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### **SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION**

This geotechnical report was prepared for the sole use of CoreSite for the 2905-2909 Stender Way Data Center project in Sant Clara, California. The location of the site is shown on the Vicinity Map, Figure 1. For our use, we were provided with the following documents:

 A preliminary site plan overlayed on a Land Title Survey titled "Commercial Building, 2905-2909 Stender Way, Santa Clara, California" prepared by O.K.O. Engineering, Inc., dated June 8, 2004.

### 1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project site is located at 2905 Stender Way in Santa Clara, California. We understand that the project is in the very early planning stages. However, the project will most likely include redeveloping the approximately 3¾-acre site for a new data center. The new center will be similar to other nearby Coresite projects, including SV7 and SV8. At this time, we anticipate the new data center will include a new three to four-story, steel-frame building. The new building will be expected to encompass most of the site. Appurtenant parking, utilities, landscaping and other improvements necessary for site development are also planned.

### 1.2 SCOPE OF SERVICES

Our scope of services was presented in our proposal dated January 14, 2019 and consisted of field and laboratory programs to evaluate physical and engineering properties of the subsurface soils, engineering analysis to prepare recommendations for site work and grading, building foundations, flatwork, retaining walls, and pavements, and preparation of this report. Brief descriptions of our exploration and laboratory programs are presented below.

### 1.3 EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Field exploration consisted of five borings drilled on February 13, 14, and 15, 2019 with truck-mounted, and limited-access track-mounted hollow-stem auger drilling equipment and five Cone



Penetration Tests (CPTs) advanced on February 11, 2019. The borings were drilled to depths of approximately 30 to 65 feet; the CPTs were advanced to depths of approximately 50 to 91 feet, or where practical refusal was encountered. Seismic shear wave velocity measurements were collected from CPT-4. Borings EB-3, EB-4, and EB-5 were advanced adjacent to CPT-3, CPT-4, and CPT-5, respectively, for direct evaluation of physical samples to correlated soil behavior.

The borings and CPTs were backfilled with cement grout in accordance with local requirements; exploration permits were obtained as required by local jurisdictions.

The approximate locations of our exploratory borings are shown on the Site Plan, Figure 2. Details regarding our field program are included in Appendix A.

## 1.4 LABORATORY TESTING PROGRAM

In addition to visual classification of samples, the laboratory program focused on obtaining data for foundation design and seismic ground deformation estimates. Testing included moisture contents, dry densities, washed sieve analyses, and Plasticity Index tests. Details regarding our laboratory program are included in Appendix B.

#### 1.5 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Cornerstone Earth Group also provided environmental services for this project. Environmental findings and conclusions are provided under separate covers.

## **SECTION 2: REGIONAL SETTING**

#### 2.1 GEOLOGICAL SETTING

The site is located within the Santa Clara Valley, which is a broad alluvial plane between the Santa Cruz Mountains to the southwest and west, and the Diablo Range to the northeast. The San Andreas Fault system, including the Monte Vista-Shannon Fault, exists within the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Hayward and Calaveras Fault systems exist within the Diablo Range. Alluvium in the area of the site is mapped to be greater than 500 feet thick (Rogers & Williams, 1974).

The historic path of the former Saratoga Creek runs approximately 1200 feet to the northwest of the site. San Tomas-Aquino Creek is located approximately 60 feet east of the site. The channel contains both concrete-lined and unlined sections. The channel appears to be approximately 15 to 20 feet deep.

## 2.2 REGIONAL SEISMICITY

The San Francisco Bay area region is one of the most seismically active areas in the Country. While seismologists cannot predict earthquake events, geologists from the U.S. Geological



Survey have recently updated earlier estimates from their 2014 Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast (Version 3) publication. The estimated probability of one or more magnitude 6.7 earthquakes (the size of the destructive 1994 Northridge earthquake) expected to occur somewhere in the San Francisco Bay Area has been revised (increased) to 72 percent for the period 2014 to 2043 (Aagaard et al., 2016). The faults in the region with the highest estimated probability of generating damaging earthquakes between 2014 and 2043 are the Hayward (33%), Rodgers Creek (33%), Calaveras (26%), and San Andreas Faults (22%). In this 30-year period, the probability of an earthquake of magnitude 6.7 or larger occurring is 22 percent along the San Andreas Fault and 33 percent for the Hayward or Rodgers Creek Faults.

The faults considered capable of generating significant earthquakes are generally associated with the well-defined areas of crustal movement, which trend northwesterly. The table below presents the State-considered active faults within 25 kilometers of the site.

**Table 1: Approximate Fault Distances** 

	Distance	
Fault Name	(miles)	(kilometers)
Monte Vista-Shannon	6.9	11.1
Hayward (Southeast Extension)	7.2	11.5
Hayward (Total Length)	9.7	15.7
San Andreas (1906)	10.4	16.8
Calaveras	10.7	17.3

A regional fault map is presented as Figure 3, illustrating the relative distances of the site to significant fault zones.

#### **SECTION 3: SITE CONDITIONS**

## 3.1 SURFACE DESCRIPTION

The site is located south of Highway 101, between Lawrence Expressway and San Tomas Expressway in Santa Clara, California. The site is bounded by industrial development to the north, Stender Way to the west, Central Expressway to the south, and the San Tomas-Aquino Creek to the east. The site is currently occupied by a one-story commercial building surrounded by at-grade asphalt pavements and landscaped areas, including several medium to large sized trees.

The site is relatively level, but graded towards drainage facilities and with raised landscaped area in the south and southwest that is approximately 2 to 3 feet higher than the adjacent street and parking lot. Where encountered, surface pavements generally consisted of 3 to 4 inches of asphalt concrete over 0 to 8 inches of aggregate base. Based on visual observations, the existing pavements are in fair to poor condition with areas of observed alligator cracking.



#### 3.2 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Below the ground surface, our exploratory boring EB-3 encountered approximately 8 feet of undocumented fill consisting of loose well-graded gravel with sand. Beneath the undocumented fill, Boring EB-3 encountered stiff to very stiff lean clay with varying amounts of sand to the terminal boring depth of 30 feet. Below the surface pavements, our exploratory borings EB-1, EB-2, EB-4, and EB-5 generally encountered very stiff to hard fat clay with variable amounts of sand to a depth of approximately 2½ to 5 feet. Beneath the fat clay, Boring EB-1 encountered very stiff lean clay with varying amounts of sand to a depth of approximately 12 feet underlain by medium dense to very dense poorly graded sand with varying amounts of gravel to a depth of approximately 19 feet. Beneath the poorly graded sands, Boring EB-1 encountered stiff to very stiff lean clay with varying amounts of sand to the terminal boring depth of 40 feet. Beneath the fat clay, Boring EB-2 generally encountered stiff to hard lean clay with varying amounts of sand to the terminal boring depth of 35 feet. Beneath the fat clay, Boring EB-4 encountered stiff to very stiff lean clay with varying amounts of sand to a depth of approximately 49 feet underlain by very dense poorly graded sand with silt to a depth of approximately 521/2 feet. Beneath the poorly graded sand with silt, Boring EB-4 encountered very stiff lean clay with varying amounts of sand to a depth of approximately 62 feet underlain by very dense poorly graded sand with silt and gravel to the terminal boring depth of 65 feet. Beneath the fat clay, Boring EB-5 encountered stiff to very stiff lean clay with varying amounts of sand to a depth of approximately 39½ feet underlain by medium dense silty sand to a depth of approximately 44½ feet. Beneath the silty sand, Boring EB-5 encountered stiff lean clay with sand to the terminal boring depth of 45 feet.

