E
Northridge	January 17, 1994	6.7	22	WNW
Hector Mine	October 16, 1999	7.1	117	ENE

The site could be subjected to strong ground shaking in the event of an earthquake. However, this hazard is common in Southern California and the effects of ground shaking can be mitigated if the proposed structures are designed and constructed in conformance with current building codes and engineering practices.

6.3 Seismic Design Criteria

The following table summarizes site-specific design criteria obtained from the 2016 California Building Code (CBC; Based on the 2015 International Building Code [IBC] and ASCE 7-10), Chapter 16 Structural Design, Section 1613 Earthquake Loads. The data was calculated using the computer program *U.S. Seismic Design Maps*, provided by the USGS. The short spectral response uses a period of 0.2 second. We evaluated the Site Class based on the discussion in Section 1613.3.2 of the 2016 CBC and Table 20.3-1 of ASCE 7-10. The values presented below are for the risk-targeted maximum considered earthquake (MCE_R).

2016 CBC SEISMIC DESIGN PARAMETERS

Parameter	Value	2016 CBC Reference
Site Class	D	Section 1613.3.2
MCE _R Ground Motion Spectral Response Acceleration – Class B (short), S _S	2.416g	Figure 1613.3.1(1)
MCE _R Ground Motion Spectral Response Acceleration – Class B (1 sec), S _I	0.842g	Figure 1613.3.1(2)
Site Coefficient, F _A	1.0	Table 1613.3.3(1)
Site Coefficient, F _V	1.5	Table 1613.3.3(2)
Site Class Modified MCE _R Spectral Response Acceleration (short), S _{MS}	2.416g	Section 1613.3.3 (Eqn 16-37)
Site Class Modified MCE _R Spectral Response Acceleration – (1 sec), S _{M1}	1.263g	Section 1613.3.3 (Eqn 16-38)
5% Damped Design Spectral Response Acceleration (short), S _{DS}	1.611g	Section 1613.3.4 (Eqn 16-39)
5% Damped Design Spectral Response Acceleration (1 sec), S _{D1}	0.842g	Section 1613.3.4 (Eqn 16-40)

The table below presents the mapped maximum considered geometric mean (MCE_G) seismic design parameters for projects located in Seismic Design Categories of D through F in accordance with ASCE 7-10.

ASCE 7-10 PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION

Parameter	Value	ASCE 7-10 Reference
Mapped MCE _G Peak Ground Acceleration, PGA	0.914g	Figure 22-7
Site Coefficient, F _{PGA}	1.0	Table 11.8-1
Site Class Modified MCE _G Peak Ground Acceleration, PGA _M	0.914g	Section 11.8.3 (Eqn 11.8-1)

The Maximum Considered Earthquake Ground Motion (MCE) is the level of ground motion that has a 2 percent chance of exceedance in 50 years, with a statistical return period of 2,475 years. According to the 2016 California Building Code and ASCE 7-10, the MCE is to be utilized for the evaluation of liquefaction, lateral spreading, seismic settlements, and it is our understanding that the intent of the Building code is to maintain “Life Safety” during a MCE event. The Design Earthquake Ground Motion (DE) is the level of ground motion that has a 10 percent chance of exceedance in 50 years, with a statistical return period of 475 years.

Deaggregation of the MCE peak ground acceleration was performed using the USGS online Unified Hazard Tool, 2008 Conterminous U.S. Dynamic edition. The result of the deaggregation analysis indicates that the predominant earthquake contributing to the MCE peak ground acceleration is characterized as a 6.64 magnitude event occurring at a hypocentral distance of 6.83 kilometers from the site.

Deaggregation was also performed for the Design Earthquake (DE) peak ground acceleration, and the result of the analysis indicates that the predominant earthquake contributing to the DE peak ground acceleration is characterized as a 6.64 magnitude occurring at a hypocentral distance of 11.08 kilometers from the site.

Conformance to the criteria in the above tables for seismic design does not constitute any kind of guarantee or assurance that significant structural damage or ground failure will not occur if a large earthquake occurs. The primary goal of seismic design is to protect life, not to avoid all damage, since such design may be economically prohibitive.

6.4 Liquefaction Potential

Liquefaction is a phenomenon in which loose, saturated, relatively cohesionless soil deposits lose shear strength during strong ground motions. Primary factors controlling liquefaction include intensity and duration of ground motion, gradation characteristics of the subsurface soils, in-situ stress conditions, and the depth to groundwater. Liquefaction is typified by a loss of shear strength in the liquefied layers due to rapid increases in pore water pressure generated by earthquake accelerations.

The current standard of practice, as outlined in the “Recommended Procedures for Implementation of DMG Special Publication 117, Guidelines for Analyzing and Mitigating Liquefaction in California” and “Special Publication 117A, Guidelines for Evaluating and Mitigating Seismic Hazards in California” requires liquefaction analysis to a depth of 50 feet below the lowest portion of the proposed structure. Liquefaction typically occurs in areas where the soils below the water table are composed of poorly consolidated, fine to medium-grained, primarily sandy soil. In addition to the requisite soil conditions, the ground acceleration and duration of the earthquake must also be of a sufficient level to induce liquefaction.

The State of California Seismic Hazard Zone Map for the Los Angeles Quadrangle (CDMG, 1999; CGS, 2017) indicates that the site is not located in an area designated as having a potential for liquefaction. In addition, a review of the County of Los Angeles Seismic Safety Element (Leighton, 1990) indicates that the site is not located within an area identified as having a potential for liquefaction. Based on these considerations, it is our opinion that the potential for liquefaction and associated ground deformations beneath the site is very low.

6.5 Slope Stability

The topography at the site and in the site vicinity slopes gently to the north. The site is located within a City of Los Angeles Hillside Grading Area but is not located within a City of Los Angeles Hillside Ordinance Area (City of Los Angeles, 2018). According to the County of Los Angeles Safety Element (Leighton, 1990), the site is not located within a “hillside area” or an area identified as having a potential for slope instability or landslides. Additionally, the site is not within zone of required investigation for earthquake-induced landslides (CDMG, 1999; CGS, 2017). There are no known landslides near the site, nor is the site in the path of any known or potential landslides. Therefore, the potential for landslides to adversely affect the site in the current condition is considered low.

6.6 Earthquake-Induced Flooding

Earthquake-induced flooding is inundation caused by failure of dams or other water-retaining structures due to earthquakes. Based on a review of the Los Angeles County Safety Element (Leighton, 1990) and the City of Los Angeles Safety Element (1996), the site is not located within a potential inundation area for an earthquake-induced dam failure. Therefore, the probability of earthquake-induced flooding is considered very low.

6.7 Tsunamis, Seiches, and Flooding

The site is not located within a coastal area. Therefore, tsunamis are not considered a significant hazard at the site.

Seiches are large waves generated in enclosed bodies of water in response to ground shaking. No major water-retaining structures are located immediately up gradient from the project site. Therefore, flooding resulting from a seismically-induced seiche is considered unlikely.

The site is within an area of minimal flooding (Zone X) as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA, 2018; LACDPW, 2018b).

6.8 Oil Fields & Methane Potential

Based on a review of the California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) Well Finder website, the site is located with the Boyle Heights Oil Field (DOGGR, 2018). However, oil or gas wells are not located in the immediate site vicinity (DOGGR, 2018). Due to the voluntary nature of record reporting by the oil well drilling companies, wells may be improperly located or not shown on the location map. Undocumented wells could be encountered during construction. Any wells encountered will need to be properly abandoned in accordance with the current requirements of the DOGGR.

The site is located within the boundaries of a City of Los Angeles Methane Zone (City of Los Angeles, 2018). Therefore, a methane study is required for the proposed development. It is recommended that a qualified methane consultant be retained to perform the study and provide mitigation measures as necessary.

6.9 Subsidence

Subsidence occurs when a large portion of land is displaced vertically, usually due to the withdrawal of groundwater, oil, or natural gas. Soils that are particularly subject to subsidence include those with high silt or clay content. The site is not located within an area of known ground subsidence. No large-scale extraction of groundwater, gas, oil, or geothermal energy is occurring or planned at the site or in the general site vicinity. There appears to be little or no potential for ground subsidence due to withdrawal of fluids or gases at the site.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 General

- 7.1.1 It is our opinion that neither soil nor geologic conditions were encountered during the investigation that would preclude the construction of the proposed development provided the recommendations presented herein are followed and implemented during design and construction.
- 7.1.2 Up to 3 feet of existing artificial fill was encountered during the site investigation. The existing fill encountered is believed to be the result of past grading and construction activities at the site. Deeper fill may exist in other areas of the site that were not directly explored. It is our opinion that the existing fill, in its present condition, is not suitable for direct support of proposed foundations or slabs. The existing fill and site soils are suitable for re-use as engineered fill provided the recommendations in the Grading section of this report are followed (see Section 7.4). Excavations for subterranean level are anticipated to penetrate through the existing artificial fill and expose competent alluvial soils throughout the excavation bottom.
- 7.1.3 Groundwater was not encountered during site exploration and the current groundwater table is sufficiently deep that it not expected to be encountered during construction. However, local seepage could be encountered during excavation of the subterranean levels, especially if conducted during the rainy season.
- 7.1.4 Based on these considerations, the proposed structure may be supported on conventional foundation system deriving support in the competent alluvium found at and below a depth of 10 feet. Foundations should be deepened as necessary to penetrate through soft or unsuitable alluvium at the direction of the Geotechnical Engineer. All foundation excavations must be observed and approved by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon), prior to placing steel or concrete. Recommendations for the design of a conventional foundation system are provided in Section 7.6.
- 7.1.5 Excavations on the order of 12 feet in vertical height are anticipated for construction of the subterranean levels, including foundation depths. Due to the depth of the excavation and the proximity to the property lines, city streets and adjacent offsite structures, excavation of the proposed subterranean level will likely require sloping and shoring measures in order to provide a stable excavation. Where shoring is required it is recommended that a soldier pile shoring system be utilized. In addition, where the proposed excavation will be deeper than and adjacent to an offsite structure, the proposed shoring should be designed to resist the surcharge imposed by the adjacent offsite structure. Recommendations for shoring are provided in Section 7.18 of this report.

- 7.1.6 Due to the nature of the proposed design and intent for a subterranean level, waterproofing of subterranean walls and slabs is suggested. Particular care should be taken in the design and installation of waterproofing to avoid moisture problems, or actual water seepage into the structure through any normal shrinkage cracks which may develop in the concrete walls, floor slab, foundations and/or construction joints. The design and inspection of the waterproofing is not the responsibility of the geotechnical engineer. A waterproofing consultant should be retained in order to recommend a product or method, which would provide protection to subterranean walls, floor slabs and foundations.
- 7.1.7 Foundations for small outlying structures, such as block walls up to 6 feet in height, planter walls or trash enclosures, which will not be tied to the proposed structure, may be supported on conventional foundations deriving support on a minimum of 12 inches of newly placed engineered fill which extends laterally at least 12 inches beyond the foundation area. Where excavation and compaction cannot be performed or is undesirable, foundations may derive support directly in the competent undisturbed alluvial soils, and should be deepened as necessary to maintain a minimum 12-inch embedment into the recommended bearing materials. If the soils exposed in the excavation bottom are soft or loose, compaction of the soils will be required prior to placing steel or concrete. Compaction of the foundation excavation bottom is typically accomplished with a compaction wheel or mechanical whacker and must be observed and approved by a Geocon representative.
- 7.1.8 Where new paving is to be placed, it is recommended that all existing fill and soft alluvial soils be excavated and properly compacted for paving support. The client should be aware that excavation and compaction of all existing fill and soft alluvial soils in the area of new paving is not required; however, paving constructed over existing uncertified fill or unsuitable alluvial soil may experience increased settlement and/or cracking, and may therefore have a shorter design life and increased maintenance costs. As a minimum, the upper 12 inches of subgrade soil should be scarified and properly compacted for paving support. Paving recommendations are provided in *Preliminary Pavement Recommendations* section of this report (see Section 7.11).
- 7.1.9 Based on the results of percolation testing performed at the site, a stormwater infiltration system is not considered feasible for this project. The results of the percolation testing are further discussed in the *Stormwater Infiltration* section of this report (see Section 7.23).
- 7.1.10 Once the design and foundation loading configuration for the proposed structure proceeds to a more finalized plan, the recommendations within this report should be reviewed and revised, if necessary. Based on the final foundation loading configurations, the potential for settlement should be reevaluated by this office.

7.1.11 Any changes in the design, location or elevation, as outlined in this report, should be reviewed by this office. Geocon should be contacted to determine the necessity for review and possible revision of this report.

7.2 Soil and Excavation Characteristics

7.2.1 The in-situ soils can be excavated with moderate effort using conventional excavation equipment. Some caving should be anticipated in unshored excavations, especially where granular soils are encountered.

7.2.2 It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that all excavations and trenches are properly shored and maintained in accordance with applicable OSHA rules and regulations to maintain safety and maintain the stability of existing adjacent improvements.

7.2.3 All onsite excavations must be conducted in such a manner that potential surcharges from existing structures, construction equipment, and vehicle loads are resisted. The surcharge area may be defined by a 1:1 projection down and away from the bottom of an existing foundation or vehicle load. Penetrations below this 1:1 projection will require special excavation measures such as sloping or shoring. Excavation recommendations are provided in the *Temporary Excavations* section of this report (see Section 7.17).

7.2.4 The existing site soils encountered at the proposed foundation elevation during this investigation are considered to have a “low” expansive potential ($EI = 47$); and are classified as “expansive” based on the 2016 California Building Code (CBC) Section 1803.5.3. Recommendations presented herein assume that the building foundations and slabs will derive support in these materials.

7.3 Minimum Resistivity, pH, and Water-Soluble Sulfate

7.3.1 Potential of Hydrogen (pH) and resistivity testing as well as chloride content testing were performed on representative samples of soil to generally evaluate the corrosion potential to surface utilities. The tests were performed in accordance with California Test Method Nos. 643 and 422 and indicate that the soils are considered “corrosive” with respect to corrosion of buried ferrous metals on site. The results are presented in Appendix B (Figure B9) and should be considered for design of underground structures.

7.3.2 Laboratory tests were performed on representative samples of the site materials to measure the percentage of water-soluble sulfate content. Results from the laboratory water-soluble sulfate tests are presented in Appendix B (Figure B9) and indicate that the on-site materials possess “negligible” sulfate exposure to concrete structures as defined by 2016 CBC Section 1904 and ACI 318-11 Sections 4.2 and 4.3.

7.3.3 Geocon West, Inc. does not practice in the field of corrosion engineering and mitigation. If corrosion sensitive improvements are planned, it is recommended that a corrosion engineer be retained to evaluate corrosion test results and incorporate the necessary precautions to avoid premature corrosion of buried metal pipes and concrete structures in direct contact with the soils.

7.4 Grading

7.4.1 Grading is anticipated to include excavation of site soils for the subterranean level, foundations, and utility trenches, as well as placement of backfill for walls, ramps, and trenches.

7.4.2 Earthwork should be observed, and compacted fill tested by representatives of Geocon West, Inc. The existing fill and alluvial soil encountered during exploration is suitable for re-use as engineered fill, provided any encountered oversize material (greater than 6 inches) and any encountered deleterious debris are removed.

7.4.3 A preconstruction conference should be held at the site prior to the beginning of grading operations with the owner, contractor, civil engineer, geotechnical engineer, and building official in attendance. Special soil handling requirements can be discussed at that time.

7.4.4 Grading should commence with the removal of all existing vegetation and existing improvements from the area to be graded. Deleterious debris such as wood and root structures should be exported from the site and should not be mixed with the fill soils. Asphalt and concrete should not be mixed with the fill soils unless approved by the Geotechnical Engineer. All existing underground improvements planned for removal should be completely excavated and the resulting depressions properly backfilled in accordance with the procedures described herein. Once a clean excavation bottom has been established it must be observed and approved in writing by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon West, Inc.) and the City of Los Angeles Inspector.

7.4.5 The City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety requires a minimum compactive effort of 95 percent of the laboratory maximum dry density in accordance with ASTM D 1557 (latest edition) where the soils to be utilized in the fill have less than 15 percent finer than 0.005 millimeters. Soils with more than 15 percent finer than 0.005 millimeters may be compacted to 90 percent of the laboratory maximum dry density in accordance with ASTM D 1557 (latest edition). All fill and backfill soils should be placed in horizontal loose layers approximately 6 to 8 inches thick, moisture conditioned to optimum moisture content, and properly compacted to the required degree of compaction in accordance with ASTM D 1557 (latest edition).

- 7.4.6 Foundations for small outlying structures, such as block walls up to 6 feet high, planter walls or trash enclosures, which will not be tied to the proposed building, may be supported on conventional foundations deriving support on a minimum of 12 inches of newly placed engineered fill which extends laterally at least 12 inches beyond the foundation area. Where excavation and proper compaction cannot be performed or is undesirable, foundations may derive support directly in the undisturbed alluvial soils, and should be deepened as necessary to maintain a minimum 12-inch embedment into the recommended bearing materials. If the soils exposed in the excavation bottom are soft or loose, compaction of the soils will be required prior to placing steel or concrete. Compaction of the foundation excavation bottom is typically accomplished with a compaction wheel or mechanical whacker and must be observed and approved by a Geocon representative.
- 7.4.7 Although not anticipated for this project, all imported fill shall be observed, tested, and approved by Geocon West, Inc. prior to bringing soil to the site. Rocks larger than 6 inches in diameter shall not be used in the fill. If necessary, import soils used as structural fill should have an expansion index less than 20 and corrosivity properties that are equally or less detrimental to that of the existing onsite soils (see Figure B9).
- 7.4.8 Utility trenches should be properly backfilled in accordance with the requirements of the Green Book (latest edition). The pipe should be bedded with clean sands (Sand Equivalent greater than 30) to a depth of at least 1 foot over the pipe, and the bedding material must be inspected and approved in writing by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon). The use of gravel is not acceptable unless used in conjunction with filter fabric to prevent the gravel from having direct contact with soil. The remainder of the trench backfill may be derived from onsite soil or approved import soil, compacted as necessary, until the required compaction is obtained. The use of minimum 2-sack slurry as backfill is also acceptable (see Section 7.5). Prior to placing any bedding materials or pipes, the excavation bottom must be observed and approved in writing by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon).
- 7.4.9 All trench and foundation excavation bottoms must be observed and approved in writing by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon), prior to placing bedding materials, fill, steel, gravel, or concrete.