Beneath the maximum boring depth of 65 feet, our CPTs generally encountered interbedded layers of stiff to hard clays with varying amounts of sand and dense sands with varying amounts of clay and silt to a depth of approximately 91 feet where drilling refusal was encountered.

## 3.2.1 Plasticity/Expansion Potential

We performed two Plasticity Index (PI) tests on representatives sample of the surficial soils. Test results were used to evaluate expansion potential of surficial soils, and the plasticity of the fines in potentially liquefiable layers. The surficial test resulted in a PI of 42, indicating high to very high expansion potential to wetting and drying cycles. The results of the PI test in a potentially liquefiable layer indicated non-plastic.

## 3.2.2 In-Situ Moisture Contents

Laboratory testing indicated that the in-situ moisture contents within the upper 10 feet range from approximately 5 percent under to 10 percent over the estimated laboratory optimum moisture.

## 3.3 GROUNDWATER

Groundwater was encountered in our borings at depths ranging from approximately 10 to 18½ feet below current grades. Groundwater was inferred at depths ranging from approximately 8 to



10½ feet below existing grades in CPT-1 through CPT-5 based on pore pressure dissipation tests. All measurements were taken at the time of drilling and may not represent the stabilized levels that can be higher than the initial levels encountered.

Historic high groundwater maps prepared by the California Geologic Survey (CGS, Milpitas 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, 2001; San Jose West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, 2002) indicate the high groundwater to be at approximately 5 to 10 feet below the existing ground surface. We used a design groundwater of 6 feet below the existing ground surface for our analysis and also recommend this depth be used for project planning. Fluctuations in groundwater levels occur due to many factors including seasonal fluctuation, underground drainage patterns, regional fluctuations, and other factors.

## **SECTION 4: GEOLOGIC HAZARDS**

#### 4.1 FAULT RUPTURE

As discussed above several significant faults are located within 25 kilometers of the site. The site is not located within a State-designated Alquist Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone, or a Santa Clara County Fault Hazard Zone. As shown in Figure 3, no known surface expression of fault traces is thought to cross the site; therefore, fault rupture hazard is not a significant geologic hazard at the site.

#### 4.2 ESTIMATED GROUND SHAKING

Moderate to severe (design-level) earthquakes can cause strong ground shaking, which is the case for most sites within the Bay Area. A peak ground acceleration (PGA)<sub>M</sub> was estimated for analysis using a value equal to  $F_{PGA}$  x PGA, as allowed in the 2016 edition of the California Building Code. For our liquefaction analysis we used a PGA<sub>M</sub> of 0.50g.

#### 4.3 LIQUEFACTION POTENTIAL

The site is within a State-designated Liquefaction Hazard Zone (CGS, Milpitas Quadrangle, 2002; San Jose West Quadrangle, 2004) as well as a Santa Clara County Liquefaction Hazard Zone (Santa Clara County, 2003). Our field and laboratory programs addressed this issue by testing and sampling potentially liquefiable layers to depths of at least 50 feet, performing visual classification on sampled materials, evaluating CPT data, and performing various tests to further classify soil properties.

## 4.3.1 Background

During strong seismic shaking, cyclically induced stresses can cause increased pore pressures within the soil matrix that can result in liquefaction triggering, soil softening due to shear stress loss, potentially significant ground deformation due to settlement within sandy liquefiable layers as pore pressures dissipate, and/or flow failures in sloping ground or where open faces are present (lateral spreading) (NCEER 1998). Limited field and laboratory data is available regarding ground deformation due to settlement; however, in clean sand layers settlement on



the order of 2 to 4 percent of the liquefied layer thickness can occur. Soils most susceptible to liquefaction are loose, non-cohesive soils that are saturated and are bedded with poor drainage, such as sand and silt layers bedded with a cohesive cap.

## 4.3.2 Analysis

As discussed in the "Subsurface" section above, several sand layers were encountered below the design groundwater depth of 6 feet. Following the liquefaction analysis framework in the 2008 monograph, *Soil Liquefaction During Earthquakes* (Idriss and Boulanger, 2008), incorporating updates in *CPT and SPT Based Liquefaction Triggering Procedures* (Boulanger and Idriss, 2014), and in accordance with CDMG Special Publication 117A guidelines (CDMG, 2008) for quantitative analysis, these layers were analyzed for liquefaction triggering and potential post-liquefaction settlement. These methods compare the ratio of the estimated cyclic shaking (Cyclic Stress Ratio - CSR) to the soil's estimated resistance to cyclic shaking (Cyclic Resistance Ratio - CRR), providing a factor of safety against liquefaction triggering. Factors of safety less than or equal to 1.3 are considered to be potentially liquefiable and capable of post-liquefaction re-consolidation (i.e. settlement).

The CSR for each layer quantifies the stresses anticipated to be generated due to a design-level seismic event, is based on the peak horizontal acceleration generated at the ground surface discussed in the "Estimated Ground Shaking" section above, and is corrected for overburden and stress reduction factors as discussed in the procedure developed by Seed and Idriss (1971) and updated in the 2008 Idriss and Boulanger monograph.

The soil's CRR is estimated from the in-situ measurements from CPTs and laboratory testing on samples retrieved from our borings. SPT "N" values obtained from hollow-stem auger borings were not used in our analyses, as the "N" values obtained are less reliable in sands below groundwater. The tip pressures are corrected for effective overburden stresses, taking into consideration both the groundwater level at the time of exploration and the design groundwater level, and stress reduction versus depth factors. The CPT method utilizes the soil behavior type index ( $I_C$ ) to estimate the plasticity of the layers.

In estimating post-liquefaction settlement at the site, we have implemented a depth weighting factor proposed by Cetin (2009). Following evaluation of 49 high-quality, cyclically induced, ground settlement case histories from seven different earthquakes, Cetin proposed the use of a weighting factor based on the depth of layers. The weighting procedure was used to tune the surface observations at liquefaction sites to produce a better model fit with measured data. Aside from the better model fit it produced, the rationale behind the use of a depth weighting factor is based on the following: 1) upward seepage, triggering void ratio redistribution, and resulting in unfavorably higher void ratios for the shallower sublayers of soil layers; 2) reduced induced shear stresses and number of shear stress cycles transmitted to deeper soil layers due to initial liquefaction of surficial layers; and 3) possible arching effects due to nonliquefied soil layers. All these may significantly reduce the contribution of volumetric settlement of deeper soil layers to the overall ground surface settlement (Cetin, 2009).



The results of our CPT analyses (CPT-1 through CPT-5) are presented on Figures 4A through 4E of this report.

## 4.3.3 Summary

Our analyses indicate that several layers could potentially experience liquefaction triggering that could result in post-liquefaction total settlement at the ground surface up to about ¾-inch, based on the Yoshimine (2006) method. As discussed in SP 117A, differential movement for level ground sites over deep soil sites will be up to about two-thirds of the total settlement between independent foundation elements. In our opinion, differential settlements are anticipated to be on the order of ½-inch or less over a horizontal distance of 30 feet.

## 4.3.4 Ground Rupture Potential

The methods used to estimate liquefaction settlements assume that there is a sufficient cap of non-liquefiable material to prevent ground rupture or sand boils. For ground rupture to occur, the pore water pressure within the liquefiable soil layer will need to be great enough to break through the overlying non-liquefiable layer, which could cause significant ground deformation and settlement. The work of Youd and Garris (1995) indicates that the 6-foot thick layer of non-liquefiable cap is sufficient to prevent ground rupture, except at CPT-3. However, we anticipate the shallow liquefiable sandy layers in CPT-3 susceptible to ground rupture will be mitigated during the undocumented fill removal; therefore, the above total settlement estimates are reasonable.

## 4.4 LATERAL SPREADING

Lateral spreading is horizontal/lateral ground movement of relatively flat-lying soil deposits towards a free face such as an excavation, channel, or open body of water; typically lateral spreading is associated with liquefaction of one or more subsurface layers near the bottom of the exposed slope. As failure tends to propagate as block failures, it is difficult to analyze and estimate where the first tension crack will form.

The top of the western bank of the San Tomas Aquino Creek ranges from approximately 20 to 30 feet to the eastern property line and approximately 100 to 110 feet from the eastern most edges of the proposed building. The creek has an estimated height of about 15 to 20 feet, based on Google Earth. In general, lateral spreading is considered when an open face (Height = D) is within about 40D of a site. Since the project site is within this criteria, we analyzed the site for lateral spreading using analytical methods outlined in the 2008 monograph, *Soil Liquefaction During Earthquakes* (Idriss and Boulanger, 2008) and *CPT and SPT Based Liquefaction Triggering Procedures* (Boulanger and Idriss, 2014) by calculating Lateral Displacement Index (LDI) values at each CPT location. The LDI is calculated by integrating maximum shear strains versus depth, representing a measure of the potential maximum displacement (Zhang et al., 2004).

At exploration locations closest to San Tomas Aquino Creek (CPT-4 and CPT-5) our analyses indicate low potential for lateral displacement with potential lateral displacements ranging from



0.1 to 0.2 feet. At CPT-3 (also closest to San Tomas Aquino Creek), our analyses indicates potential lateral displacements of 0.4 to 1.5 feet. At the remaining CPTs and Borings (CPT-1 and CPT-2), our analyses indicate potential lateral displacements of 0.2 to 0.8 feet. We anticipate the soils susceptible to liquefication and lateral spreading at CPT-3 will be mitigated during the removal of undocumented fills; therefore, the potential for lateral spreading will be reduced to low at this location. The potential for lateral spreading closest to the creek is considered low; therefore, in our opinion, the potential for lateral spreading to affect the building appears low.

## 4.5 SEISMIC SETTLEMENT/UNSATURATED SAND SHAKING

Loose unsaturated sandy soils can settle during strong seismic shaking. As the soils encountered above the design groundwater depth at the site were predominantly stiff to very stiff clays and medium dense to dense sands, in our opinion, the potential for significant differential seismic settlement affecting the proposed improvements is low.

### 4.6 TSUNAMI/SEICHE

The terms tsunami or seiche are described as ocean waves or similar waves usually created by undersea fault movement or by a coastal or submerged landslide. Tsunamis may be generated at great distance from shore (far field events) or nearby (near field events). Waves are formed, as the displaced water moves to regain equilibrium, and radiates across the open water, similar to ripples from a rock being thrown into a pond. When the waveform reaches the coastline, it quickly raises the water level, with water velocities as high as 15 to 20 knots. The water mass, as well as vessels, vehicles, or other objects in its path create tremendous forces as they impact coastal structures.

Tsunamis have affected the coastline along the Pacific Northwest during historic times. The Fort Point tide gauge in San Francisco recorded approximately 21 tsunamis between 1854 and 1964. The 1964 Alaska earthquake generated a recorded wave height of 7.4 feet and drowned eleven people in Crescent City, California. For the case of a far-field event, the Bay area would have hours of warning; for a near field event, there may be only a few minutes of warning, if any.

A tsunami or seiche originating in the Pacific Ocean would lose much of its energy passing through San Francisco Bay. Based on the study of tsunami inundation potential for the San Francisco Bay Area (Ritter and Dupre, 1972), areas most likely to be inundated are marshlands, tidal flats, and former bay margin lands that are now artificially filled, but are still at or below sea level, and are generally within 1½ miles of the shoreline. The site is approximately 6½ miles inland from the San Francisco Bay shoreline, and is approximately 39 to 44 feet above mean sea level. Therefore, the potential for inundation due to tsunami or seiche is considered low.



#### 4.7 FLOODING

Based on our internet search of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood map public database, the site is located within Zone X, described as "Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood." We recommend the project civil engineer be retained to confirm this information and verify the base flood elevation, if appropriate.

#### **SECTION 5: CONCLUSIONS**

## 5.1 SUMMARY

From a geotechnical viewpoint, the project is feasible provided the concerns listed below are addressed in the project design. Descriptions of each concern with brief outlines of our recommendations follow the listed concerns.

- Potential for significant static and seismic settlements
- Shallow groundwater
- Presence of very highly expansive soils
- Undocumented Fill and Re-Development Considerations

## 5.1.1 Potential for Significant Static and Seismic Settlements

As discussed, our liquefaction analysis indicates that there a potential for liquefaction of localized sand layers during a significant seismic event. Although, the potential for liquefied sands to vent to the ground surface through cracks in the surficial soils is low provided the loose granular soils at CPT-3 is mitigated, our analysis indicates that liquefaction-induced settlement on the order of %-inch or less could occur, resulting in differential settlement up to ½-inch between independent foundation elements. In addition, and as discussed in the "Foundations" section of this report, we estimate differential settlements due to estimated dead plus live building loads will be on the order of ¾-inch between independent foundation elements. Based on our assumed foundation loads and preliminary settlement estimates, it should be feasible to support the proposed building loads on shallow foundations; however, the building foundations will need to be designed to tolerate the combined total and differential settlement due to static loads and liquefaction-induced settlement. Detailed foundation recommendations are presented in the "Foundations" section.