7.5 Controlled Low Strength Material (CLSM)

7.5.1 Controlled Low Strength Material (CLSM) may be utilized in lieu of compacted soil as engineered fill where approved in writing by the Geotechnical Engineer. Where utilized within the City of Los Angeles use of CLSM is subject to the following requirements:

Standard Requirements

1. CLSM shall be ready-mixed by a City of Los Angeles approved batch plant;
2. CLSM shall not be placed on uncertified fill, on incompetent natural soil, nor below water;
3. CLSM shall not be placed on a sloping surface with a gradient steeper than 5:1 (horizontal to vertical);
4. Placement of the CLSM shall be under the continuous inspection of a concrete deputy inspector;
5. The excavation bottom shall be accepted by the soil engineer and the City Inspector prior to placing CLSM.

Requirements for CLSM that will be used for support of footings

1. The cement content of the CLSM shall not be less than 188 pounds per cubic yard (min. 2 sacks);
2. The excavation bottom must be level, cleaned of loose soils and approved in writing by Geocon prior to placement of the CLSM;
3. The ultimate compressive strength of the CLSM shall be no less than 100 pounds per square inch (psi) when tested on the 28th-day per ASTM D4832 (latest edition), Standard Test Method for Preparation and Testing of Controlled Low Strength Material Test Cylinders. Compression testing will be performed in accordance with ASTM C39 and City of Los Angeles requirements;
4. Samples of the CLSM will be collected during placement, a minimum of one test (two cylinders) for each 50 cubic yards or fraction thereof;
5. Overexcavation for CLSM placement shall extend laterally beyond the footprint of any proposed footings as required for placement of compacted fill, unless justified otherwise by the soil engineer that footings will have adequate vertical and horizontal bearing capacity.

7.6 Foundation Design

- 7.6.1 The proposed structure may be supported on a conventional spread foundation system deriving support in the competent alluvium found at and below a depth of 10 feet. Foundations should be deepened as necessary to penetrate through soft or unsuitable alluvium at the direction of the Geotechnical Engineer. All foundation excavations must be observed and approved by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon), prior to placing steel or concrete.
- 7.6.2 Continuous footings may be designed for an allowable bearing capacity of 3,000 pounds per square foot (psf), and should be a minimum of 12 inches in width, 24 inches in depth below the lowest adjacent grade, and 12 inches into the recommended bearing material.
- 7.6.3 Isolated spread foundations may be designed for an allowable bearing capacity of 3,800 psf, and should be a minimum of 24 inches in width, 24 inches in depth below the lowest adjacent grade, and 12 inches into the recommended bearing material.
- 7.6.4 The allowable soil bearing pressure above may be increased by 400 psf and 800 psf for each additional foot of foundation width and depth, respectively, up to a maximum allowable soil bearing pressure of 5,800 psf.
- 7.6.5 The allowable bearing pressures may be increased by one-third for transient loads due to wind or seismic forces.
- 7.6.6 If depth increases are utilized for the exterior wall footings, this office should be provided a copy of the final construction plans so that the excavation recommendations presented herein could be properly reviewed and revised if necessary.
- 7.6.7 Continuous footings should be reinforced with four No. 4 steel reinforcing bars, two placed near the top of the footing and two near the bottom. Reinforcement for spread footings should be designed by the project structural engineer.
- 7.6.8 The above foundation dimensions and minimum reinforcement recommendations are based on soil conditions and building code requirements only, and are not intended to be used in lieu of those required for structural purposes.
- 7.6.9 No special subgrade presaturation is required prior to placement of concrete. However, the slab and foundation subgrade should be sprinkled as necessary; to maintain a moist condition as would be expected in any concrete placement.
- 7.6.10 Foundation excavations should be observed and approved in writing by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon West, Inc.), prior to the placement of reinforcing steel and concrete to verify that the excavations and exposed soil conditions are consistent with those anticipated. If unanticipated soil conditions are encountered, foundation modifications may be required.

- 7.6.11 This office should be provided a copy of the final construction plans so that the excavation recommendations presented herein could be properly reviewed and revised if necessary.

7.7 Foundation Settlement

- 7.7.1 The maximum expected static settlement for a structure supported on a conventional foundation system deriving support in the recommended bearing materials and designed with a maximum bearing pressure of 5,800 psf is estimated to be less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch and occur below the heaviest loaded structural element. Settlement of the foundation system is expected to occur on initial application of loading. Differential settlement is not expected to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch over a distance of 20 feet.

- 7.7.2 Once the design and foundation loading configurations for the proposed structures proceeds to a more finalized plan, the estimated settlements presented in this report should be reviewed and revised, if necessary. If the final foundation loading configurations are greater than the assumed loading conditions, the potential for settlement should be reevaluated by this office.

7.8 Miscellaneous Foundations

- 7.8.1 Foundations for small outlying structures, such as block walls up to 6 feet in height, planter walls or trash enclosures which will not be tied to the proposed structure may be supported on conventional foundations bearing on a minimum of 12 inches of newly placed engineered fill which extends laterally at least 12 inches beyond the foundation area. Where excavation and compaction cannot be performed or is undesirable, such as adjacent to property lines, foundations may derive support in the undisturbed alluvial soils, and should be deepened as necessary to maintain a minimum 12-inch embedment into the recommended bearing materials.

- 7.8.2 If the soils exposed in the excavation bottom are soft, compaction of the soft soils will be required prior to placing steel or concrete. Compaction of the foundation excavation bottom is typically accomplished with a compaction wheel or mechanical whacker and must be observed and approved by a Geocon representative. Miscellaneous foundations may be designed for a bearing value of 1,500 psf, and should be a minimum of 12 inches in width, 18 inches in depth below the lowest adjacent grade and 12 inches into the recommended bearing material. The allowable bearing pressure may be increased by up to one-third for transient loads due to wind or seismic forces.

- 7.8.3 Foundation excavations should be observed and approved in writing by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon West, Inc.), prior to the placement of reinforcing steel and concrete to verify that the excavations and exposed soil conditions are consistent with those anticipated.

7.9 Lateral Design

- 7.9.1 Resistance to lateral loading may be provided by friction acting at the base of foundations, slabs and by passive earth pressure. An allowable coefficient of friction of 0.4 may be used with the dead load forces in the competent alluvial soils or in properly compacted engineered fill.
- 7.9.2 Passive earth pressure for the sides of foundations and slabs poured against competent alluvial soils or newly placed engineered fill may be computed as an equivalent fluid having a density of 290 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) with a maximum earth pressure of 2,900 psf. When combining passive and friction for lateral resistance, the passive component should be reduced by one-third.

7.10 Concrete Slabs-on-Grade

- 7.10.1 Unless specifically evaluated and designed by a qualified structural engineer, the slab-on-grade subject to vehicle loading should be a minimum of 5 inches of concrete reinforced with No. 4 steel reinforcing bars placed 16 inches on center in both horizontal directions and positioned vertically near the slab midpoint. The concrete slab-on-grade and ramp may derive support directly on the undisturbed alluvial soils at the excavation bottom as well as compacted soils, if necessary. Any disturbed soils should be properly compacted for slab support. Soil placed and compacted for ramp and slab support should be moisture conditioned to optimum moisture content and properly compacted to at least 95 percent relative compaction, as determined by ASTM Test Method D 1557 (latest edition) for ramp support.
- 7.10.2 Slabs-on-grade at the ground surface that may receive moisture-sensitive floor coverings or may be used to store moisture-sensitive materials should be underlain by a vapor retarder placed directly beneath the slab. The vapor retarder and acceptable permeance should be specified by the project architect or developer based on the type of floor covering that will be installed. The vapor retarder design should be consistent with the guidelines presented in Section 9.3 of the American Concrete Institute's (ACI) Guide for Concrete Slabs that Receive Moisture-Sensitive Flooring Materials (ACI 302.2R-06) and should be installed in general conformance with ASTM E 1643 (latest edition) and the manufacturer's recommendations. A minimum thickness of 15 mils extruded polyolefin plastic is recommended; vapor retarders which contain recycled content or woven materials are not recommended. The vapor retarder should have a permeance of less than 0.01 perms demonstrated by testing before and after mandatory conditioning. The vapor retarder should be installed in direct contact with the concrete slab with proper perimeter seal. If the California Green Building Code requirements apply to this project, the vapor retarder should be underlain by 4 inches of clean aggregate. It is important that the vapor retarder be puncture resistant since it will be in direct contact with angular gravel. As an alternative to the clean aggregate suggested in the Green Building Code, it is our opinion that the concrete slab-on-grade may be underlain by a vapor retarder over 4 inches of clean sand (sand

equivalent greater than 30), since the sand will serve a capillary break and will minimize the potential for punctures and damage to the vapor barrier.

- 7.10.3 Due to the nature of the proposed design and intent for a subterranean level, waterproofing of subterranean walls and slabs is suggested. Particular care should be taken in the design and installation of waterproofing to avoid moisture problems, or actual water seepage into the structure through any normal shrinkage cracks which may develop in the concrete walls, floor slab, foundations and/or construction joints. The design and inspection of the waterproofing is not the responsibility of the geotechnical engineer. A waterproofing consultant should be retained in order to recommend a product or method, which would provide protection to subterranean walls, floor slabs and foundations.
- 7.10.4 For seismic design purposes, a coefficient of friction of 0.4 may be utilized between concrete slabs and subgrade soils without a moisture barrier, and 0.15 for slabs underlain by a moisture barrier.
- 7.10.5 Exterior slabs for walkways or flatwork, not subject to traffic loads, should be at least 4 inches thick and reinforced with No. 3 steel reinforcing bars placed 18 inches on center in both horizontal directions, positioned near the slab midpoint. Prior to construction of slabs, the upper 12 inches of subgrade should be moistened to optimum moisture content and properly compacted to at least 95 percent relative compaction, as determined by ASTM Test Method D 1557 (latest edition). Crack control joints should be spaced at intervals not greater than 10 feet and should be constructed using saw-cuts or other methods as soon as practical following concrete placement. Crack control joints should extend a minimum depth of one-fourth the slab thickness. The project structural engineer should design construction joints as necessary.
- 7.10.6 The recommendations of this report are intended to reduce the potential for cracking of slabs due to settlement. However, even with the incorporation of the recommendations presented herein, foundations, stucco walls, and slabs-on-grade may exhibit some cracking due to minor soil movement and/or concrete shrinkage. 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.

7.11 Preliminary Pavement Recommendations

- 7.11.1 Where new paving is to be placed, it is recommended that all existing fill and soft or unsuitable alluvial soil be removed and properly recompacted for paving support. The client should be aware that excavation and compaction of all soft or unsuitable alluvial soil in the area of new paving is not required, however, paving constructed over existing unsuitable soils may experience increased settlement and/or cracking, and may therefore have a shorter

design life and increased maintenance costs. As a minimum, the upper twelve inches of soil should be scarified and recompact to at least 95 percent relative compaction, as determined by ASTM Test Method D 1557 (latest edition).

7.11.2 The following pavement sections are based on an assumed R-Value of 20. Once site grading activities are complete an R-Value should be obtained by laboratory testing to confirm the properties of the soils serving as paving subgrade, prior to placing pavement.

7.11.3 The Traffic Indices listed below are estimates. Geocon does not practice in the field of traffic engineering. The actual Traffic Index for each area should be determined by the project civil engineer. If pavement sections for Traffic Indices other than those listed below are required, Geocon should be contacted to provide additional recommendations. Pavement thicknesses were determined following procedures outlined in the *California Highway Design Manual* (Caltrans). It is anticipated that the majority of traffic will consist of automobile and large truck traffic.

PRELIMINARY PAVEMENT DESIGN SECTIONS

Location	Estimated Traffic Index (TI)	Asphalt Concrete (inches)	Class 2 Aggregate Base (inches)
Automobile Parking and Driveways	4.0	3.0	4.0
Trash Truck & Fire Lanes	7.0	4.0	12.0

7.11.4 Asphalt concrete should conform to Section 203-6 of the “*Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction*” (Green Book). Class 2 aggregate base materials should conform to Section 26-1.02A of the “*Standard Specifications of the State of California, Department of Transportation*” (Caltrans). The use of Crushed Miscellaneous Base in lieu of Class 2 aggregate base is acceptable. Crushed Miscellaneous Base should conform to Section 200-2.4 of the “*Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction*” (Green Book).

7.11.5 Unless specifically designed and evaluated by the project structural engineer, where exterior concrete paving will be utilized for support of vehicles, it is recommended that the concrete be a minimum of 5 inches of concrete reinforced with No. 3 steel reinforcing bars placed 18 inches on center in both horizontal directions. Concrete paving supporting vehicular traffic should be underlain by a minimum of 4 inches of aggregate base and a properly compacted subgrade. The subgrade and base material should be compacted to 95 percent relative compactions determined by ASTM Test Method D 1557 (latest edition).

7.11.6 The performance of pavements is highly dependent upon providing positive surface drainage away from the edge of pavements. Ponding of water on or adjacent to the pavement will likely result in saturation of the subgrade materials and subsequent cracking, subsidence and pavement distress. If planters are planned adjacent to paving, it is recommended that the perimeter curb be extended at least 12 inches below the bottom of the aggregate base to minimize the introduction of water beneath the paving.

7.12 Retaining Wall Design

7.12.1 The recommendations presented below are generally applicable to the design of rigid concrete or masonry retaining walls having a maximum height of 10 feet. In the event that walls higher than 10 feet are planned, Geocon should be contacted for additional recommendations.

7.12.2 Retaining wall foundations may be designed in accordance with the recommendations provided in the *Foundation Design* sections of this report (see Section 7.6).

7.12.3 Retaining walls with a level backfill surface that are not restrained at the top should be designed utilizing a triangular distribution of pressure (active pressure) of 30 pcf.

7.12.4 Restrained walls are those that are not allowed to rotate more than $0.001H$ (where H equals the height of the retaining portion of the wall in feet) at the top of the wall. Assuming that proper drainage and permanent dewatering is maintained, where walls are restrained from movement at the top, walls may be designed utilizing a triangular distribution of pressure (at-rest pressure) of 50 pcf.

7.12.5 The wall pressures provided above assume that the retaining wall will be properly drained preventing the buildup of hydrostatic pressure. If retaining wall drainage is not implemented, the equivalent fluid pressure to be used in design of undrained walls is 90 pcf. The value includes hydrostatic pressures plus buoyant lateral earth pressures.

7.12.6 The wall pressures provided above assume that the proposed retaining walls will support relatively undisturbed alluvial soils or engineered fill derived from onsite soils. If import soil will be used to backfill proposed retaining walls, revised earth pressures may be required to account for the geotechnical properties of the import soil used as engineered fill. This should be evaluated once the use of import soil is established. All imported fill shall be observed, tested, and approved by Geocon West, Inc. prior to bringing soil to the site.

7.12.7 Additional active pressure should be added for a surcharge condition due to sloping ground, vehicular traffic or adjacent structures and should be designed for each condition as the project progresses.

7.12.8 It is recommended that line-load surcharges from adjacent wall footings, use horizontal pressures generated from NAV-FAC DM 7.2. The governing equations are:

$$\text{For } x/H \leq 0.4$$

$$\sigma_H(z) = \frac{0.20 \times \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)}{\left[0.16 + \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2\right]^2} \times \frac{Q_L}{H}$$

and

$$\text{For } x/H > 0.4$$

$$\sigma_H(z) = \frac{1.28 \times \left(\frac{x}{H}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)}{\left[\left(\frac{x}{H}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2\right]^2} \times \frac{Q_L}{H}$$

where x is the distance from the face of the excavation or wall to the vertical line-load, H is the distance from the bottom of the footing to the bottom of excavation or wall, z is the depth at which the horizontal pressure is desired, Q_L is the vertical line-load and $\sigma_H(z)$ is the horizontal pressure at depth z .

7.12.9 It is recommended that vertical point-loads, from construction equipment outriggers or adjacent building columns use horizontal pressures generated from NAV-FAC DM 7.2. The governing equations are:

$$\text{For } x/H \leq 0.4$$

$$\sigma_H(z) = \frac{0.28 \times \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2}{\left[0.16 + \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2\right]^3} \times \frac{Q_P}{H^2}$$

and

$$\text{For } x/H > 0.4$$

$$\sigma_H(z) = \frac{1.77 \times \left(\frac{x}{H}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2}{\left[\left(\frac{x}{H}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2\right]^3} \times \frac{Q_P}{H^2}$$

then

$$\sigma'_H(z) = \sigma_H(z) \cos^2(1.1\theta)$$

where x is the distance from the face of the excavation/wall to the vertical point-load, H is distance from the outrigger/bottom of column footing to the bottom of excavation, z is the depth at which the horizontal pressure is desired, Q_P is the vertical point-load, $\sigma_H(z)$ is the horizontal pressure at depth z , θ is the angle between a line perpendicular to the excavation/wall and a line from the point-load to location on the excavation/wall where the surcharge is being evaluated, and $\sigma_H(z)$ is the horizontal pressure at depth z .

- 7.12.10 In addition to the recommended earth pressure, the upper 10 feet of the subterranean wall adjacent to the street and parking lot should be designed to resist a uniform lateral pressure of 100 psf, acting as a result of an assumed 300 psf surcharge behind the walls due to normal street traffic. If the traffic is kept back at least 10 feet from the subterranean walls, the traffic surcharge may be neglected.
- 7.12.11 Seismic lateral forces should be incorporated into the design as necessary, and recommendations for seismic lateral forces are presented below.

7.13 Dynamic (Seismic) Lateral Forces

- 7.13.1 The structural engineer should determine the seismic design category for the project in accordance with Section 1613 of the CBC. If the project possesses a seismic design category of D, E, or F, proposed retaining walls in excess of 6 feet in height should be designed with seismic lateral pressure (Section 1803.5.12 of the 2016 CBC).
- 7.13.2 A seismic load of 10 pcf should be used for design of walls that support more than 6 feet of backfill in accordance with Section 1803.5.12 of the 2016 CBC. The seismic load is applied as an equivalent fluid pressure along the height of the wall and the calculated loads result in a maximum load exerted at the base of the wall and zero at the top of the wall. This seismic load should be applied in addition to the active earth pressure. The earth pressure is based on half of two thirds of PGA_M calculated from ASCE 7-10 Section 11.8.3.

7.14 Retaining Wall Drainage

- 7.14.1 Retaining walls should be provided with a drainage system extended at least two-thirds the height of the wall. At the base of the drain system, a subdrain covered with a minimum of 12 inches of gravel should be installed, and a compacted fill blanket or other seal placed at the surface (see Figure 5). The clean bottom and subdrain pipe, behind a retaining wall, should be observed by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon), prior to placement of gravel or compacting backfill.
- 7.14.2 As an alternative, a plastic drainage composite such as Miradrain or equivalent may be installed in continuous, 4-foot wide columns along the entire back face of the wall, at 8 feet on center. The top of these drainage composite columns should terminate approximately 18 inches below the ground surface, where either hardscape or a minimum of 18 inches of relatively cohesive material should be placed as a cap (see Figure 6). These vertical columns of drainage material would then be connected at the bottom of the wall to a collection panel or a one-cubic-foot rock pocket drained by a 4-inch subdrain pipe.
- 7.14.3 Subdrainage pipes at the base of the retaining wall drainage system should outlet to an acceptable location via controlled drainage structures.

7.14.4 Moisture affecting below grade walls is one of the most common post-construction complaints. Poorly applied or omitted waterproofing can lead to efflorescence or standing water. Particular care should be taken in the design and installation of waterproofing to avoid moisture problems, or actual water seepage into the structure through any normal shrinkage cracks which may develop in the concrete walls, floor slab, foundations and/or construction joints. The design and inspection of the waterproofing is not the responsibility of the geotechnical engineer. A waterproofing consultant should be retained in order to recommend a product or method, which would provide protection to subterranean walls, floor slabs and foundations.

7.15 Elevator Pit Design

7.15.1 The elevator pit slab and retaining wall should be designed by the project structural engineer. Elevator pits may be designed in accordance with the recommendations in the *Foundation Design and Retaining Wall Design* section of this report (see Sections 7.6 and 7.12).

7.15.2 Additional active pressure should be added for a surcharge condition due to sloping ground, vehicular traffic, or adjacent foundations and should be designed for each condition as the project progresses.

7.15.3 If retaining wall drainage is to be provided, the drainage system should be designed in accordance with the *Retaining Wall Drainage* section of this report (see Section 7.14).

7.15.4 It is suggested that the exterior walls and slab be waterproofed to prevent excessive moisture inside of the elevator pit. Waterproofing design and installation is not the responsibility of the geotechnical engineer.

7.16 Elevator Piston

7.16.1 If a plunger-type elevator piston is installed for this project, a deep drilled excavation will be required. It is important to verify that the drilled excavation is not situated immediately adjacent to a foundation or shoring pile, or the drilled excavation could compromise the existing foundation or pile support, especially if the drilling is performed subsequent to the foundation or pile construction.

7.16.2 Casing may be required if caving is experienced in the drilled excavation. The contractor should be prepared to use casing and should have it readily available at the commencement of drilling activities. Continuous observation of the drilling and installation of the elevator piston by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon West, Inc.) is required.

7.16.3 The annular space between the piston casing and drilled excavation wall should be filled with a minimum of 1½-sack slurry pumped from the bottom up. As an alternative, pea gravel may be utilized. The use of soil to backfill the annular space is not acceptable.

7.17 Temporary Excavations

- 7.17.1 Excavations on the order of 12 feet in height are anticipated for excavation and construction of the proposed subterranean levels and foundation system. The excavations are expected to expose alluvial soils, which are suitable for vertical excavations up to 5 feet where loose soils or caving sands are not present or where not surcharged by adjacent traffic or structures.
- 7.17.2 Vertical excavations greater than 5 feet will require sloping and/or shoring measures in order to provide a stable excavation. Where sufficient space is available, temporary unsurcharged embankments could be sloped back at a uniform 1:1 slope gradient or flatter, up to a maximum of 12 feet in height. A uniform slope does not have a vertical portion. Where space is limited, shoring measures will be required. *Shoring* recommendations are provided in Section 7.18 of this report.
- 7.17.3 Where sloped embankments are utilized, the top of the slope should be barricaded to prevent vehicles and storage loads at the top of the slope within a horizontal distance equal to the height of the slope. If the temporary construction embankments are to be maintained during the rainy season, berms are suggested along the tops of the slopes where necessary to prevent runoff water from entering the excavation and eroding the slope faces. Geocon personnel should inspect the soils exposed in the cut slopes during excavation so that modifications of the slopes can be made if variations in the soil conditions occur. All excavations should be stabilized within 30 days of initial excavation.

7.18 Shoring – Soldier Pile Design and Installation

- 7.18.1 The following information on the design and installation of shoring is preliminary. Review of the final shoring plans and specifications should be made by this office prior to bidding or negotiating with a shoring contractor.
- 7.18.2 One method of shoring would consist of steel soldier piles, placed in drilled holes and backfilled with concrete. Where maximum excavation heights are less than 12 feet the soldier piles are typically designed as cantilevers. Where excavations exceed 12 feet or are surcharged, soldier piles may require lateral bracing utilizing drilled tie-back anchors or raker braces to maintain an economical steel beam size and prevent excessive deflection. The size of the steel beam, the need for lateral bracing, and the acceptable shoring deflection should be determined by the project shoring engineer.
- 7.18.3 The design embedment of the shoring pile toes must be maintained during excavation activities. The toes of the perimeter shoring piles should be deepened to take into account any required excavations necessary for foundation excavations and/or adjacent drainage systems.

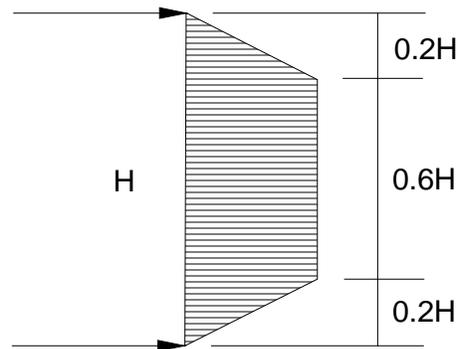
- 7.18.4 The proposed soldier piles may also be designed as permanent piles. The required pile depths, dimensions, and spacing should be determined and designed by the project structural and shoring engineers. All piles utilized for shoring can also be incorporated into a permanent retaining wall system (shotcrete wall) and should be designed in accordance with the earth pressure provided in the *Retaining Wall Design* section of this report (see Section 7.12).
- 7.18.5 Drilled cast-in-place soldier piles should be placed no closer than three diameters on center. The minimum diameter of the piles is 18 inches. Structural concrete should be used for the soldier piles below the excavation; lean-mix concrete may be employed above that level. As an alternative, lean-mix concrete may be used throughout the pile where the reinforcing consists of a wideflange section. The slurry must be of sufficient strength to impart the lateral bearing pressure developed by the wideflange section to the soil. For design purposes, an allowable passive value for the soils below the bottom plane of excavation may be assumed to be 290 psf per foot. The allowable passive value may be doubled for isolated piles spaced a minimum of three times the pile diameter. To develop the full lateral value, provisions should be implemented to assure firm contact between the soldier piles and the undisturbed alluvium.
- 7.18.6 Groundwater was not encountered during exploration; however, the contractor should be prepared for groundwater during pile installation should the need arise. Local seepage may be encountered during excavations for the proposed soldier piles, especially if conducted during the rainy season. If more than 6 inches of water is present in the bottom of the excavation, a tremie is required to place the concrete into the bottom of the hole. A tremie should consist of a rigid, water-tight tube having a diameter of not less than 6 inches with a hopper at the top. The tube should be equipped with a device that will close the discharge end and prevent water from entering the tube while it is being charged with concrete. The tremie should be supported so as to permit free movement of the discharge end over the entire top surface of the work and to permit rapid lowering when necessary to retard or stop the flow of concrete. The discharge end should be closed at the start of the work to prevent water entering the tube and should be entirely sealed at all times, except when the concrete is being placed. The tremie tube should be kept full of concrete. The flow should be continuous until the work is completed and the resulting concrete seal should be monolithic and homogeneous. The tip of the tremie tube should always be kept about 5 feet below the surface of the concrete and definite steps and safeguards should be taken to insure that the tip of the tremie tube is never raised above the surface of the concrete.
- 7.18.7 A special concrete mix should be used for concrete to be placed below water. The design should provide for concrete with an unconfined compressive strength psi of 1,000 psi over the initial job specification. An admixture that reduces the problem of segregation of paste/aggregates and dilution of paste should be included. The slump should be commensurate to any research report

for the admixture, provided that it should also be the minimum for a reasonable consistency for placing when water is present.

- 7.18.8 Casing may be required if caving is encountered, and the contractor should have casing available prior to commencement of pile excavation. When casing is used, extreme care should be employed so that the pile is not pulled apart as the casing is withdrawn. At no time should the distance between the surface of the concrete and the bottom of the casing be less than 5 feet. As an alternative, piles may be vibrated into place; however, there is always a risk that excessive vibrations in sandy soils could induce settlements and distress to adjacent offsite improvements. Continuous observation of the drilling and pouring of the piles by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon West, Inc.), is required.
- 7.18.9 The frictional resistance between the soldier piles and retained soil may be used to resist the vertical component of the anchor load. The coefficient of friction may be taken as 0.4 based on uniform contact between the steel beam and lean-mix concrete and retained earth. The portion of soldier piles below the plane of excavation may also be employed to resist the downward loads. The downward capacity may be determined using a frictional resistance of 460 psf per foot.
- 7.18.10 Due to the nature of the site soils, it is expected that continuous lagging between soldier piles will be required. However, it is recommended that the exposed soils be observed by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon West, Inc.), to verify the presence of any competent, cohesive soils and the areas where lagging may be omitted.
- 7.18.11 The time between lagging excavation and lagging placement should be as short as possible soldier piles should be designed for the full-anticipated pressures. Due to arching in the soils, the pressure on the lagging will be less. It is recommended that the lagging be designed for the full design pressure but be limited to a maximum of 400 psf.
- 7.18.12 For the design of shoring, it is recommended that an equivalent fluid pressure based on the following table, be utilized for design. A diagram depicting the trapezoidal pressure distribution of lateral earth pressure is provided in the table on the following page.

HEIGHT OF SHORING (FEET)	EQUIVALENT FLUID PRESSURE (Pounds Per Cubic Foot) (ACTIVE PRESSURE)	EQUIVALENT FLUID PRESSURE Trapezoidal (Where H is the height of the shoring in feet)
Up to 12	25	16H

Trapezoidal Distribution of Pressure



- 7.18.13 It is very important to note that active pressures can only be achieved when movement in the soil (earth wall) occurs. If movement in the soil is not acceptable, such as adjacent to an existing structure, an at-rest pressure of 45 pcf should be considered for design purposes.
- 7.18.14 Where a combination of sloped embankment and shoring is utilized, the pressure will be greater and must be determined for each combination. Additional active pressure should be added for a surcharge condition due to sloping ground, vehicular traffic, or adjacent structures and must be determined for each combination.
- 7.18.15 It is recommended that line-load surcharges from adjacent wall footings, use horizontal pressures generated from NAV-FAC DM 7.2. The governing equations are:

$$\text{For } x/H \leq 0.4$$

$$\sigma_H(z) = \frac{0.20 \times \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)}{\left[0.16 + \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2\right]^2} \times \frac{Q_L}{H}$$

and

$$\text{For } x/H > 0.4$$

$$\sigma_H(z) = \frac{1.28 \times \left(\frac{x}{H}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)}{\left[\left(\frac{x}{H}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2\right]^2} \times \frac{Q_L}{H}$$

where x is the distance from the face of the excavation or wall to the vertical line-load, H is the distance from the bottom of the footing to the bottom of excavation or wall, z is the depth at which the horizontal pressure is desired, Q_L is the vertical line-load and $\sigma_H(z)$ is the horizontal pressure at depth z .

- 7.18.16 It is recommended that vertical point-loads, from construction equipment outriggers or adjacent building columns use horizontal pressures generated from NAV-FAC DM 7.2. The governing equations are:

$$\text{For } x/H \leq 0.4$$

$$\sigma_H(z) = \frac{0.28 \times \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2}{\left[0.16 + \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2\right]^3} \times \frac{Q_P}{H^2}$$

and

$$\text{For } x/H > 0.4$$

$$\sigma_H(z) = \frac{1.77 \times \left(\frac{x}{H}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2}{\left[\left(\frac{x}{H}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2\right]^3} \times \frac{Q_P}{H^2}$$

then

$$\sigma'_H(z) = \sigma_H(z) \cos^2(1.1\theta)$$

where x is the distance from the face of the excavation/wall to the vertical point-load, H is distance from the outrigger/bottom of column footing to the bottom of excavation, z is the depth at which the horizontal pressure is desired, Q_p is the vertical point-load, $\sigma_H(z)$ is the horizontal pressure at depth z , θ is the angle between a line perpendicular to the excavation/wall and a line from the point-load to location on the excavation/wall where the surcharge is being evaluated, and $\sigma_H(z)$ is the horizontal pressure at depth z .

- 7.18.17 In addition to the recommended earth pressure, the upper ten feet of the shoring adjacent to the street or driveway areas should be designed to resist a uniform lateral pressure of 100 psf, acting as a result of an assumed 300 psf surcharge behind the shoring due to normal street traffic. If the traffic is kept back at least ten feet from the shoring, the traffic surcharge may be neglected.

- 7.18.18 It is difficult to accurately predict the amount of deflection of a shored embankment. It should be realized that some deflection will occur. It is recommended that the deflection be minimized to prevent damage to existing structures and adjacent improvements. Where public right-of-ways are present or adjacent offsite structures do not surcharge the shoring excavation, the shoring deflection should be limited to less than 1 inch at the top of the shored embankment. Where offsite structures are within the shoring surcharge area it is recommended that the beam deflection be limited to less than ½ inch at the elevation of the adjacent offsite foundation, and no deflection at all if deflections will damage existing structures. The allowable deflection is dependent on many factors, such as the presence of structures and utilities near the top of the embankment, and will be assessed and designed by the project shoring engineer.

- 7.18.19 Because of the depth of the excavation, some means of monitoring the performance of the shoring system is suggested. The monitoring should consist of periodic surveying of the lateral and vertical locations of the tops of all soldier piles and the lateral movement along the entire lengths of selected soldier piles.
- 7.18.20 Due to the depth of the depth of the excavation and proximity to adjacent structures, it is suggested that prior to excavation the existing improvements be inspected to document the present condition. For documentation purposes, photographs should be taken of preconstruction distress conditions and level surveys of adjacent grade and pavement should be considered. During excavation activities, the adjacent structures and pavement should be periodically inspected for signs of distress. In the even that distress or settlement is noted, an investigation should be performed and corrective measures taken so that continued or worsened distress or settlement is mitigated. Documentation and monitoring of the offsite structures and improvements is not the responsibility of the geotechnical engineer.

7.19 Temporary Tie-Back Anchors

- 7.19.1 Temporary tie-back anchors may be used with the soldier pile wall system to resist lateral loads. Post-grouted friction anchors are recommended. For design purposes, it may be assumed that the active wedge adjacent to the shoring is defined by a plane drawn 35 degrees with the vertical through the bottom plane of the excavation. Friction anchors should extend a minimum of 20 feet beyond the potentially active wedge and to greater lengths if necessary to develop the desired capacities. The locations and depths of all offsite utilities should be thoroughly checked and incorporated into the drilling angle design for the tie-back anchors.
- 7.19.2 The capacities of the anchors should be determined by testing of the initial anchors as outlined in a following section. Only the frictional resistance developed beyond the active wedge would be effective in resisting lateral loads. Anchors should be placed at least 6 feet on center to be considered isolated. For preliminary design purposes, it is estimated that drilled friction anchors constructed without utilizing post-grouting techniques will develop average skin frictions as follows:
- 5 feet below the top of the excavation – 840 pounds per square foot
- 7.19.3 Depending on the techniques utilized, and the experience of the contractor performing the installation, a maximum allowable friction capacity of 2.5 kips per linear foot for post-grouted anchors (for a minimum 20 foot length beyond the active wedge) may be assumed for design purposes. Only the frictional resistance developed beyond the active wedge should be utilized in resisting lateral loads.

7.20 Anchor Installation

- 7.20.1 Tied-back anchors are typically installed between 20 and 40 degrees below the horizontal; however, occasionally alternative angles are necessary to avoid existing improvements and utilities. The locations and depths of all offsite utilities should be thoroughly checked prior to design and installation of the tie-back anchors. Caving of the anchor shafts, particularly within sand and gravel deposits or seepage zones, should be anticipated during installation and provisions should be implemented in order to minimize such caving. It is suggested that hollow-stem auger drilling equipment be used to install the anchors. The anchor shafts should be filled with concrete by pumping from the tip out, and the concrete should extend from the tip of the anchor to the active wedge. In order to minimize the chances of caving, it is recommended that the portion of the anchor shaft within the active wedge be backfilled with sand before testing the anchor. This portion of the shaft should be filled tightly and flush with the face of the excavation. The sand backfill should be placed by pumping; the sand may contain a small amount of cement to facilitate pumping.