#### 5.1.2 Shallow Groundwater

Shallow groundwater was measured at depths ranging from approximately 10 to 18½ feet below the existing ground surface in our exploratory borings and inferred from pore pressure dissipation tests in our CPTs at depths ranging from approximately 8 to 10½ feet below the existing ground surface. Historic high groundwater is also mapped at about 5 to 10 feet below



current grades. We used a depth of groundwater of 6 feet for our analysis, which we recommend be used for planning purposes.

Our experience with similar sites in the vicinity indicates that shallow groundwater could significantly impact grading and underground construction. These impacts typically consist of potentially wet and unstable pavement subgrade, difficulty achieving compaction, and difficult underground utility installation. Dewatering and shoring of utility trenches may be required in some isolated areas of the site. Detailed recommendations addressing this concern are presented in the "Earthwork" section of this report.

## 5.1.3 Presence of Highly Expansive Soils

Highly expansive surficial soils blanket the site. Expansive soils can undergo significant volume change with changes in moisture content. They shrink and harden when dried and expand and soften when wetted. To reduce the potential for damage to the planned structures, slabs-ongrade should have sufficient reinforcement and be supported on a layer of non-expansive fill; footings should extend below the zone of seasonal moisture fluctuation. In addition, it is important to limit moisture changes in the surficial soils by using positive drainage away from buildings as well as limiting landscaping watering. Evaluation of potential import sources for the site should consider the acceptable range of plasticity. Detailed grading and foundation recommendations addressing this concern are presented in the following sections.

# 5.1.4 Undocumented Fill and Re-Development Considerations

The site is currently developed. Potential issues that are often associated with redeveloping sites include demolition of existing improvements, abandonment of existing utilities, and undocumented fill. As previously discussed, undocumented fill was encountered to a depth of approximately 8 feet in Boring EB-3. While undocumented fill was not encountered in our other borings, it may be present in other areas across the site. Undocumented fills are expected to vary in thickness, density, and consistency across the site. Therefore, we recommend all undocumented fill and existing improvements within future building areas be removed and replaced as engineered fill. Additional recommendations are outlined in Section 6.3.

#### 5.2 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS REVIEW

We recommend that we be retained to review the geotechnical aspects of the project structural, civil, and landscape plans and specifications, allowing sufficient time to provide the design team with any comments prior to issuing the plans for construction.

#### 5.3 CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION AND TESTING

As site conditions may vary significantly between the small-diameter borings performed during this investigation, we also recommend that a Cornerstone representative be present to provide geotechnical observation and testing during earthwork and foundation construction. This will allow us to form an opinion and prepare a letter at the end of construction regarding contractor compliance with project plans and specifications, and with the recommendations in our report.



We will also be allowed to evaluate any conditions differing from those encountered during our investigation, and provide supplemental recommendations as necessary. For these reasons, the recommendations in this report are contingent of Cornerstone providing observation and testing during construction. Contractors should provide at least a 48-hour notice when scheduling our field personnel.

#### **SECTION 6: EARTHWORK**

#### 6.1 SITE DEMOLITION

All existing improvements not to be reused for the current development, including all foundations, flatwork, pavements, utilities, and other improvements should be demolished and removed from the site. Recommendations in this section apply to the removal of these improvements, which [may be/are currently] present on the site, prior to the start of mass grading or the construction of new improvements for the project.

Cornerstone should be notified prior to the start of demolition, and should be present on at least a part-time basis during all backfill and mass grading as a result of demolition. Occasionally, other types of buried structures (wells, cisterns, debris pits, etc.) can be found on sites with prior development. If encountered, Cornerstone should be contacted to address these types of structures on a case-by-case basis.

# 6.1.1 Demolition of Existing Slabs, Foundations and Pavements

All slabs, foundations, and pavements should be completely removed from within planned building areas.

As an owner value-engineered option, existing slabs, foundations, and pavements that extend into planned flatwork, pavement, or landscape areas may be left in place provided there is at least 3 feet of engineered fill overlying the remaining materials, they are shown not to conflict with new utilities, and that asphalt and concrete more than 10 feet square is broken up to allow subsurface drainage. Future distress and/or higher maintenance may result from leaving these prior improvements in place. A discussion of recycling existing improvements is provided later in this report.

Special care should be taken during the demolition and removal of existing floor slabs, foundations, utilities and pavements to minimize disturbance of the subgrade. Excessive disturbance of the subgrade, which includes either native or previously placed engineered fill, resulting from demolition activities can have serious detrimental effects on planned foundation and paving elements.

Existing foundations are typically mat-slabs, shallow footings, or piers/piles. If slab or shallow footings are encountered, they should be completely removed. If drilled piers are encountered, they should be cut off at an elevation at least 60-inches below proposed footings or the final subgrade elevation, whichever is deeper. The remainder of the drilled pier could remain in place. Foundation elements to remain in place should be surveyed and superimposed on the



proposed development plans to determine the potential for conflicts or detrimental impacts to the planned construction. Following review, additional mitigation or planned foundation elements may need to be modified.

## 6.1.2 Abandonment of Existing Utilities

All utilities should be completely removed from within planned building areas. For any utility line to be considered acceptable to remain within building areas, the utility line must be completely backfilled with grout or sand-cement slurry (sand slurry is not acceptable), the ends outside the building area capped with concrete, and the trench fills either removed and replaced as engineered fill with the trench side slopes flattened to at least 1:1, or the trench fills are determined not to be a risk to the structure. The assessment of the level of risk posed by the particular utility line will determine whether the utility may be abandoned in place or needs to be completely removed. The contractor should assume that all utilities will be removed from within building areas unless provided written confirmation from both the owner and the geotechnical engineer.

Utilities extending beyond the building area may be abandoned in place provided the ends are plugged with concrete, they do not conflict with planned improvements, and that the trench fills do not pose significant risk to the planned surface improvements.

The risk for owners associated with abandoning utilities in place include the potential for future differential settlement of existing trench fills, and/or partial collapse and potential ground loss into utility lines that are not completely filled with grout.

#### 6.2 SITE CLEARING AND PREPARATION

#### 6.2.1 Site Stripping

The site should be stripped of all surface vegetation, and surface and subsurface improvements to be removed within the proposed development area. Demolition of existing improvements is discussed in the prior paragraphs. A detailed discussion of removal of existing fills is provided later in this report. Surface vegetation and topsoil should be stripped to a sufficient depth to remove all material greater than 3 percent organic content by weight.

## 6.2.2 Tree and Shrub Removal

Trees and shrubs designated for removal should have the root balls and any roots greater than ½-inch diameter removed completely. Mature trees are estimated to have root balls extending to depths of 2 to 4 feet, depending on the tree size. Significant root zones are anticipated to extend to the diameter of the tree canopy. Grade depressions resulting from root ball removal should be cleaned of loose material and backfilled in accordance with the recommendations in the "Compaction" section of this report.