7.21 Anchor Testing

- 7.21.1 All of the anchors should be tested to at least 150 percent of design load. The total deflection during this test should not exceed 12 inches. The rate of creep under the 150 percent test load should not exceed 0.1 inch over a 15-minute period in order for the anchor to be approved for the design loading.
- 7.21.2 At least ten percent of the anchors should be selected for "quick" 200 percent tests and three additional anchors should be selected for 24-hour 200 percent tests. The purpose of the 200 percent tests is to verify the friction value assumed in design. The anchors should be tested to develop twice the assumed friction value. These tests should be performed prior to installation of additional tiebacks. Where satisfactory tests are not achieved on the initial anchors, the anchor diameter and/or length should be increased until satisfactory test results are obtained.
- 7.21.3 The total deflection during the 24-hour 200 percent test should not exceed 12 inches. During the 24-hour tests, the anchor deflection should not exceed 0.75 inches measured after the 200 percent test load is applied.
- 7.21.4 For the "quick" 200 percent tests, the 200 percent test load should be maintained for 30 minutes. The total deflection of the anchor during the 200 percent quick tests should not exceed 12 inches; the deflection after the 200 percent load has been applied should not exceed 0.25 inch during the 30-minute period.

7.21.5 After a satisfactory test, each anchor should be locked-off at the design load. This should be verified by rechecking the load in the anchor. The load should be within 10 percent of the design load. A representative of this firm should observe the installation and testing of the anchors.

7.22 Internal Bracing

7.22.1 Rakers may be utilized to brace the soldier piles in lieu of tieback anchors. The raker bracing could be supported laterally by temporary concrete footings (deadmen) or by the permanent, interior footings. For design of such temporary footings or deadmen, poured with the bearing surface normal to rakers inclined at 45 degrees, a bearing value of 1,500 psf may be used, provided the shallowest point of the footing is at least one foot below the lowest adjacent grade. The structural engineer should review the shoring plans to determine if raker footings conflict with the structural foundation system. The client should be aware that the utilization of rakers could significantly impact the construction schedule due to their intrusion into the construction site and potential interference with equipment.

7.23 Stormwater Infiltration

7.23.1 During the September 15, 2017 site exploration, boring B2 was utilized to perform percolation testing. The boring was advanced to the depth listed in the table below. Slotted casing was placed in the boring, and the annular space between the casing and excavation was filled with gravel. The boring was then filled with water to pre-saturate the soils. On September 18, 2017, the casing was refilled with water and percolation test readings were performed after repeated flooding of the cased excavation. Based on the test results, the measured percolation rate and design infiltration rate, for the earth materials encountered, are provided in the following table. These values have been calculated in accordance with the Boring Percolation Test Procedure in the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works *GMED Guidelines for Geotechnical Investigation and Reporting, Low Impact Development Stormwater Infiltration* (June 2017). Percolation test field data and calculation of the measured percolation rate and design infiltration rate are provided on Figure 7.

Boring	Soil Type	Infiltration Depth (ft)	Measured Percolation Rate (in / hour)	Design Infiltration Rate (in / hour)
B2	Sandy Silt (ML)	25-40½	0.45	0.11

7.23.2 The results of the percolation testing indicated that the infiltration rate within the existing fill is less than the generally accepted minimally required infiltration rate of 0.3 inches per hour. Therefore, based on these considerations, a stormwater infiltration system is not recommended for this development. It is suggested that stormwater be retained, filtered and discharged in accordance with the requirements of the local governing agency.

7.24 Surface Drainage

- 7.24.1 Proper surface drainage is critical to the future performance of the project. Uncontrolled infiltration of irrigation excess and storm runoff into the soils can adversely affect the performance of the planned improvements. Saturation of a soil can cause it to lose internal shear strength and increase its compressibility, resulting in a change in the original designed engineering properties. Proper drainage should be maintained at all times.
- 7.24.2 All site drainage should be collected and controlled in non-erosive drainage devices. Drainage should not be allowed to pond anywhere on the site, and especially not against any foundation or retaining wall. The site should be graded and maintained such that surface drainage is directed away from structures in accordance with 2016 CBC 1804.4 or other applicable standards. In addition, drainage should not be allowed to flow uncontrolled over any descending slope. Discharge from downspouts, roof drains and scuppers are not recommended onto unprotected soils within 5 feet of the building perimeter. Planters which are located adjacent to foundations should be sealed to prevent moisture intrusion into the soils providing foundation support. Landscape irrigation is not recommended within 5 feet of the building perimeter footings except when enclosed in protected planters.
- 7.24.3 Positive site drainage should be provided away from structures, pavement, and the tops of slopes to swales or other controlled drainage structures. The building pad and pavement areas should be fine graded such that water is not allowed to pond.
- 7.24.4 Landscaping planters immediately 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. Either a subdrain, which collects excess irrigation water and transmits it to drainage structures, or an impervious above-grade planter boxes should be used. In addition, where landscaping is planned adjacent to the pavement, it is recommended that consideration be given to providing a cutoff wall along the edge of the pavement that extends at least 12 inches below the base material.

7.25 Plan Review

- 7.25.1 Grading, foundation, and shoring plans should be reviewed by the Geotechnical Engineer (a representative of Geocon West, Inc.), prior to finalization to verify that the plans have been prepared in substantial conformance with the recommendations of this report and to provide additional analyses or recommendations.

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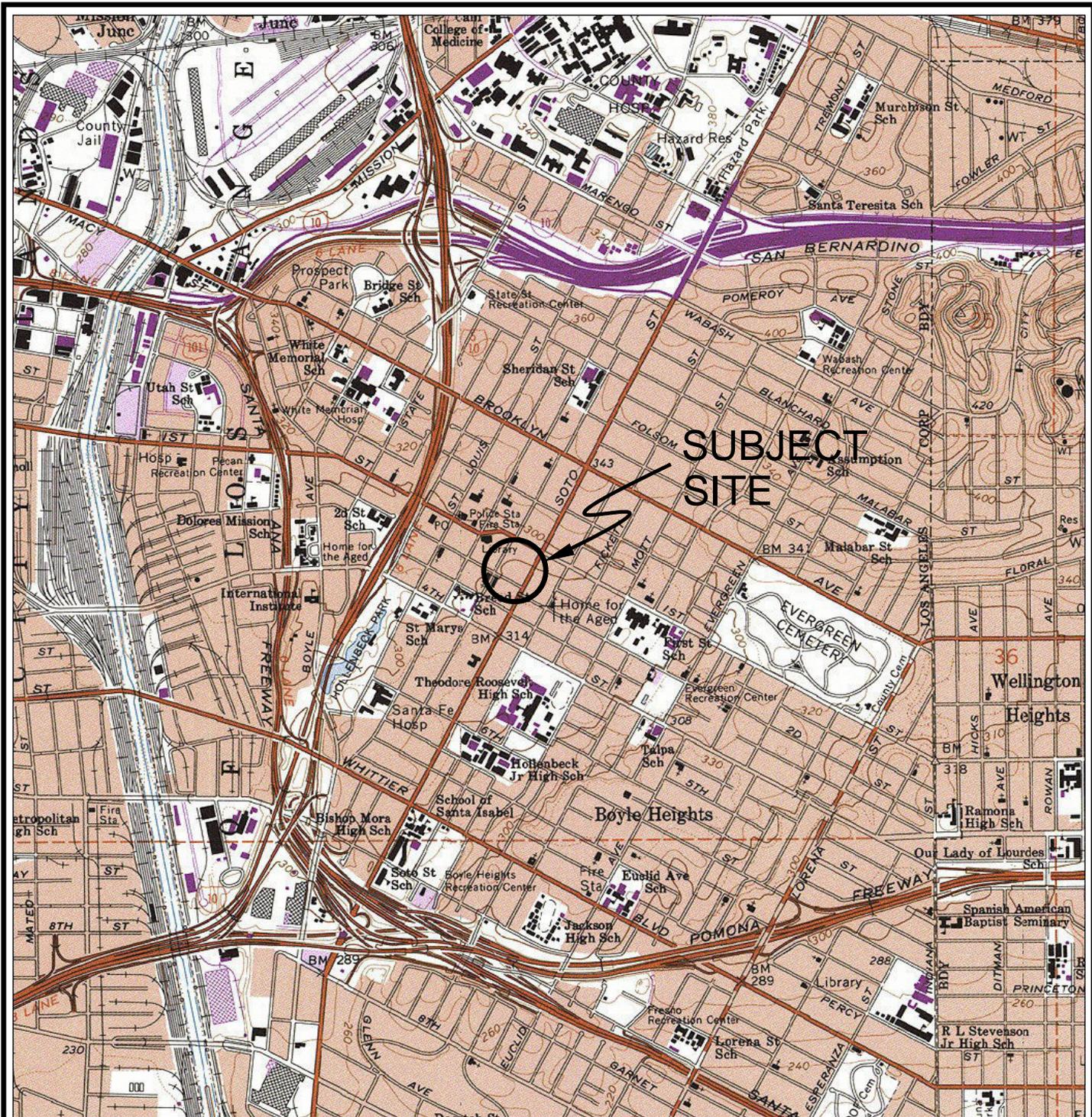
1. The recommendations of this report pertain only to the site investigated and are based upon the assumption that the soil conditions do not deviate from those disclosed in the investigation. If any variations or undesirable conditions are encountered during construction, or if the proposed construction will differ from that anticipated herein, Geocon West, Inc. 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 West, Inc.
2. 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 the necessary steps are taken to see that the contractor and subcontractors carry out such recommendations in the field.
3. The findings of this report are valid as of the date of this report. 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.
4. 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.

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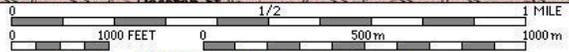
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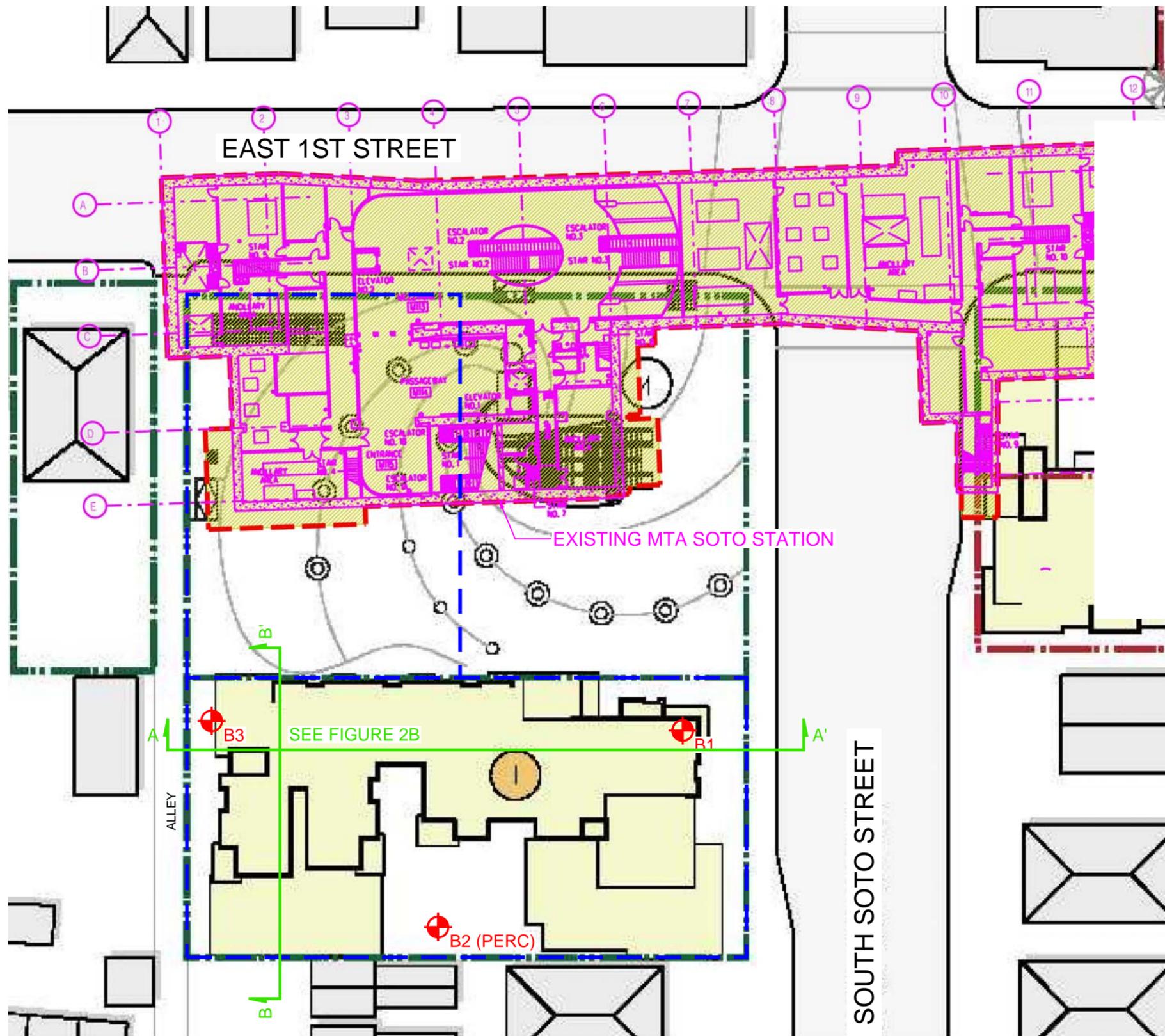
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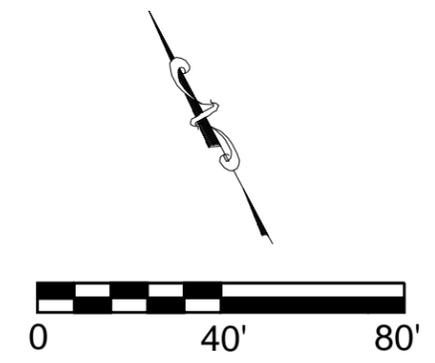
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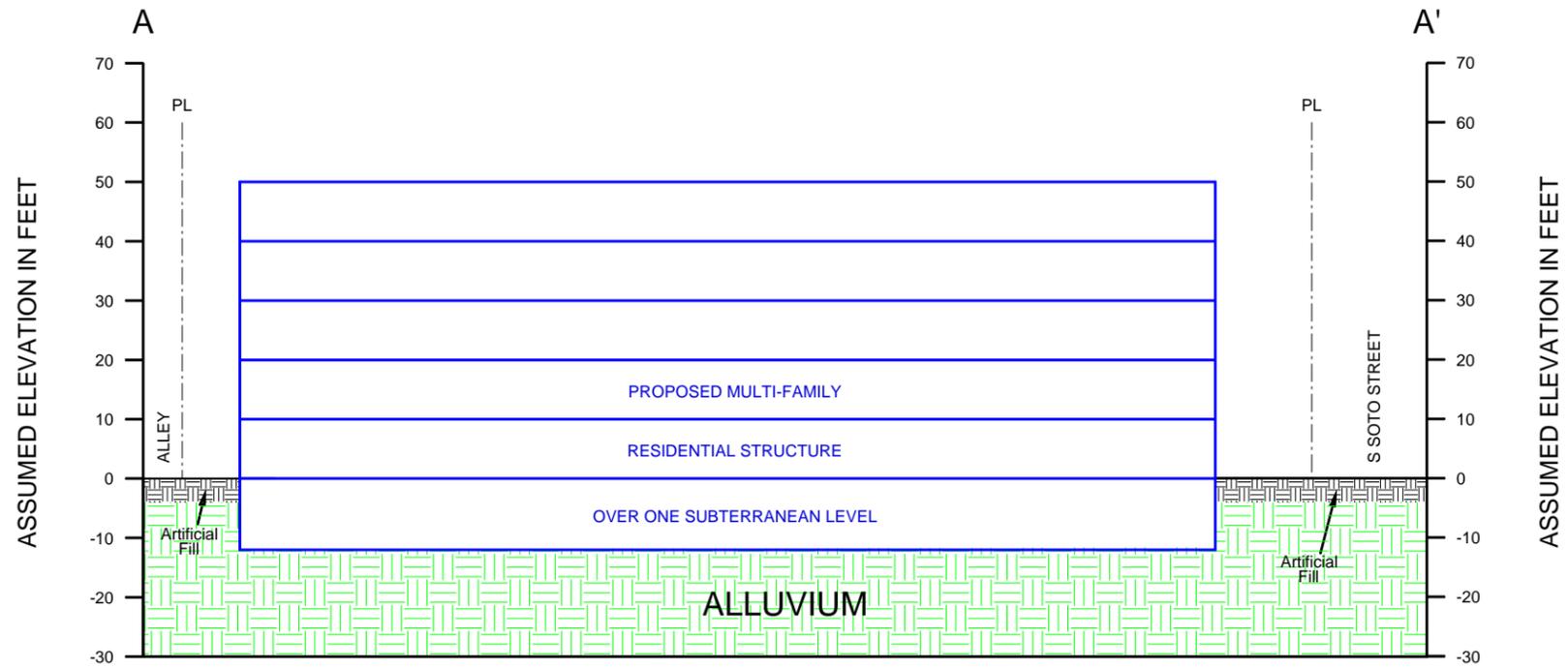