#### 6.3 REMOVAL OF EXISTING FILLS

As previously discussed, we encountered approximately 8 feet of undocumented fill in our exploratory boring EB-3. While we did not encountered undocumented fills in our other explorations, we anticipate there are other additional areas onsite that may have undocumented fills due to past site development. All fills should be completely removed from within building areas and to a lateral distance of at least 5 feet beyond the building footprint or to a lateral distance equal to fill depth below the perimeter footing, whichever is greater. Provided the fills meet the "Material for Fill" requirements below, the fills may be reused when backfilling the excavations. Based on review of the samples collected from our borings, it appears that the fill may be reused. If materials are encountered that do not meet the requirements, such as debris, wood, trash, those materials should screened out of the remaining material and be removed from the site. Backfill of excavations should be placed in lifts and compacted in accordance with the "Compaction" section below.

Fills extending into planned pavement and flatwork areas may be left in place provided they are determined to be a low risk for future differential settlement and that the upper 12 to 18 inches of fill below pavement subgrade is re-worked and compacted as discussed in the "Compaction" section below.

## 6.3.1 Undocumented Fill Mitigation

If it is determined to not be feasible to remove and replace the deeper undocumented fills at the site as engineered fill, localized ground improvement could be performed to mitigate these deeper fills. Ground improvement may include vibro-replacement (i.e. stone columns), granular compacted piles (i.e. rammed aggregate), compaction grouting, deep dynamic compaction, or similar densification techniques. If this alternative is desired, we recommend additional exploration be performed to further evaluate the lateral limits and depth of deeper fill areas and the fill quality. Additional field exploration may include test borings and/or exploratory test pits. Additional ground improvement recommendations are provided in the "Foundations" section of this report.

## 6.4 TEMPORARY CUT AND FILL SLOPES

The contractor is responsible for maintaining all temporary slopes and providing temporary shoring where required. Temporary shoring, bracing, and cuts/fills should be performed in accordance with the strictest government safety standards. On a preliminary basis, the upper 10 feet at the site may be classified as OSHA Soil Type C materials, except for the undocumented fill encountered in Boring EB-3 which may be classified as OSHA Soil Type A materials. A Cornerstone representative should be retained to confirm the preliminary site classification.

Excavations performed during site demolition and fill removal should be sloped at 3:1 (horizontal:vertical) within the upper 5 feet below building subgrade. Excavations extending more than 5 feet below building subgrade and excavations in pavement and flatwork areas should be sloped in accordance with the OSHA soil classification.



#### 6.5 SUBGRADE PREPARATION

After site clearing and demolition is complete, and prior to backfilling any excavations resulting from fill removal or demolition, the excavation subgrade and subgrade within areas to receive additional site fills, slabs-on-grade and/or pavements should be scarified to a depth of 6 inches, moisture conditioned, and compacted in accordance with the "Compaction" section below.

#### 6.6 SUBGRADE STABILIZATION MEASURES

Soil subgrade and fill materials, especially soils with high fines contents such as clays and silty soils, can become unstable due to high moisture content, whether from high in-situ moisture contents or from winter rains. As the moisture content increases over the laboratory optimum, it becomes more likely the materials will be subject to softening and yielding (pumping) from construction loading or become unworkable during placement and compaction.

As discussed in the "Subsurface" section in this report, the in-situ moisture contents range up to about 10 percent over the estimated laboratory optimum in the upper 10 feet of the soil profile. The contractor should anticipate drying the soils prior to reusing them as fill. In addition, repetitive rubber-tire loading will likely de-stabilize the soils.

There are several methods to address potential unstable soil conditions and facilitate fill placement and trench backfill. Some of the methods are briefly discussed below. Implementation of the appropriate stabilization measures should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis according to the project construction goals and the particular site conditions.

# 6.6.1 Scarification and Drying

The subgrade may be scarified to a depth of 8 to 10 inches and allowed to dry to near optimum conditions, if sufficient dry weather is anticipated to allow sufficient drying. More than one round of scarification may be needed to break up the soil clods.

## 6.6.2 Removal and Replacement

As an alternative to scarification, the contractor may choose to over-excavate the unstable soils and replace them with dry on-site or import materials. A Cornerstone representative should be present to provide recommendations regarding the appropriate depth of over-excavation, whether a geosynthethic (stabilization fabric or geogrid) is recommended, and what materials are recommended for backfill.

#### 6.6.3 Chemical Treatment

Where the unstable area exceeds about 5,000 to 10,000 square feet and/or site winterization is desired, chemical treatment with quicklime (CaO), kiln-dust, or cement may be more cost-effective than removal and replacement. Recommended chemical treatment depths will typically range from 12 to 18 inches depending on the magnitude of the instability.



#### 6.7 MATERIAL FOR FILL

#### 6.7.1 Re-Use of On-site Soils

On-site soils with an organic content less than 3 percent by weight may be reused as general fill. General fill should not have lumps, clods or cobble pieces larger than 6 inches in diameter; 85 percent of the fill should be smaller than 2½ inches in diameter. Minor amounts of oversize material (smaller than 12 inches in diameter) may be allowed provided the oversized pieces are not allowed to nest together and the compaction method will allow for loosely placed lifts not exceeding 12 inches.

## 6.7.2 Re-Use of On-Site Site Improvements

We anticipate that significant quantities of asphalt concrete (AC) grindings and aggregate base (AB) will be generated during site demolition. If the AC grindings are mixed with the underlying AB to meet Class 2 AB specifications, they may be reused within the new pavement and flatwork structural sections, including within below-grade parking garage slab-on-grade areas (provided crushed rock is not required due to the proximity to groundwater). AC/AB grindings may not be reused within the habitable building areas. Laboratory testing will be required to confirm the grindings meet project specifications. Due to the existing alligator cracking of the AC pavements, it is likely that the grinding operation will leave significant oversize chunks and won't meet the Class 2 AB gradation requirements but may meet Caltrans subbase requirements. Depending on the quantities of oversized material, the grindings may still be used within the structural section; however, the pavement design will need to be modified to account for the difference, typically resulting in the addition of about 1 inch to the structural section.

#### 6.7.3 Potential Import Sources

Imported and non-expansive material should be inorganic with a Plasticity Index (PI) of 15 or less, and not contain recycled asphalt concrete where it will be used within the habitbale building areas. To prevent significant caving during trenching or foundation construction, imported material should have sufficient fines. Samples of potential import sources should be delivered to our office at least 10 days prior to the desired import start date. Information regarding the import source should be provided, such as any site geotechnical reports. If the material will be derived from an excavation rather than a stockpile, potholes will likely be required to collect samples from throughout the depth of the planned cut that will be imported. At a minimum, laboratory testing will include PI tests. Material data sheets for select fill materials (Class 2 aggregate base, ¾-inch crushed rock, quarry fines, etc.) listing current laboratory testing data (not older than 6 months from the import date) may be provided for our review without providing a sample. If current data is not available, specification testing will need to be completed prior to approval.