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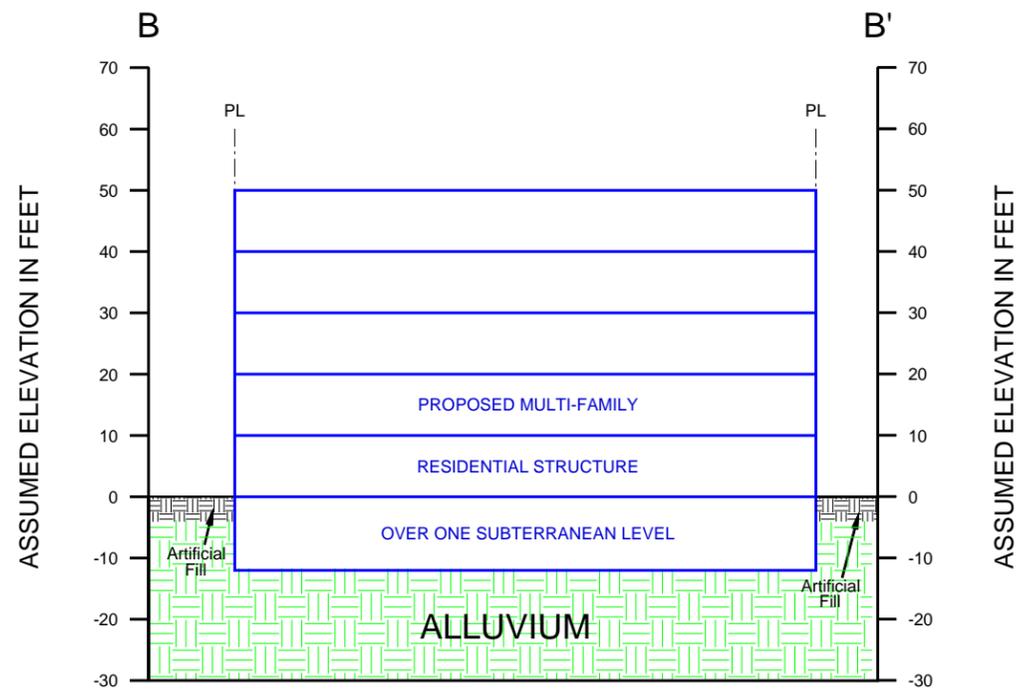
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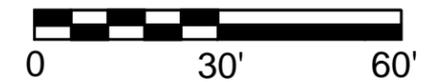
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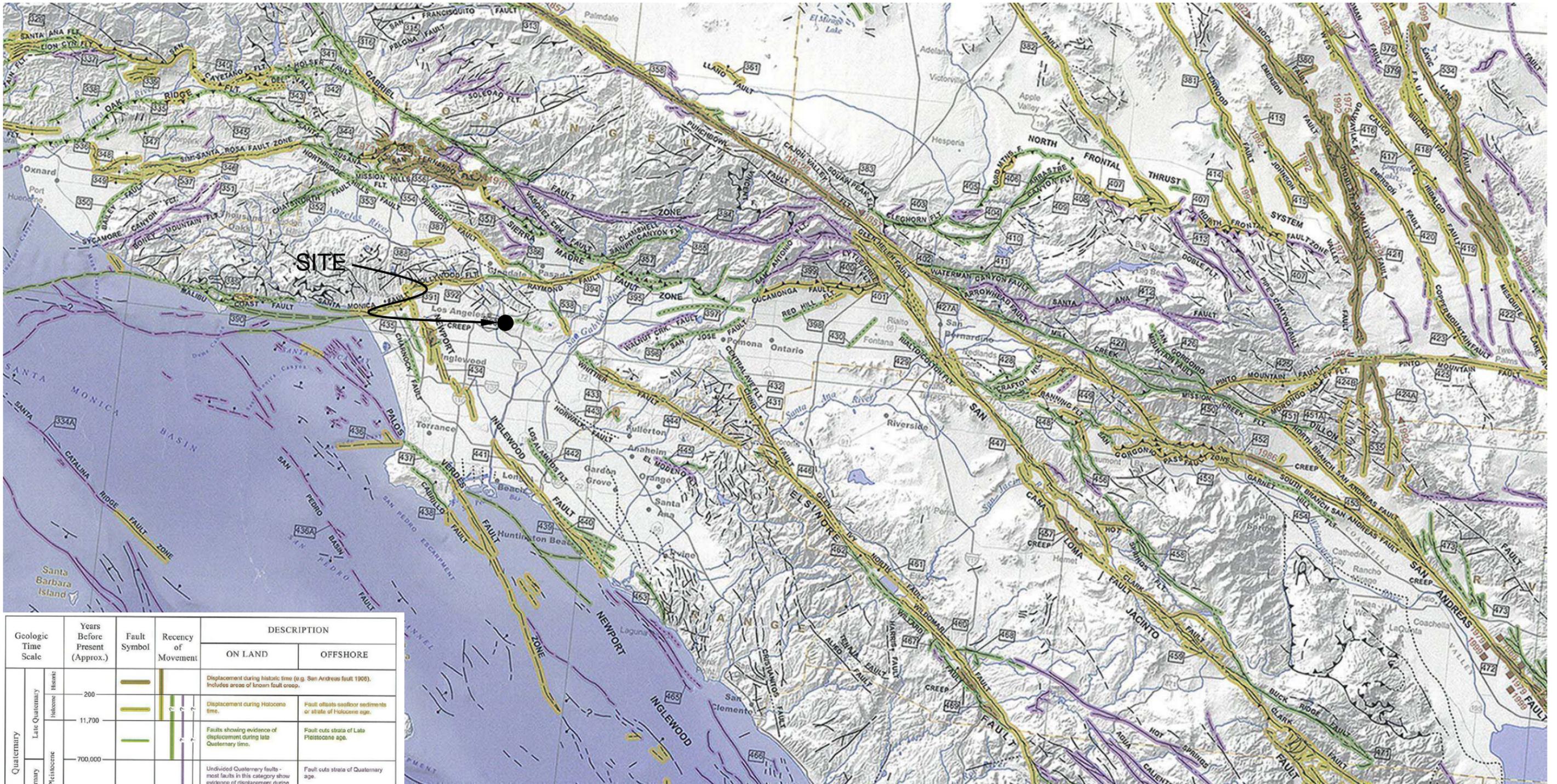


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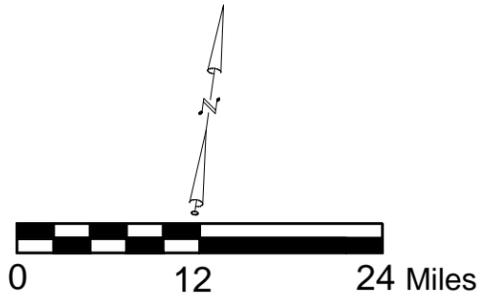
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Geologic Time Scale	Years Before Present (Approx.)	Fault Symbol	Recency of Movement	DESCRIPTION	
				ON LAND	OFFSHORE
Quaternary	Historic			Displacement during historic time (e.g. San Andreas fault 1906). Includes areas of known fault creep.	
	Late Quaternary Holocene			Displacement during Holocene time.	Fault offsets surficial sediments or strata of Holocene age.
Quaternary	Pleistocene			Faults showing evidence of displacement during late Quaternary time.	Fault cuts strata of Late Pleistocene age.
	Early Quaternary			Undivided Quaternary faults - most faults in this category show evidence of displacement during the last 1,600,000 years; possible exceptions are faults which displace rocks of undifferentiated Plio-Pleistocene age.	Fault cuts strata of Quaternary age.
Pre-Quaternary	1,600,000'			Faults without recognized Quaternary displacement or showing evidence of no displacement during Quaternary time. Not necessarily inactive.	Fault cuts strata of Pliocene or older age.
	4.5 billion (Age of Earth)				

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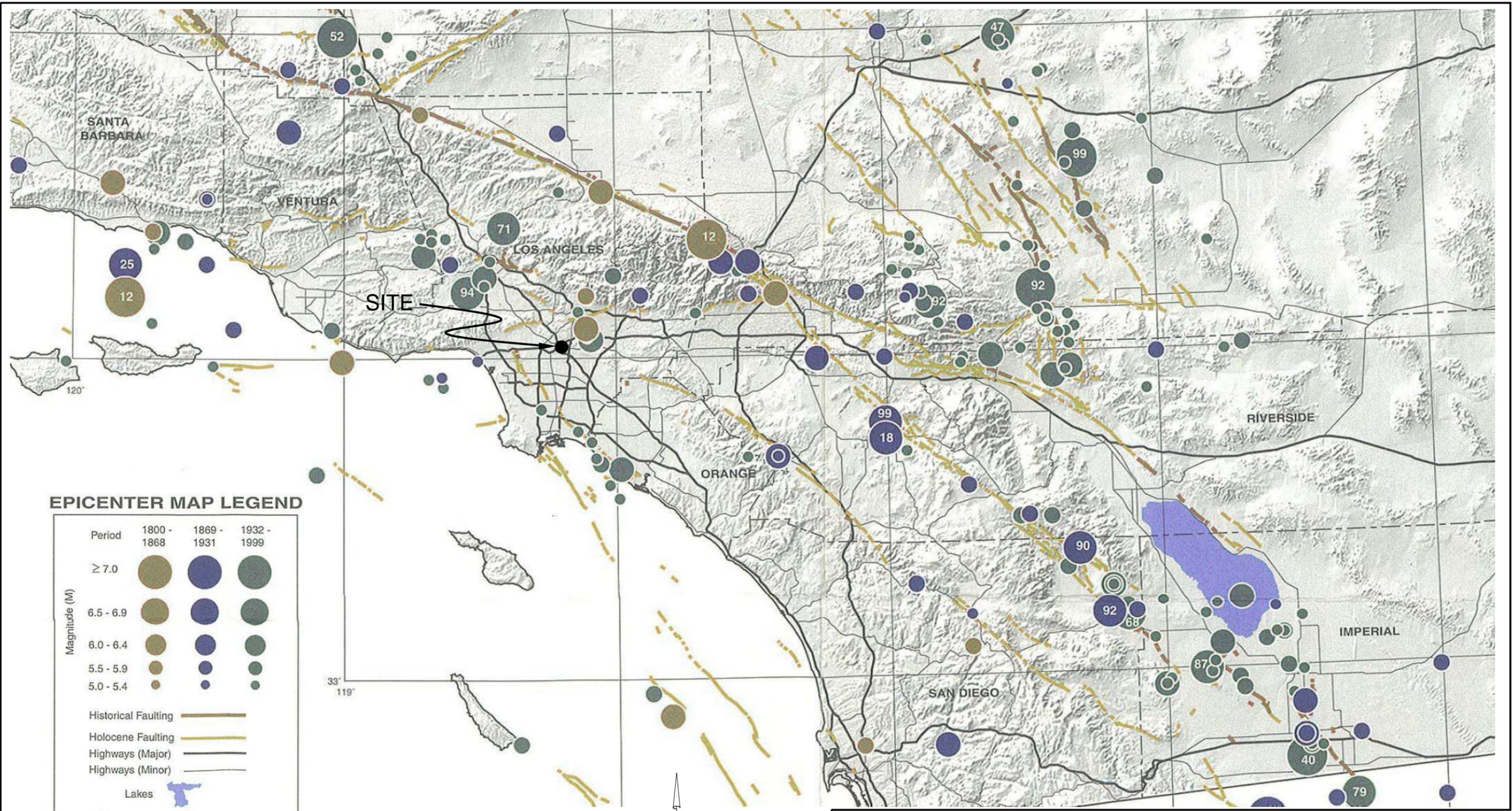
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EPICENTER MAP LEGEND

Period	1800 - 1868	1869 - 1931	1932 - 1999
Magnitude (M)			
≥ 7.0			
6.5 - 6.9			
6.0 - 6.4			
5.5 - 5.9			
5.0 - 5.4			
Historical Faulting			
Holocene Faulting			
Highways (Major)			
Highways (Minor)			
Lakes			
	Last two digits of M ≥ 6.5 earthquake year		

Reference: Topozada, T., Branum, D., Petersen, M., Hallstrom, C., Cramer, C., and Reichle, M., 2000, Epicenters and Areas Damaged by M_≥5 California Earthquakes, 1800 - 1999, California Geological Survey, Map Sheet 49.



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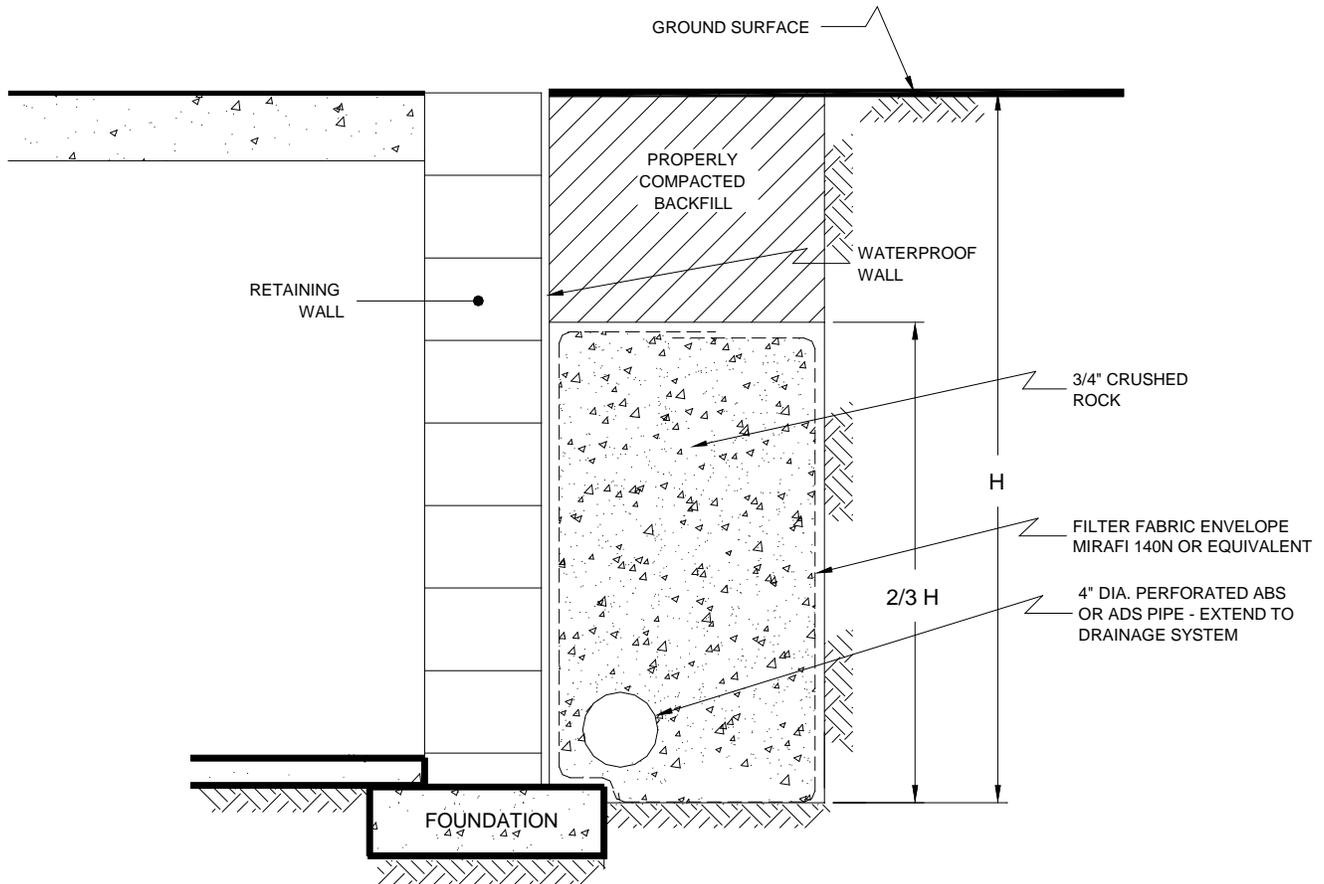
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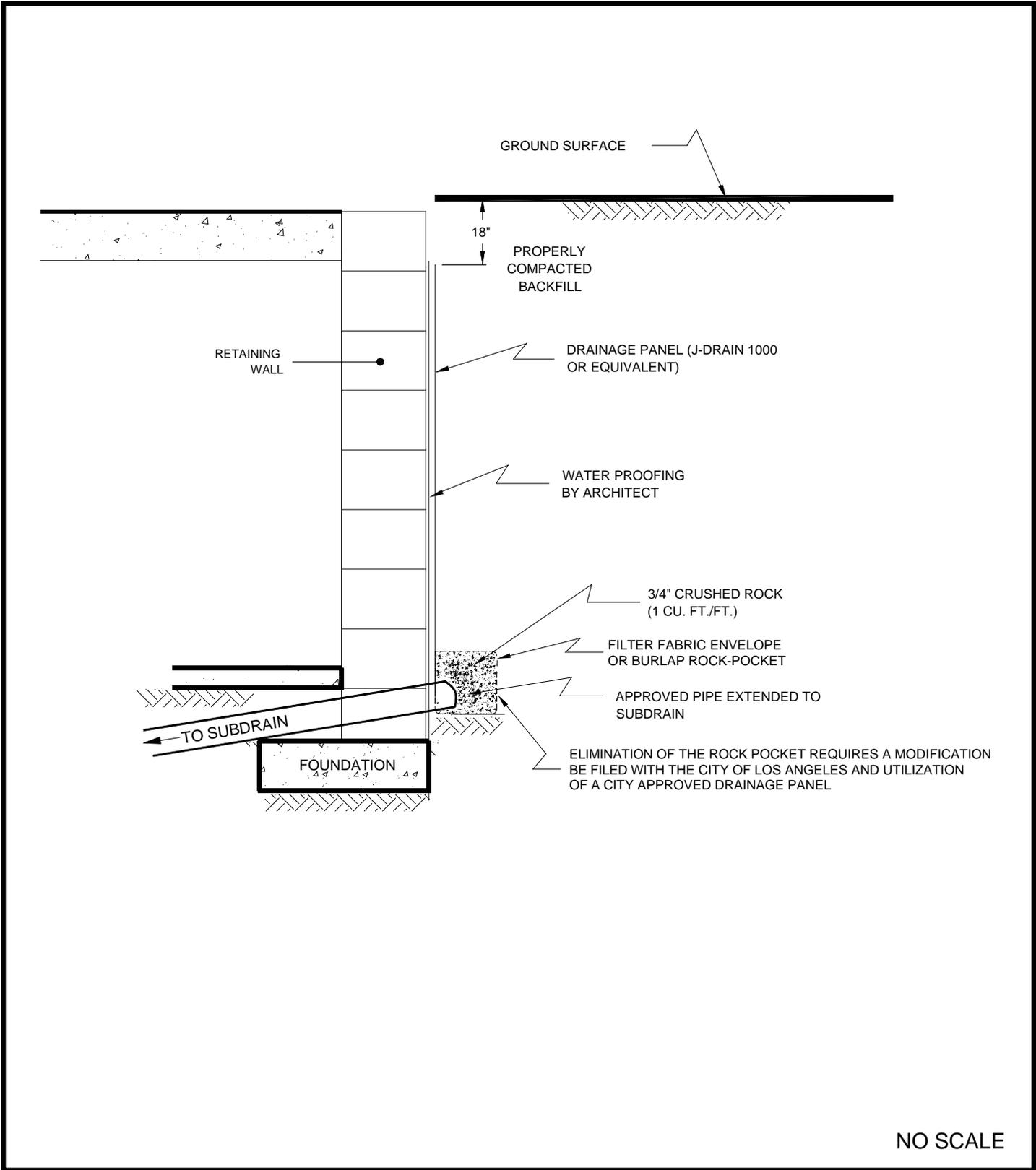
RETAINING WALL DRAIN DETAIL

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FIG. 5



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BORING PERCOLATION TEST FIELD LOG

<p>Date: <u>9/18/2017</u></p> <p>Project Number: <u>A9622-06-01</u></p> <p>Project Location: <u>ELACC - 1st & Soto</u></p> <p>Earth Description: <u>ML / SM</u></p> <p>Tested By: <u>Rex Panoy</u></p> <p>Liquid Description: <u>Clear Clean Tap Water</u></p> <p>Measurement Method: <u>Sounder</u></p> <p>Start Time for Pre-Soak: <u>8:30 AM</u></p> <p>Start Time for Standard: <u>9:30 AM</u></p>	<p>Boring/Test Number: <u>Boring 2 / Test 1</u></p> <p>Diameter of Boring: <u>8</u> inches</p> <p>Diameter of Casing: <u>2</u> inches</p> <p>Depth of Boring: <u>40.5</u> feet</p> <p>Depth to Invert of BMP: <u>25</u> feet</p> <p>Depth to Water Table: <u>80</u> feet</p> <p>Depth to Initial Water Depth (d₁): <u>300</u> inches</p> <p>Water Remaining in Boring (Y/N): <u>Yes</u></p> <p>Standard Time Interval Between Readings: <u>30 min</u></p>
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Reading Number	Time Start (hh:mm)	Time End (hh:mm)	Elapsed Time Δtime (min)	Water Drop During Standard Time Interval, Δd (in)	Soil Description Notes Comments
1	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	30	42.1	
2	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	30	37.4	
3	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	30	32.9	
4	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	30	27.0	
5	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	30	23.2	
6	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	30	21.7	Stabilized Readings
7	1:30 PM	2:00 PM	30	21.0	Achieved with Readings
8	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	30	20.9	6, 7, and 8

MEASURED PERCOLATION RATE & DESIGN INFILTRATION RATE CALCULATIONS*

* Calculations Below Based on Stabilized Readings Only

Boring Radius, r: 4 inches
 Test Section Height, h: 186.0 inches

Test Section Surface Area, $A = 2\pi rh + \pi r^2$
 $A = 4725 \text{ in}^2$

Discharged Water Volume, $V = \pi r^2 \Delta d$

Percolation Rate = $\left(\frac{V/A}{\Delta T}\right)$

Reading 6 V = 1092 in³
 Reading 7 V = 1056 in³
 Reading 8 V = 1050 in³

Percolation Rate = 0.46 inches/hour
 Percolation Rate = 0.45 inches/hour
 Percolation Rate = 0.44 inches/hour

Measured Percolation Rate = 0.45 inches/hour

Reduction Factors

Boring Percolation Test, RF_t = 2
 Site Variability, RF_v = 1
 Long Term Siltation, RF_s = 1

Total Reduction Factor, $RF = RF_t + RF_v + RF_s$
 Total Reduction Factor = 4

Design Infiltration Rate

Design Infiltration Rate = Measured Percolation Rate / RF

Design Infiltration Rate = 0.11 inches/hour

FIGURE 7

APPENDIX

A

APPENDIX A

FIELD INVESTIGATION

The site was explored on September 15, 2017, by excavating three 8-inch-diameter borings utilizing a truck-mounted hollow-stem auger drilling machine. The borings were excavated to depths of approximately 30½ and 40½ feet below the existing ground surface. Representative and relatively undisturbed samples were obtained by driving a 3-inch, O. D., California Modified Sampler into the “undisturbed” soil mass with blows from a 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches. The California Modified Sampler was equipped with 1-inch high by 2 3/8-inch diameter brass sampler rings to facilitate soil removal and testing. Bulk samples were also obtained.

The soil conditions encountered in the borings were visually examined, classified and logged in general accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). The logs of the borings are presented on Figures A1 through A3. The log depicts the soil and geologic conditions encountered and the depth at which samples were obtained. The logs also include our interpretation of the conditions between sampling intervals. Therefore, the logs contain both observed and interpreted data. We determined the lines designating the interface between soil materials on the logs using visual observations, penetration rates, excavation characteristics and other factors. The transition between materials may be abrupt or gradual. Where applicable, the boring logs were revised based on subsequent laboratory testing. The location of the borings are shown on Figure 2A.

DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	BORING 1		PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT*)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) --	DATE COMPLETED <u>9/15/17</u>			
					EQUIPMENT <u>HOLLOW STEM AUGER</u> BY: <u>RP</u>				
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
0					GRAVEL ARTIFICIAL FILL				
2					Sandy Silt, firm, slightly moist, brown, fine-grained, some gravel.				
4	B1@4'				ALLUVIUM Sandy Silt, firm, slightly moist, reddish brown, fine-grained, trace coarse-grained, some clay. - hard, heavy oxidation mottling, increase in clay content		72	122.0	14.9
8	B1@8'				- some medium-grained, trace fine gravel, decrease in oxidation and clay content				
10	B1@10-15'			ML					
12	B1@12'						59	118.9	13.8
14					- trace carbon deposits, decrease in oxidation				
16	B1@15'						50 (5")	122.1	15.5
18	B1@18'				- brown to olive brown				
20									
22	B1@21'			SM	Silty Sand, dense, slightly moist, olive brown with brown mottles, fine-grained, slightly oxidized, trace carbon deposits.		57	117.2	8.8
24									
26	B1@25'			SP-SM	Sand with Silt, poorly graded, dense, slightly moist, olive brown, fine-grained, trace clay.		60	110.8	21.5
28					- slight decrease in silt content				

Figure A1,
Log of Boring 1, Page 1 of 2

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

NOTE: THE LOG OF SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS SHOWN HEREON APPLIES ONLY AT THE SPECIFIC BORING OR TRENCH LOCATION AND AT THE DATE INDICATED. IT IS NOT WARRANTED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS AT OTHER LOCATIONS AND TIMES.

DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	BORING 1			PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT*)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)		
					ELEV. (MSL.) --	DATE COMPLETED						
					ELEV. (MSL.) -- DATE COMPLETED <u>9/15/17</u>							
					EQUIPMENT <u>HOLLOW STEM AUGER</u> BY: <u>RP</u>							
					MATERIAL DESCRIPTION							
30	B1@30'				Total depth of boring: 30.5 feet Fill to 2 feet. No groundwater encountered. Backfilled with soil cuttings and tamped. *Penetration resistance for 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches by auto-hammer.			80	102.9	7.3		

**Figure A1,
Log of Boring 1, Page 2 of 2**

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DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	BORING 2		PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT*)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) --	DATE COMPLETED <u>9/15/17</u>			
					EQUIPMENT <u>HOLLOW STEM AUGER</u> BY: <u>RP</u>				
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
0									
2						GRAVEL ARTIFICIAL FILL Sandy Silt, firm, slightly moist, dark reddish brown, fine-grained, some fine gravel.			
4						ALLUVIUM Sandy Silt, hard, slightly moist, reddish brown with brown mottles, fine-grained, some coarse-grained, some clay. - heavily oxidized			
6	B2@5'						60	116.4	17.3
8									
10	B2@10'			ML		- decrease in oxidation	45	122.9	13.0
12									
14									
16	B2@15'					- brown to olive brown, decrease in clay content and oxidation	59	114.6	19.0
18									
20	B2@20'			CL		Clay, stiff, slightly moist, olive brown, trace caliche, trace carbon deposits, slightly porous.	33	94.6	31.4
22									
24									
26	B2@25'			ML		Sandy Silt, stiff, slightly moist, olive brown, fine-grained, some clay, trace carbon deposits.	30	91.1	33.4
28									
					Silt with Sand, hard, slightly moist, olive brown, fine-grained, trace oxidation				

Figure A2,
Log of Boring 2, Page 1 of 2

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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)	BORING 2		PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT*)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) --	DATE COMPLETED <u>9/15/17</u>			
					EQUIPMENT <u>HOLLOW STEM AUGER</u> BY: <u>RP</u>				
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
30	B2@30'			ML	staining.		44	98.3	20.7
32									
34									
36	B2@35'			SM	Silty Sand, dense, slightly moist, brown to yellowish brown, fine- to medium-grained. - fine-grained		55	117.9	14.1
38									
40	B2@40'			SP	Sand, poorly graded, dense, slightly moist, light brown, fine- to medium-grained.		80	113.5	14.3
					Total depth of boring: 40.5 feet Fill to 3 feet. No groundwater encountered. Percolation testing performed on 9/17/17. Backfilled with soil cuttings and tamped. *Penetration resistance for 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches by auto-hammer.				

**Figure A2,
Log of Boring 2, Page 2 of 2**

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DEPTH IN FEET	SAMPLE NO.	LITHOLOGY	GROUNDWATER	SOIL CLASS (USCS)	BORING 3		PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT*)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) --	DATE COMPLETED <u>9/15/17</u>			
					EQUIPMENT <u>HOLLOW STEM AUGER</u> BY: <u>RP</u>				
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
0	B3@0-5'					GRAVEL ARTIFICIAL FILL			
2						Sandy Silt, firm, slightly moist, brown, fine- to medium-grained, some fine gravel.			
4	B3@4'					Silty Sand, medium dense, slightly moist, olive brown, fine-grained, trace coarse-grained, trace fine gravel.	25	116.9	8.5
6	B3@6'					ALLUVIUM Sandy Silt, stiff, slightly moist, reddish brown, fine-grained, trace coarse-grained, some clay, some oxidation mottling.	42	108.9	14.2
8									
10	B3@9'			ML		- hard, yellowish brown, fine-grained, trace clay, decrease in oxidation mottling - brown to reddish brown, some staining	50 (4")	122.5	14.6
12	B3@12'						46	109.5	18.8
14									
16	B3@15'			SP		Sand, poorly graded, medium dense, slightly moist, pale yellowish brown, fine- to medium-grained, trace interbeds of well-graded sand.	45	112.8	2.4
18									
20	B3@20'					Sand with Silt, poorly graded, medium dense, slightly moist, olive brown to brown, fine-grained, trace coarse-grained, trace carbon deposits and caliche.	52	114.2	11.1
22									
24									
26	B3@25'			SP-SM		- olive brown, some oxidation mottling - decrease in silt content	44	96.0	25.5
28									

Figure A3,
Log of Boring 3, Page 1 of 2

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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)	BORING 3			PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS/FT*)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
					ELEV. (MSL.) --	DATE COMPLETED				
					ELEV. (MSL.) -- DATE COMPLETED <u>9/15/17</u>					
					EQUIPMENT <u>HOLLOW STEM AUGER</u> BY: <u>RP</u>					
					MATERIAL DESCRIPTION					
30	B3@30'				- light olive brown			59	101.8	9.5
					Total depth of boring: 30.5 feet Fill to 4.5 feet. No groundwater encountered. Backfilled with soil cuttings and tamped. *Penetration resistance for 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches by auto-hammer.					

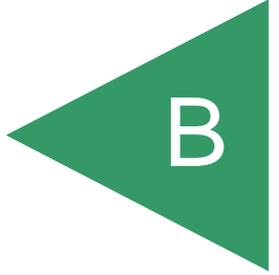
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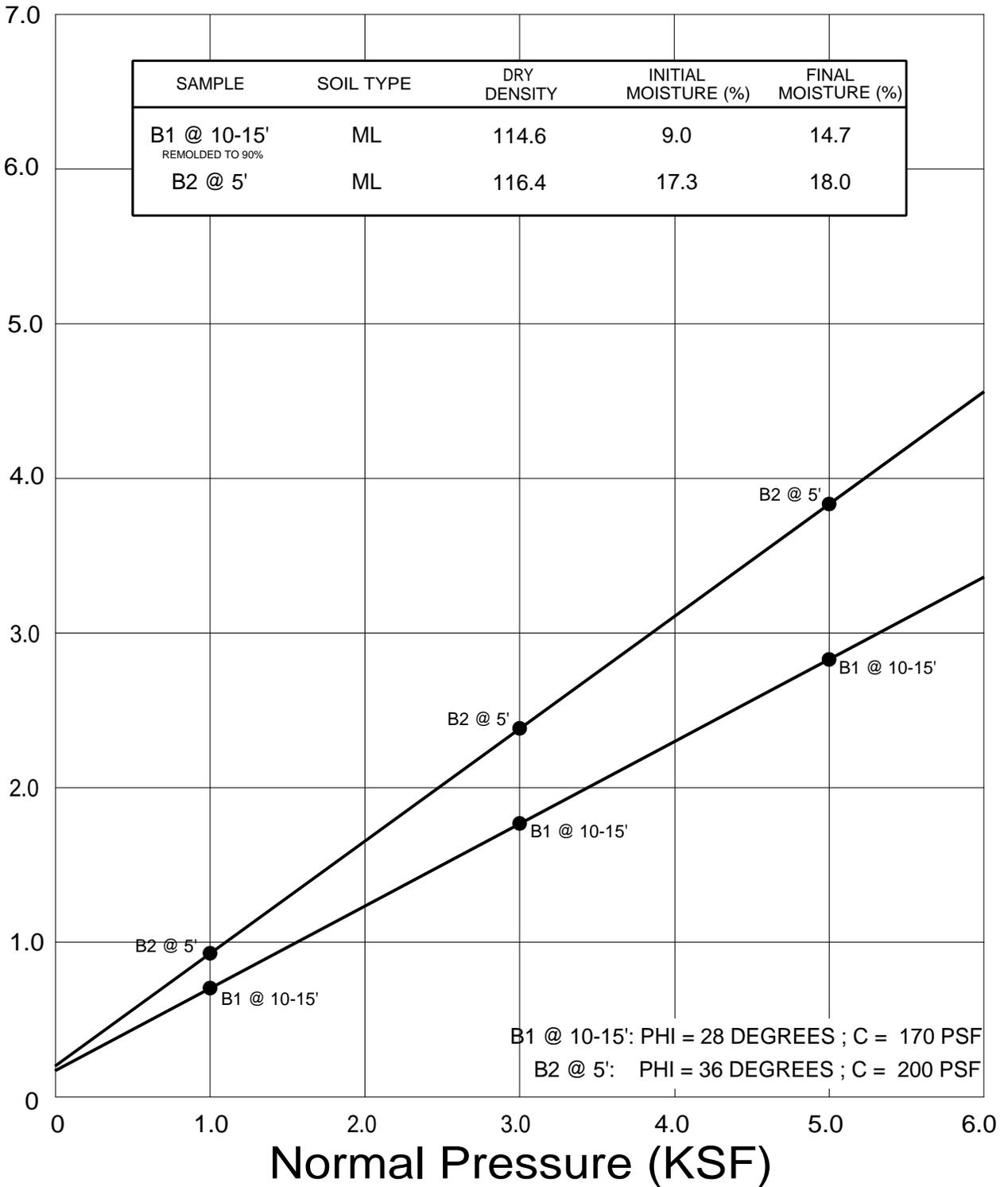
APPENDIX B

LABORATORY TESTING

Laboratory tests were performed in accordance with generally accepted test methods of the “American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)”, or other suggested procedures. Selected samples were tested for direct shear strength, consolidation and expansion characteristics, corrosivity, in-place dry density and moisture content. The results of the laboratory tests are summarized in Figures B1 through B9. The in-place dry density and moisture content of the samples tested are presented on the boring logs, Appendix A.