Environmental and soil corrosion characterization should also be considered by the project team prior to acceptance. Suitable environmental laboratory data to the planned import quantity should be provided to the project environmental consultant; additional laboratory testing may be



required based on the project environmental consultant's review. The potential import source should also not be more corrosive than the on-site soils, based on pH, saturated resistivity, and soluble sulfate and chloride testing.

## 6.7.4 Non-Expansive Fill Using Lime Treatment

As discussed above, non-expansive fill should have a Plasticity Index (PI) of 15 or less. Due to the high clay content and PI of the on-site soil [and bedrock] materials, it is not likely that sufficient quantities of non-expansive fill would be generated from cut materials. As an alternative to importing non-expansive fill, chemical treatment can be considered to create non-expansive fill. If this option is considered, additional laboratory tests should be performed during initial site grading to further evaluate the optimum percentage of quicklime required.

#### 6.8 COMPACTION REQUIREMENTS

All fills, and subgrade areas where fill, slabs-on-grade, and pavements are planned, should be placed in loose lifts 8 inches thick or less and compacted in accordance with ASTM D1557 (latest version) requirements as shown in the table below. In general, clayey soils should be compacted with sheepsfoot equipment and sandy/gravelly soils with vibratory equipment; open-graded materials such as crushed rock should be placed in lifts no thicker than 18 inches consolidated in place with vibratory equipment. Each lift of fill and all subgrade should be firm and unyielding under construction equipment loading in addition to meeting the compaction requirements to be approved. The contractor (with input from a Cornerstone representative) should evaluate the in-situ moisture conditions, as the use of vibratory equipment on soils with high moistures can cause unstable conditions. General recommendations for soil stabilization are provided in the "Subgrade Stabilization Measures" section of this report. Where the soil's Pl is 20 or greater, the expansive soil criteria should be used.



**Table 2: Compaction Requirements** 

Description	Material Description	Minimum Relative <sup>1</sup> Compaction (percent)	Moisture <sup>2</sup> Content (percent)
General Fill	On-Site Expansive Soils	87 – 92	>3
(within upper 5 feet)	Low Expansion Soils	90	>1
General Fill	On-Site Expansive Soils	95	>3
(below a depth of 5 feet)	Low Expansion Soils	95	>1
Trench Backfill	On-Site Expansive Soils	87 – 92	>3
Trench Backfill	Low Expansion Soils	90	>1
Trench Backfill (upper 6 inches of subgrade)	On-Site Low Expansion Soils	95	>1
Crushed Rock Fill	3/4-inch Clean Crushed Rock	Consolidate In-Place	NA
Non-Expansive Fill	Imported Non-Expansive Fill	90	Optimum
Flatwork Subgrade	On-Site Expansive Soils	87 - 92	>3
Flatwork Subgrade	Low Expansion Soils	90	>1
Flatwork Aggregate Base	Class 2 Aggregate Base <sup>3</sup>	90	Optimum
Pavement Subgrade	On-Site Expansive Soils	87 - 92	>3
Pavement Subgrade	Low Expansion Soils	95	>1
Pavement Aggregate Base	Class 2 Aggregate Base <sup>3</sup>	95	Optimum
Asphalt Concrete	Asphalt Concrete	95 (Marshall)	NA

<sup>1 -</sup> Relative compaction based on maximum density determined by ASTM D1557 (latest version)

# 6.8.1 Construction Moisture Conditioning

Expansive soils can undergo significant volume change when dried then wetted. The contractor should keep all exposed expansive soil subgrade (and also trench excavation side walls) moist until protected by overlying improvements (or trenches are backfilled). If expansive soils are allowed to dry out significantly, re-moisture conditioning may require several days of re-wetting (flooding is not recommended), or deep scarification, moisture conditioning, and re-compaction.

### 6.9 TRENCH BACKFILL

Utility lines constructed within public right-of-way should be trenched, bedded and shaded, and backfilled in accordance with the local or governing jurisdictional requirements. Utility lines in private improvement areas should be constructed in accordance with the following requirements unless superseded by other governing requirements.

<sup>2 -</sup> Moisture content based on optimum moisture content determined by ASTM D1557 (latest version)

<sup>3 –</sup> Class 2 aggregate base shall conform to Caltrans Standard Specifications, latest edition, except that the relative compaction should be determined by ASTM D1557 (latest version)



All utility lines should be bedded and shaded to at least 6 inches over the top of the lines with crushed rock (%-inch-diameter or greater) or well-graded sand and gravel materials conforming to the pipe manufacturer's requirements. Open-graded shading materials should be consolidated in place with vibratory equipment and well-graded materials should be compacted to at least 90 percent relative compaction with vibratory equipment prior to placing subsequent backfill materials.

General backfill over shading materials may consist of on-site native materials provided they meet the requirements in the "Material for Fill" section, and are moisture conditioned and compacted in accordance with the requirements in the "Compaction" section.

Where utility lines will cross perpendicular to strip footings, the footing should be deepened to encase the utility line, providing sleeves or flexible cushions to protect the pipes from anticipated foundation settlement, or the utility lines should be backfilled to the bottom of footing with sand-cement slurry or lean concrete. Where utility lines will parallel footings and will extend below the "foundation plane of influence," an imaginary 1:1 plane projected down from the bottom edge of the footing, either the footing will need to be deepened so that the pipe is above the foundation plane of influence or the utility trench will need to be backfilled with sand-cement slurry or lean concrete within the influence zone. Sand-cement slurry used within foundation influence zones should have a minimum compressive strength of 75 psi.

On expansive soils sites it is desirable to reduce the potential for water migration into building and pavement areas through the granular shading materials. We recommend that a plug of low-permeability clay soil, sand-cement slurry, or lean concrete be placed within trenches just outside where the trenches pass into building and pavement areas.

### 6.10 SITE DRAINAGE

#### 6.10.1 Surface Drainage

Ponding should not be allowed adjacent to building foundations, slabs-on-grade, or pavements. Hardscape surfaces should slope at least 2 percent towards suitable discharge facilities; landscape areas should slope at least 3 percent towards suitable discharge facilities. Roof runoff should be directed away from building areas in closed conduits, to approved infiltration facilities, or on to hardscaped surfaces that drain to suitable facilities. Retention, detention or infiltration facilities should be spaced at least 10 feet from buildings, and preferably at least 5 feet from slabs-on-grade or pavements. However, if retention, detention or infiltration facilities are located within these zones, we recommend that these treatment facilities meet the requirements in the Storm Water Treatment Design Considerations section of this report.

## 6.11 LOW-IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) IMPROVEMENTS

The Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) requires regulated projects to treat 100 percent of the amount of runoff identified in Provision C.3.d from a regulated project's drainage area with low impact development (LID) treatment measures onsite or at a joint stormwater treatment facility. LID treatment measures are defined as rainwater harvesting and use, infiltration,



evapotranspiration, or biotreatment. A biotreatment system may only be used if it is infeasible to implement harvesting and use, infiltration, or evapotranspiration at a project site.