SAMPLE	SOIL TYPE	DRY DENSITY	INITIAL MOISTURE (%)	FINAL MOISTURE (%)
B1 @ 10-15' REMOLED TO 90%	ML	114.6	9.0	14.7
B2 @ 5'	ML	116.4	17.3	18.0

Shear Strength (KSF)



● Direct Shear, Saturated

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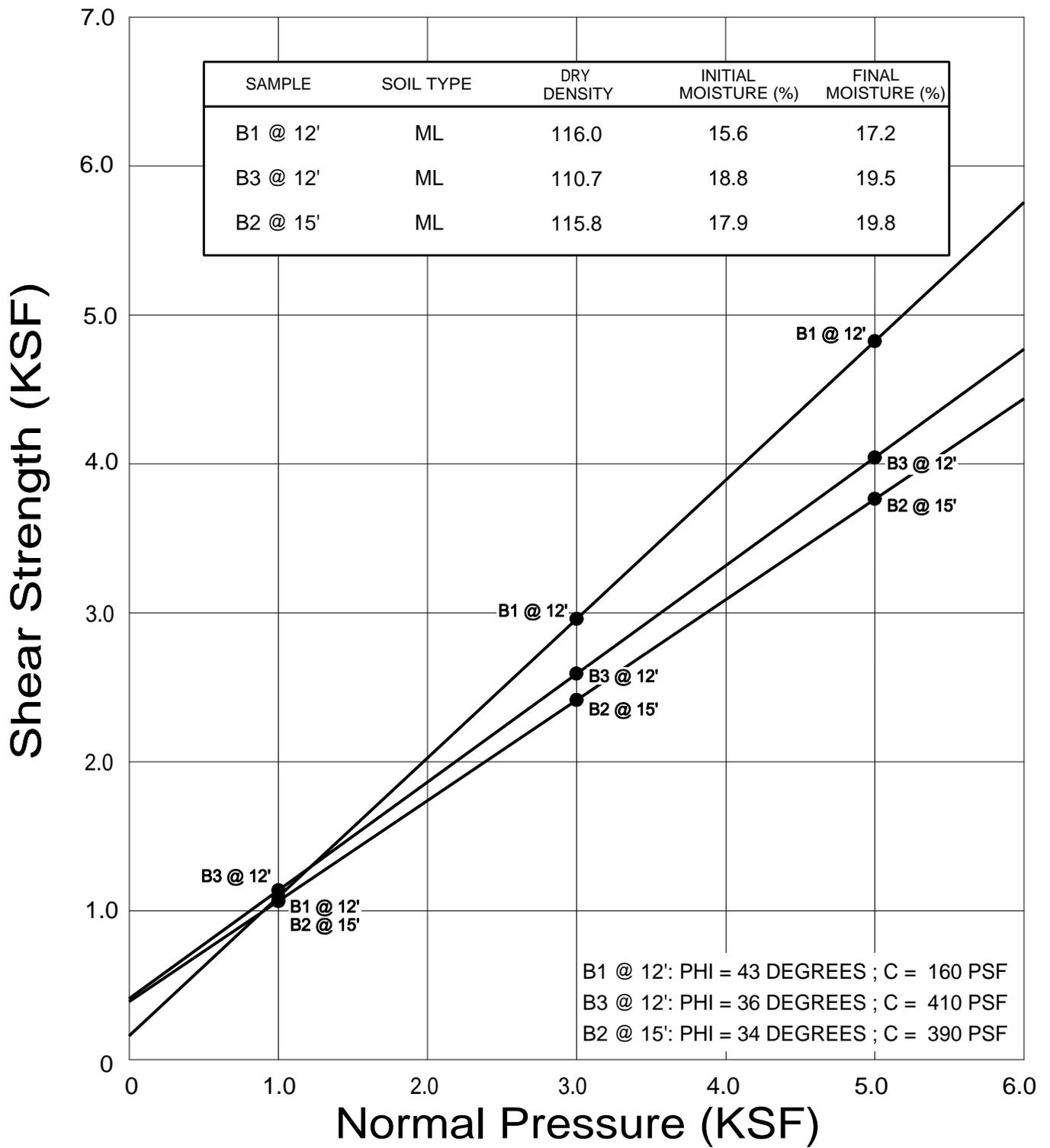
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FIG. B1



● Direct Shear, Saturated

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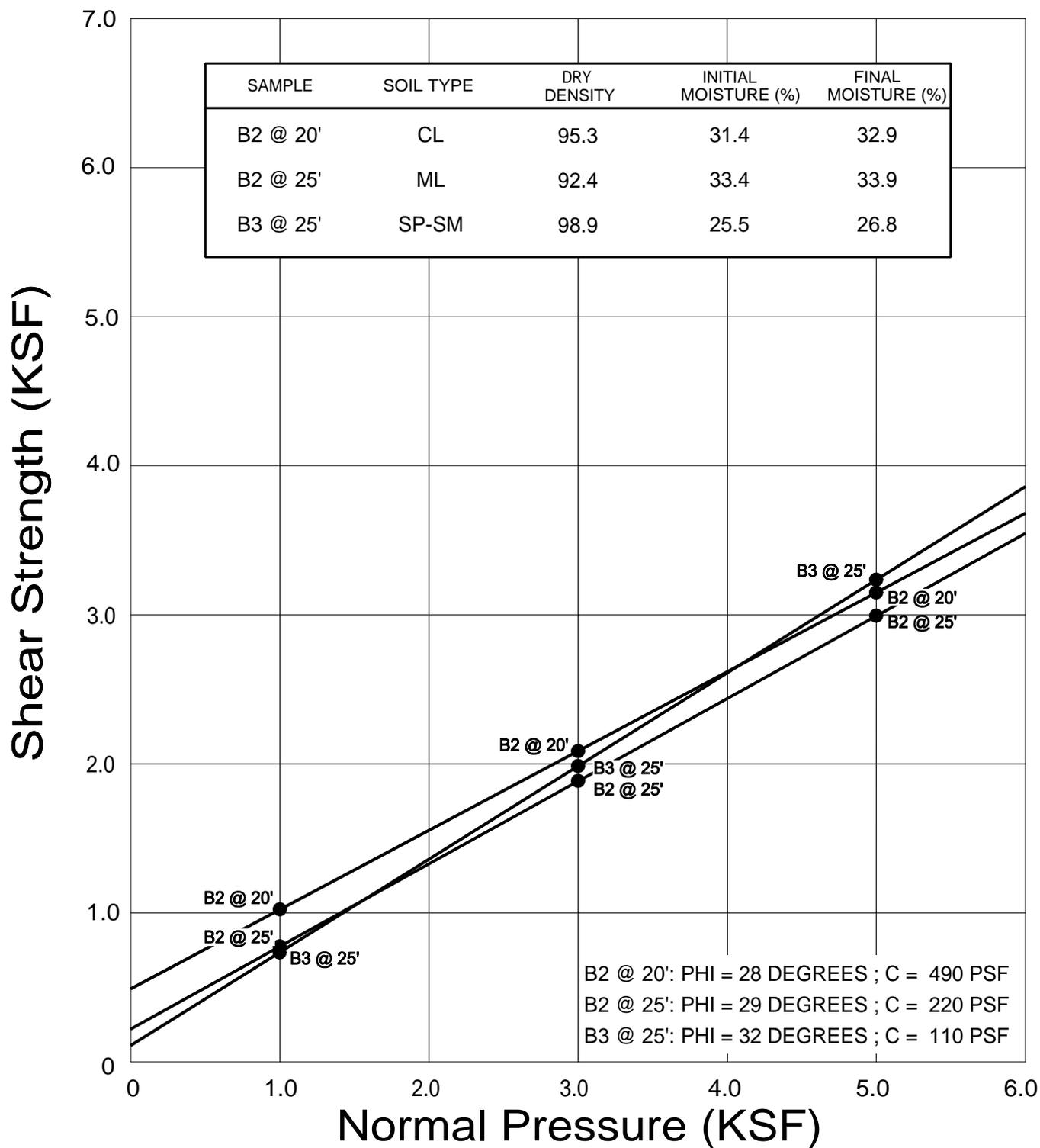
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FIG. B2



● Direct Shear, Saturated

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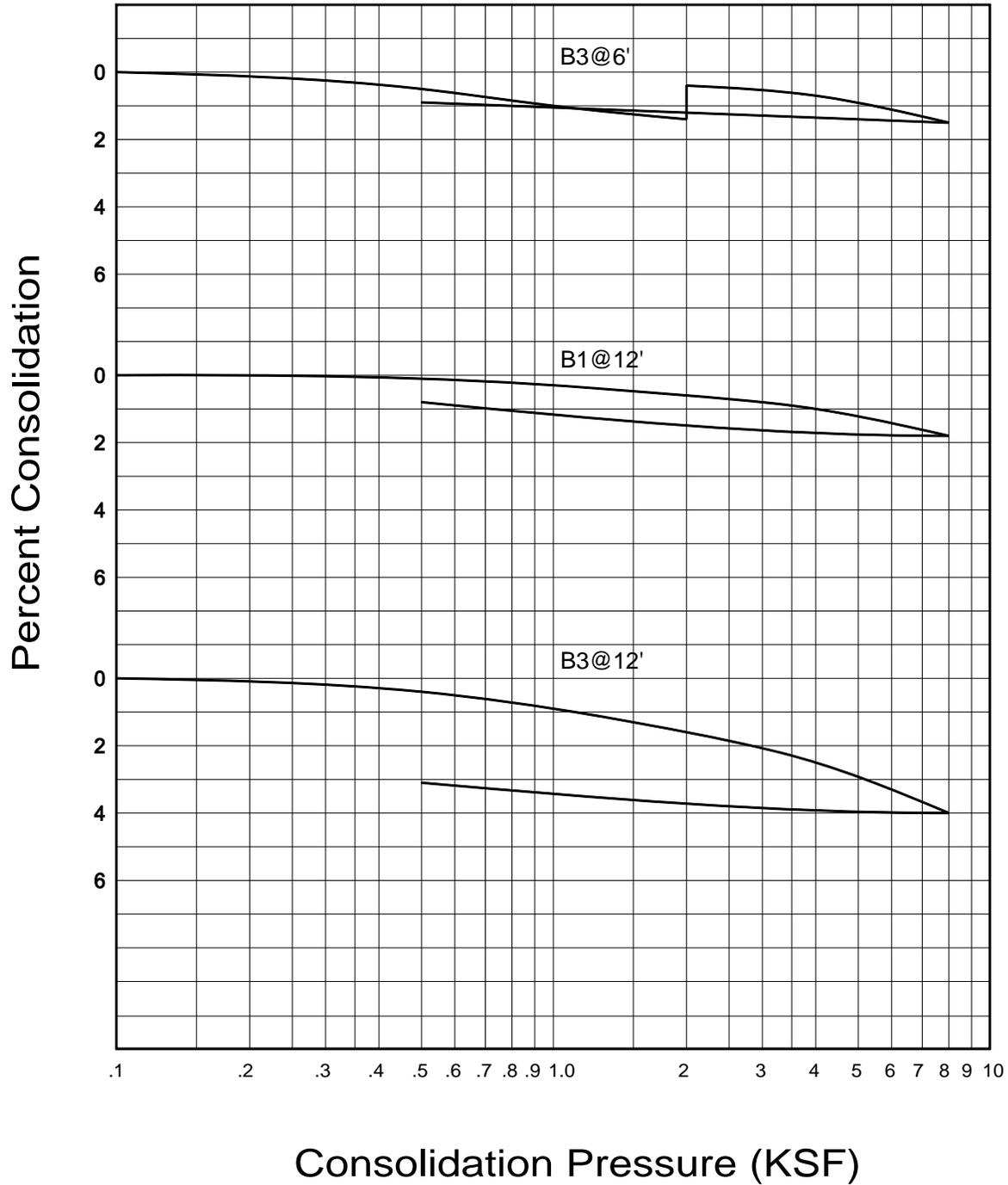
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FIG. B3

WATER ADDED AT 2 KSF



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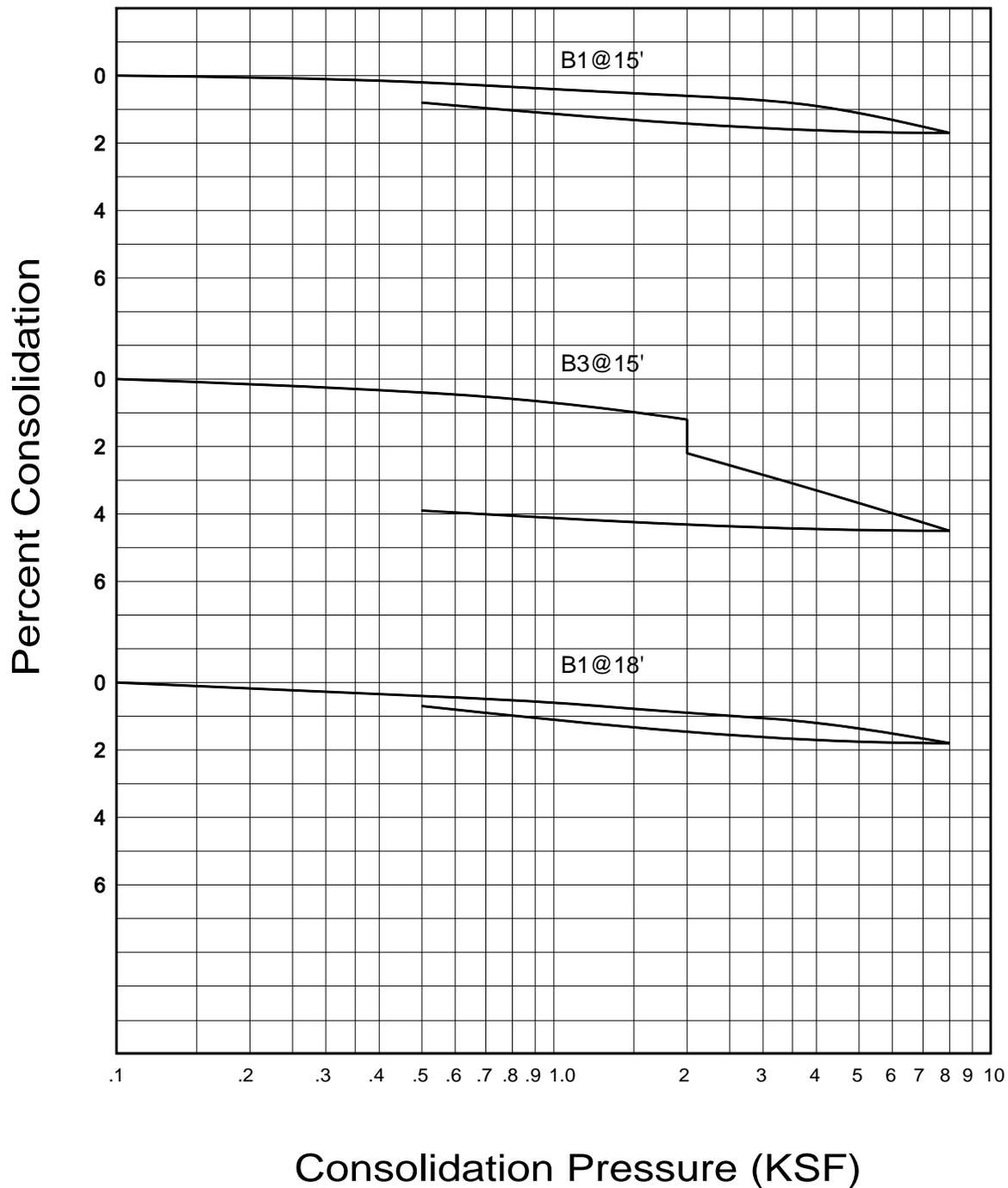
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FIG. B4

WATER ADDED AT 2 KSF



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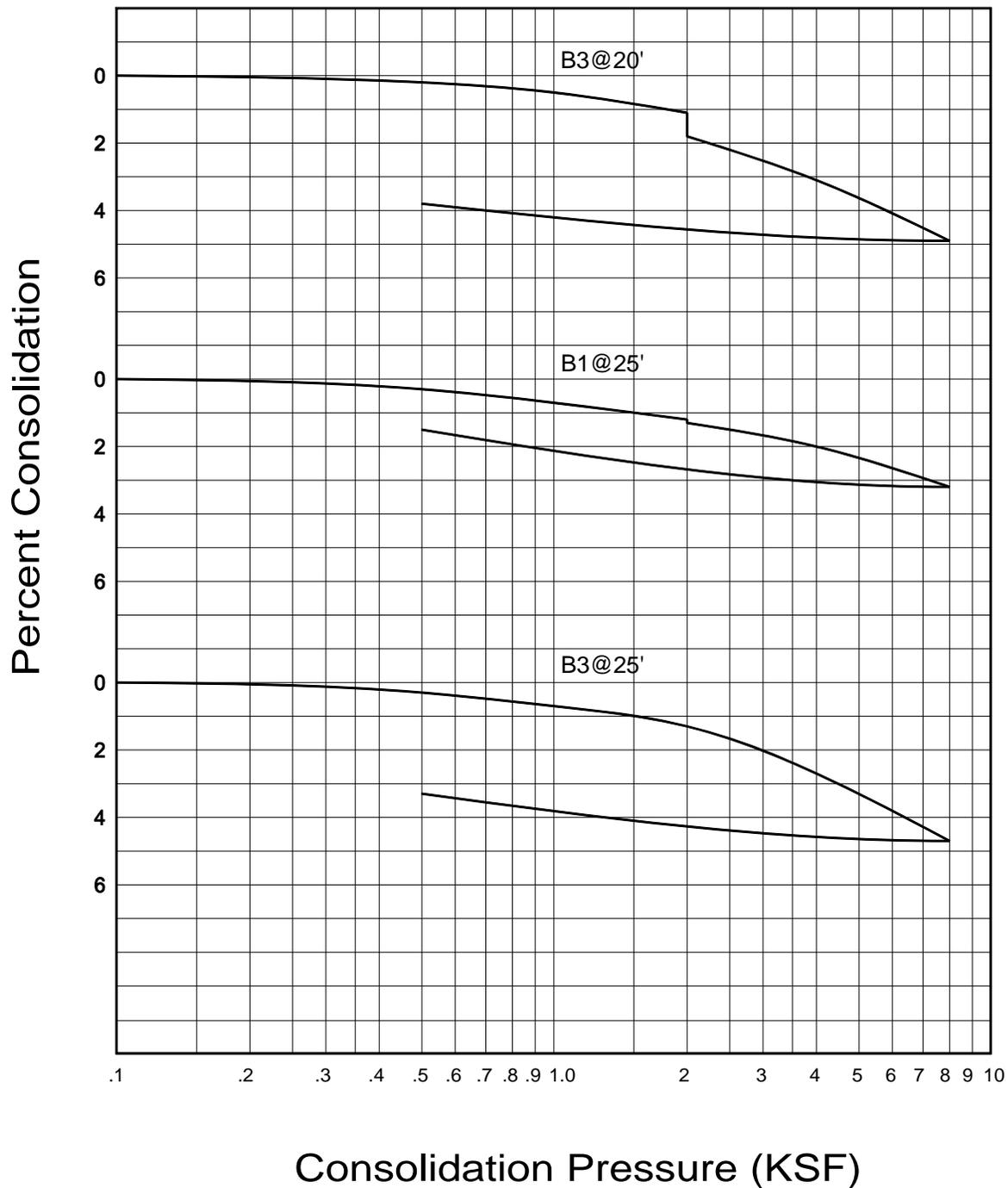
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FIG. B5