Technical infeasibility of infiltration may result from site conditions that restrict the operability of infiltration measures and devices. Various factors affecting the feasibility of infiltration treatment may create an environmental risk, structural stability risk, or physically restrict infiltration. The presence of any of these limiting factors may render infiltration technically infeasible for a proposed project. To aid in determining if infiltration may be feasible at the site, we provide the following site information regarding factors that may aid in determining the feasibility of infiltration facilities at the site.

- The near-surface soils at the site are clayey, and categorized as Hydrologic Soil Group D, and is expected to have infiltration rates of less than 0.2 inches per hour. In our opinion, these clayey soils will significantly limit the infiltration of stormwater.
- Locally, seasonal high groundwater is mapped at a depth between 5 to 10 feet, and therefore is expected to be within 10 feet of the base of the infiltration measure.
- The site is not known, to our knowledge, to have pollutants with the potential for mobilization as a result of stormwater infiltration.
- The site has a known geotechnical hazard consisting of soils subject to liquefaction; therefore, stormwater infiltration facilities may not be feasible.
- In our opinion, infiltration locations within 10 feet of the buildings would create a geotechnical hazard.
- Infiltration measures, devices, or facilities may conflict with the location of existing or proposed underground utilities or easements. Infiltration measures, devices, or facilities should not be placed on top of or very near to underground utilities such that they discharge to the utility trench, restrict access, or cause stability concerns.
- Local Water District policies or guidelines may limit locations where infiltration may occur, require greater separation from seasonal high groundwater, or require greater setbacks from potential sources of pollution.

### **6.11.1 Storm Water Treatment Design Considerations**

If storm water treatment improvements, such as shallow bio-retention swales, basins or pervious pavements, are required as part of the site improvements to satisfy Storm Water Quality (C.3) requirements, we recommend the following items be considered for design and construction.



#### 6.11.1.1 GENERAL BIOSWALE DESIGN GUIDELINES

- If possible, avoid placing bioswales or basins within 10 feet of the building perimeter or within 5 feet of exterior flatwork or pavements. If bioswales must be constructed within these setbacks, the side(s) and bottom of the trench excavation should be lined with 10-mil visqueen to reduce water infiltration into the surrounding expansive clay.
- Bioswales constructed within 3 feet of proposed buildings may be within the foundation zone of influence for perimeter wall loads. Therefore, where bioswales will parallel foundations and will extend below the "foundation plane of influence," an imaginary 1:1 plane projected down from the bottom edge of the foundation, the foundation will need to be deepened so that the bottom edge of the bioswale filter material is above the foundation plane of influence.
- The bottom of bioswale or detention areas should include a perforated drain placed at a low point, such as a shallow trench or sloped bottom, to reduce water infiltration into the surrounding soils near structural improvements, and to address the low infiltration capacity of the on-site clay soils.

## 6.11.1.2 BIOSWALE INFILTRATION MATERIAL

- Gradation specifications for bioswale filter material, if required, should be specified on the grading and improvement plans.
- Compaction requirements for bioswale filter material in non-landscaped areas or in pervious pavement areas, if any, should be indicated on the plans and specifications to satisfy the anticipated use of the infiltration area.
- If required, infiltration (percolation) testing should be performed on representative samples of potential bioswale materials prior to construction to check for general conformance with the specified infiltration rates.
- It should be noted that multiple laboratory tests may be required to evaluate the properties of the bioswale materials, including percolation, landscape suitability and possibly environmental analytical testing depending on the source of the material. We recommend that the landscape architect provide input on the required landscape suitability tests if bioswales are to be planted.
- If bioswales are to be vegetated, the landscape architect should select planting materials that do not reduce or inhibit the water infiltration rate, such as covering the bioswale with grass sod containing a clayey soil base.
- If required by governing agencies, field infiltration testing should be specified on the grading and improvement plans. The appropriate infiltration test method, duration and frequency of testing should be specified in accordance with local requirements.



- Due to the relatively loose consistency and/or high organic content of many bioswale filter materials, long-term settlement of the bioswale medium should be anticipated. To reduce initial volume loss, bioswale filter material should be wetted in 12 inch lifts during placement to pre-consolidate the material. Mechanical compaction should not be allowed, unless specified on the grading and improvement plans, since this could significantly decrease the infiltration rate of the bioswale materials.
- It should be noted that the volume of bioswale filter material may decrease over time depending on the organic content of the material. Additional filter material may need to be added to bioswales after the initial exposure to winter rains and periodically over the life of the bioswale areas, as needed.

#### 6.11.1.3 BIOSWALE CONSTRUCTION ADJACENT TO PAVEMENTS

If bio-infiltration swales or basins are considered adjacent to proposed parking lots or exterior flatwork, we recommend that mitigative measures be considered in the design and construction of these facilities to reduce potential impacts to flatwork or pavements. Exterior flatwork, concrete curbs, and pavements located directly adjacent to bio-swales may be susceptible to settlement or lateral movement, depending on the configuration of the bioswale and the setback between the improvements and edge of the swale. To reduce the potential for distress to these improvements due to vertical or lateral movement, the following options should be considered by the project civil engineer:

- Improvements should be setback from the vertical edge of a bioswale such that there is at least 1 foot of horizontal distance between the edge of improvements and the top edge of the bioswale excavation for every 1 foot of vertical bioswale depth, or
- Concrete curbs for pavements, or lateral restraint for exterior flatwork, located directly adjacent to a vertical bioswale cut should be designed to resist lateral earth pressures in accordance with the recommendations in the "Retaining Walls" section of this report, or concrete curbs or edge restraint should be adequately keyed into the native soil or engineered to reduce the potential for rotation or lateral movement of the curbs.

#### 6.12 LANDSCAPE CONSIDERATIONS

Since the near-surface soils are moderately to highly expansive, we recommend greatly reducing the amount of surface water infiltrating these soils near foundations and exterior slabs-on-grade. This can typically be achieved by:

- Using drip irrigation
- Avoiding open planting within 3 feet of the building perimeter or near the top of existing slopes
- Regulating the amount of water distributed to lawns or planter areas by using irrigation timers



Selecting landscaping that requires little or no watering, especially near foundations.

We recommend that the landscape architect consider these items when developing landscaping plans.

## **SECTION 7: FOUNDATIONS**

## 7.1 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

In our opinion, the proposed structures may be supported on shallow foundations provided the recommendations in the "Earthwork" section and the sections below are followed.