WATER ADDED AT 2 KSF



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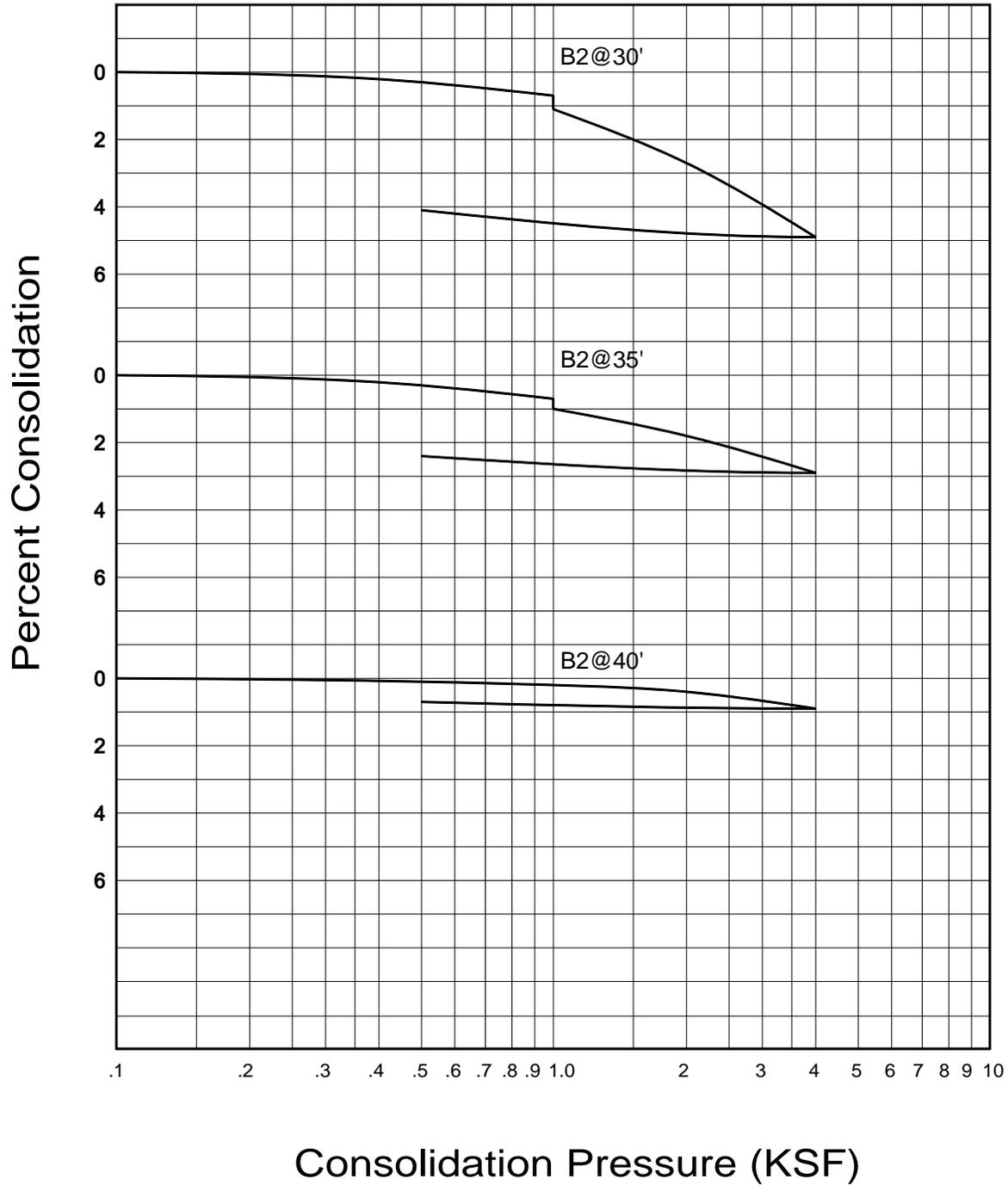
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FIG. B6

WATER ADDED AT 2 KSF



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FIG. B7

**SUMMARY OF LABORATORY EXPANSION INDEX TEST RESULTS
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Sample No.	Moisture Content (%)		Dry Density (pcf)	Expansion Index	*UBC Classification	**CBC Classification
	Before	After				
B1 @ 10-15'	9.6	19.7	109.7	47	Low	Expansive

* Reference: 1997 Uniform Building Code, Table 18-I-B.

** Reference: 2016 California Building Code, Section 1803.5.3

**SUMMARY OF LABORATORY MAXIMUM DENSITY AND
AND OPTIMUM MOISTURE CONTENT TEST RESULTS
ASTM D 1557-12**

Sample No.	Soil Description	Maximum Dry Density (pcf)	Optimum Moisture (%)
B1 @ 10-15'	Dark Grey Silty Sand	125.0	11.0

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LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY CORPORATION
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FIG. B8

**SUMMARY OF LABORATORY POTENTIAL OF
HYDROGEN (pH) AND RESISTIVITY TEST RESULTS
CALIFORNIA TEST NO. 643**

Sample No.	pH	Resistivity (ohm centimeters)
B3 @ 0-5'	8.05	1800 (Corrosive)
B1 @ 10-15'	7.80	1900 (Corrosive)

**SUMMARY OF LABORATORY CHLORIDE CONTENT TEST RESULTS
EPA NO. 325.3**

Sample No.	Chloride Ion Content (%)
B3 @ 0-5'	0.003
B1 @ 10-15'	0.010

**SUMMARY OF LABORATORY WATER SOLUBLE SULFATE TEST RESULTS
CALIFORNIA TEST NO. 417**

Sample No.	Water Soluble Sulfate (% SO ₄)	Sulfate Exposure*
B3 @ 0-5'	0.017	Negligible
B1 @ 10-15'	0.006	Negligible

* Reference: 2016 California Building Code, Section 1904.3 and ACI 318-11 Section 4.3.

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FIG. B9

Appendix F

Soils Report Approval
Letter

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SOILS REPORT APPROVAL LETTER

October 15, 2018

LOG # 105284

SOILS/GEOLOGY FILE - 2

East Los Angeles Community Corporation
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TRACT: Stevenson's Sub. of a Part Lot 6 Block 60 Hancock Survey (M R 5-568)
BLOCK: 2
LOTS: 12 (Arb 1 & 2) & 13 (Arb 1 & 2) // 8 & 9
LOCATION: 119 & 121 S. Soto Street // 2316 & 2324 E. 1st Street

<u>CURRENT REFERENCE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>DATE OF</u>	<u>PREPARED BY</u>
<u>REPORT/LETTER(S)</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>DOCUMENT</u>	
Soils Report	A9622-06-01	04/16/2018	Geocon West, Inc.

The Grading Division of the Department of Building and Safety has reviewed the referenced report that provides recommendations for the proposed 66-unit, 5-story mixed-use structure over 1-level of subterranean parking, as shown on the Site Plan (FIG. 2A) and Cross Sections (FIG. 2B) in the 04/16/2018 report. According to the consultants, the structure is to be constructed on the southern portion of the property while the northern portion will comprised of open space, with no structures.

Three borings were excavated to depths between 30.5 and 40.5 feet. The earth materials at the subsurface exploration locations consist of up to 4.5 feet of uncertified fill underlain by alluvium. Per the consultants, groundwater was not encountered to the maximum depths explored and historically highest groundwater is about 80 to 90 feet below the ground surface. The site is relatively level.

The consultants recommend to support the proposed structure on conventional foundations bearing in native undisturbed competent alluvium soil found at and below a depth of 10 feet. The consultants recommend to support the proposed small outlying structures, such as block walls up to 6 feet in height and planter walls or trash enclosures not tied to the proposed structure, on conventional foundations bearing in native undisturbed alluvial soils and/or properly placed fill.

The referenced report is acceptable, provided the following conditions are complied with during site development:

(Note: Numbers in parenthesis () refer to applicable sections of the 2017 City of LA Building Code. P/BC numbers refer the applicable Information Bulletin. Information Bulletins can be accessed on the internet at LADBS.ORG.)

1. Approval shall be obtained from the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Development Services and Permits Program for any proposed removal of support and/or retaining of slopes adjoining to public way (3307.3.2).

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2. Approval shall be obtained from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) for the proposed development and potential surcharges on the existing MTA structures and tunnels.
3. In the event tie-back anchors are utilized for shoring purposes, then provide a notarized letter from all adjoining property owners allowing tie-back anchors on their property (7006.6).
4. The soils engineer shall review and approve the detailed plans prior to issuance of any permit. This approval shall be by signature on the plans that clearly indicates the soils engineer has reviewed the plans prepared by the design engineer; and, that the plans included the recommendations contained in their reports (7006.1).
5. All recommendations of the report that are in addition to or more restrictive than the conditions contained herein shall be incorporated into the plans.
6. A copy of the subject and appropriate referenced reports and this approval letter shall be attached to the District Office and field set of plans (7006.1). Submit one copy of the above reports to the Building Department Plan Checker prior to issuance of the permit.
7. A grading permit shall be obtained for all structural fill and retaining wall backfill (106.1.2).
8. Prior to the issuance of any permit, an accurate volume determination shall be made and included in the final plans, with regard to the amount of earth material to be exported from the site. For grading involving import or export of more than 1000 cubic yards of earth materials within the grading hillside area, approval is required by the Board of Building and Safety. Application for approval of the haul route must be filed with the Board of Building and Safety Commission Office. Processing time for application is approximately 8 weeks to hearing plus 10-day appeal period.
9. All man-made fill shall be compacted to a minimum 90 percent of the maximum dry density of the fill material per the latest version of ASTM D 1557. Where cohesionless soil having less than 15 percent finer than 0.005 millimeters is used for fill, it shall be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent relative compaction based on maximum dry density. Placement of gravel in lieu of compacted fill is only allowed if complying with LAMC Section 91.7011.3.
10. If import soils are used, no footings shall be poured until the soils engineer has submitted a compaction report containing in-place shear test data and settlement data to the Grading Division of the Department; and, obtained approval (7008.2).
11. Compacted fill shall extend beyond the footings a minimum distance equal to the depth of the fill below the bottom of footings or a minimum of three feet, whichever is greater, except at locations where lateral over excavation is not possible (i.e., foundations adjacent

to property lines or structures), in which case the foundations may be deepened to bear in native soils, as recommended (7011.3).

12. Existing uncertified fill shall not be used for support of footings, concrete slabs or new fill (1809.2, 7011.3).
13. Drainage in conformance with the provisions of the Code shall be maintained during and subsequent to construction (7013.12).
14. Grading shall be scheduled for completion prior to the start of the rainy season, or detailed temporary erosion control plans shall be filed in a manner satisfactory to the Grading Division of the Department and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, B-Permit Section, for any grading work in excess of 200 cubic yards (7007.1).

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15. All loose foundation excavation material shall be removed prior to commencement of framing (7005.3).
16. Controlled Low Strength Material, CLSM (slurry), if proposed to be used shall satisfy the requirements specified in P/BC 2014-121.
17. The applicant is advised that the approval of this report does not waive the requirements for excavations contained in the General Safety Orders of the California Department of Industrial Relations (3301.1).
18. Temporary excavations that remove lateral support to the public way, adjacent property, or adjacent structures shall be supported by shoring, as recommended. Note: Lateral support shall be considered to be removed when the excavation extends below a plane projected downward at an angle of 45 degrees from the bottom of a footing of an existing structure, from the edge of the public way or an adjacent property. (3307.3.1)
19. Prior to the issuance of any permit that authorizes an excavation where the excavation is to be of a greater depth than are the walls or foundation of any adjoining building or structure and located closer to the property line than the depth of the excavation, the owner of the subject site shall provide the Department with evidence that the adjacent property owner has been given a 30-day written notice of such intent to make an excavation (3307.1).
20. The soils engineer shall review and approve the shoring plans prior to issuance of the permit (3307.3.2).
21. Prior to the issuance of the permits, the soils engineer and/or the structural designer shall evaluate the surcharge loads used in the report calculations for the design of the retaining walls and shoring. If the surcharge loads used in the calculations do not conform to the actual surcharge loads, the soil engineer shall submit a supplementary report with revised recommendations to the Department for approval.
22. Unsurcharged temporary excavation may be cut vertical up to 5 feet. Excavations over 5 feet and up to a maximum height of 12 feet shall be trimmed back at a uniform gradient not exceeding 1:1, from top to bottom of excavation, as recommended on page 25 of the 04/16/2018 report.

23. Shoring shall be designed for the lateral earth pressures specified in the section titled "Shoring – Soldier Pile Design and Installation" starting on page 25 of the 04/16/2018 report; all surcharge loads shall be included into the design.
24. Shoring shall be designed for a maximum lateral deflection of 1 inch, provided there are no structures within a 1:1 plane projected up from the base of the excavation. Where a structure is within a 1:1 plane projected up from the base of the excavation, shoring shall be designed for a maximum lateral deflection of ½ inch, or to a lower deflection determined by the consultant that does not present any potential hazard to the adjacent structure.
25. A shoring monitoring program shall be implemented to the satisfaction of the soils engineer.
26. In the event shoring soldier beams/piles are installed using vibrating/driving equipment in the vicinity of existing structures, the following conditions shall be complied with:
 - a. Ground vibrations shall be monitored during pile shoring installation adjacent to the pile driving operation.
 - b. Peak particle velocities (PPV) for any single axis shall be limited to ½ inch/second.
 - c. A settlement monitoring program shall be implemented until completion of pile installation.
 - d. In the event any PPV is measured above the specified threshold (½ inch/second) or any settlement is measured/detected, pile driving shall be stopped and corrective actions shall be submitted to the Department for review before resuming pile driving.
27. In the event predrilling is needed for shoring pile installation:
 - a. The diameter of the predrilled holes shall not exceed 75 percent of the depth of the web of the I-beam.
 - b. The depth of the predrilled holes shall not exceed the planned excavation depth.
 - c. The auger shall be backspun out of the pilot holes, leaving the soils in place.
28. All foundations for the proposed structure shall derive entire support from native undisturbed competent alluvium soil found at and below a depth of 10 feet, as recommended and approved by the soils engineer by inspection.
29. Footings for miscellaneous small outlying structures, such as block walls up to 6 feet in height and planter walls or trash enclosures, not to be tied-in to the proposed building, shall derive entire support from native undisturbed alluvial soils and/or properly placed fill soils, as recommended.
30. Footings supported on approved compacted fill or expansive soil shall be reinforced with a minimum of four (4), ½-inch diameter (#4) deformed reinforcing bars. Two (2) bars shall be placed near the bottom and two (2) bars placed near the top of the footing.

31. The foundation/slab design shall satisfy all requirements of the Information Bulletin P/BC 2014-116 "Foundation Design for Expansive Soils" (1803.5.3). Note: Soils with an Expansion Index greater than 20 are considered to be expansive, in accordance with Section 1803.5.3 of the 2014 LABC.
32. Slabs-on-grade shall be at least 5 inches thick and shall be reinforced with ½-inch diameter (#4) reinforcing bars spaced a maximum of 16 inches on center each way, as recommended.
33. Concrete floor slabs placed on expansive soil shall be placed on a 4-inch fill of coarse aggregate or on a moisture barrier membrane.
34. The seismic design shall be based on a Site Class D as recommended. All other seismic design parameters shall be reviewed by LADBS building plan check.
35. Retaining walls up to 10 feet in height with a level backfill shall be designed for the lateral earth pressures specified in the section titled "Retaining Wall Design" starting on page 21 of the 04/16/2018 report. All surcharge loads shall be included into the design.
36. Retaining walls higher than 6 feet shall be designed for lateral earth pressure due to earthquake motions as specified on page 23 of the 04/16/2018 report (1803.5.12).

Note: Lateral earth pressure due to earthquake motions shall be in addition to static lateral earth pressures and other surcharge pressures. The height of a stacked retaining wall shall be considered as the summation of the heights of each wall.
37. All retaining walls shall be provided with a standard surface backdrain system and all drainage shall be conducted in a non-erosive device to the street in an acceptable manner (7013.11).
38. With the exception of retaining walls designed for hydrostatic pressure, all retaining walls shall be provided with a subdrain system to prevent possible hydrostatic pressure behind the wall. Prior to issuance of any permit, the retaining wall subdrain system recommended in the soils report shall be incorporated into the foundation plan which shall be reviewed and approved by the soils engineer of record (1805.4).
39. Installation of the subdrain system shall be inspected and approved by the soils engineer of record and the City grading/building inspector (108.9).
40. Basement walls and floors shall be waterproofed/damp-proofed with an LA City approved "Below-grade" waterproofing/damp-proofing material with a research report number (104.2.6).
41. Prefabricated drainage composites (Miradrain, Geotextiles) may be only used in addition to traditionally accepted methods of draining retained earth.
42. The structure shall be connected to the public sewer system per P/BC 2017-027.
43. All roof, pad and deck drainage shall be conducted to the street in an acceptable manner in non-erosive devices or other approved location in a manner that is acceptable to the LADBS and the Department of Public Works (7013.10).

44. An on-site storm water infiltration system at the subject site shall not be implemented, as recommended.
45. All concentrated drainage shall be conducted in an approved device and disposed of in a manner approved by the LADBS (7013.10).
46. The soils engineer shall inspect all excavations to determine that conditions anticipated in the report have been encountered and to provide recommendations for the correction of hazards found during grading (7008 & 1705.6).
47. Prior to pouring concrete, a representative of the consulting soils engineer shall inspect and approve the footing excavations. The representative shall post a notice on the job site for the LADBS Inspector and the Contractor stating that the work inspected meets the conditions of the report. No concrete shall be poured until the LADBS Inspector has also inspected and approved the footing excavations. A written certification to this effect shall be filed with the Grading Division of the Department upon completion of the work. (108.9 & 7008.2)
48. Prior to excavation an initial inspection shall be called with the LADBS Inspector. During the initial inspection, the sequence of construction; shoring; protection fences; and, dust and traffic control will be scheduled (108.9.1).
49. Installation of shoring shall be performed under the inspection and approval of the soils engineer and deputy grading inspector (1705.6, 1705.8).
50. The installation and testing of tie-back anchors shall comply with the recommendations included in the report or the standard sheets titled "Requirement for Tie-back Earth Anchors", whichever is more restrictive. [Research Report #23835]
51. Prior to the placing of compacted fill, a representative of the soils engineer shall inspect and approve the bottom excavations. The representative shall post a notice on the job site for the LADBS Inspector and the Contractor stating that the soil inspected meets the conditions of the report. No fill shall be placed until the LADBS Inspector has also inspected and approved the bottom excavations. A written certification to this effect shall be included in the final compaction report filed with the Grading Division of the Department. All fill shall be placed under the inspection and approval of the soils engineer. A compaction report together with the approved soil report and Department approval letter shall be submitted to the Grading Division of the Department upon completion of the compaction. In addition, an Engineer's Certificate of Compliance with the legal description as indicated in the grading permit and the permit number shall be included (7011.3).



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