### 7.2 SEISMIC DESIGN CRITERIA

We understand that the project structural design will be based on the 2016 California Building Code (CBC), which provides criteria for the seismic design of buildings in Chapter 16. The "Seismic Coefficients" used to design buildings are established based on a series of tables and figures addressing different site factors, including the soil profile in the upper 100 feet below grade and mapped spectral acceleration parameters based on distance to the controlling seismic source/fault system. Shear wave velocity measurements performed at CPT-4 to a depth of approximately 91 feet, or drilling refusal, resulted in an average shear wave velocity of 717 feet per second (or 219 meters per second). Therefore, we have classified the site as Soil Classification D. The mapped spectral acceleration parameters S<sub>S</sub> and S<sub>1</sub> were calculated using the ASCE 7 web-based program ASCE 7 Hazard Tool, located at <a href="https://asce7hazardtool.online">https://asce7hazardtool.online</a>, 2017-2018, based on the site coordinates presented below and the site classification. The table below lists the various factors used to determine the seismic coefficients and other parameters.



**Table 3: CBC Site Categorization and Site Coefficients** 

Classification/Coefficient	Design Value
Site Class	D
Site Latitude	37.37541°
Site Longitude	-121.96947°
0.2-second Period Mapped Spectral Acceleration <sup>1</sup> , Ss	1.5g
1-second Period Mapped Spectral Acceleration <sup>1</sup> , S <sub>1</sub>	0.6g
Short-Period Site Coefficient – Fa	1.0
Long-Period Site Coefficient – Fv	1.5
0.2-second Period, Maximum Considered Earthquake Spectral Response Acceleration Adjusted for Site Effects - S <sub>MS</sub>	1.5g
1-second Period, Maximum Considered Earthquake Spectral Response Acceleration Adjusted for Site Effects $-S_{\rm M1}$	0.9g
0.2-second Period, Design Earthquake Spectral Response Acceleration – S <sub>DS</sub>	1.0g
1-second Period, Design Earthquake Spectral Response Acceleration – S <sub>D1</sub>	0.6g

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>For Site Class B, 5 percent damped.

#### 7.3 SHALLOW FOUNDATIONS

## 7.3.1 Spread Footings

Provided all undocumented fills within the proposed building are removed and replaced as engineered fill, conventional spread footings can be considered for building support. Spread footings should bear on natural, undisturbed soil or engineered fill, be at least 18 inches wide, and extend at least 30 inches below the lowest adjacent grade. Lowest adjacent grade is defined as the deeper of the following: 1) bottom of the adjacent interior slab-on-grade, or 2) finished exterior grade, excluding landscaping topsoil. The deeper footing embedment is due to the presence of moderately [to highly] expansive soils, and is intended to embed the footing below the zone of significant seasonal moisture fluctuation, reducing the potential for differential movement.

Footings constructed to the above dimensions and in accordance with the "Earthwork" recommendations of this report are capable of supporting maximum allowable bearing pressures of 1,800 psf for dead loads, 2,700 psf for combined dead plus live loads, and 3,600 psf for all loads including wind and seismic. These pressures are based on factors of safety of 3.0, 2.0, and 1.5 applied to the ultimate bearing pressure for dead, dead plus live, and all loads, respectively. These pressures are net values; the weight of the footing may be neglected for the portion of the footing extending below grade (typically, the full footing depth). Top and bottom mats of reinforcing steel should be included in continuous footings to help span irregularities and differential settlement.



## 7.3.2 Footing Settlement

Structural loads were not provided to us at the time this report was prepared; therefore, we assumed the typical loading in the following table.

**Table 4: Assumed Structural Loading** 

Foundation Area	Range of Assumed Loads
Interior Isolated Column Footing	450 to 550 kips
Exterior Isolated Column Footing	200 to 300 kips
Perimeter Strip Footing	4 to 6 kips per lineal foot

Based on the above loading and the allowable bearing pressures presented above, we estimate that the total static footing settlement will be on the order of 1½ inches, with about ¾-inch of post-construction differential settlement between adjacent foundation elements. In addition we estimate that differential seismic movement will be on the order of up to ½-inch between independent foundation elements (provided all undocumented fills are over-excavated and replaced as engineered fill as previously discussed), resulting in total differential settlements of up to 1¼ inches. As our footing loads were assumed, we recommend we be retained to review the final footing layout and loading, and verify the settlement estimates above.

Approximately 1½ inches of the total static settlement discussed above is due to primary consolidation of saturated clay layers. The time to the achieve about 90 to 95 percent of the primary consolidation is anticipated to take several months to a year after all the dead and live loads are in place based on the encountered alluvial conditions. The contractor should take this into consideration when scheduling the construction of sensitive finishes.

## 7.3.3 Lateral Loading

Lateral loads may be resisted by friction between the bottom of footing and the supporting subgrade, and also by passive pressures generated against footing sidewalls. An ultimate frictional resistance of 0.35 applied to the footing dead load, and an ultimate passive pressure based on an equivalent fluid pressure of 450 pcf may be used in design. The structural engineer should apply an appropriate factor of safety (such as 1.5) to the ultimate values above. Where footings are adjacent to landscape areas without hardscape, the upper 12 inches of soil should be neglected when determining passive pressure capacity.

#### 7.3.4 Spread Footing Construction Considerations

Where utility lines will cross perpendicular to strip footings, the footing should be deepened to encase the utility line, providing sleeves or flexible cushions to protect the pipes from anticipated foundation settlement, or the utility lines should be backfilled to the bottom of footing with sand-cement slurry or lean concrete. Where utility lines will parallel footings and will extend below the "foundation plane of influence," an imaginary 1:1 plane projected down from the bottom edge of the footing, either the footing will need to be deepened so that the pipe is above the foundation



plane of influence or the utility trench will need to be backfilled with sand-cement slurry or lean concrete within the influence zone. Sand-cement slurry used within foundation influence zones should have a minimum compressive strength of 75 psi.

Footing excavations should be filled as soon as possible or be kept moist until concrete placement by regular sprinkling to prevent desiccation. A Cornerstone representative should observe all footing excavations prior to placing reinforcing steel and concrete. If there is a significant schedule delay between our initial observation and concrete placement, we may need to re-observe the excavations.

### 7.4 ALTERNATIVE FOUNDATION

If the estimated settlements exceed the structural requirements and provided all undocumented fills within the proposed building are removed and replaced as engineered fill, the building may also potentially be supported on a reinforced concrete mat foundation bearing on natural soil or engineered fill prepared in accordance with the "Earthwork" section of this report, and designed in accordance with the 2016 California Building Code. If this option is desired, we should be provided additional information, including mat foundation contact pressures to provide additional recommendations.

### 7.5 GROUND IMPROVEMENT

As mentioned, deeper fills were encountered at Boring EB-3. Additionally, due to past site history, we anticipate additional areas of fills may be present at the site. If it is determined not feasible to remove and replace these deeper fills as engineered fill, ground improvement could be performed within the location of these fills as a mitigation alternative. As mentioned, if this alternative is desired, we recommend additional exploration be performed to evaluate the lateral limits and depths of these deeper fill areas.

#### SECTION 8: CONCRETE SLABS AND PEDESTRIAN PAVEMENTS

## 8.1 INTERIOR SLABS-ON-GRADE

As the Plasticity Index (PI) of the surficial soils ranges up to 42, the proposed slabs-on-grade should be supported on at least 30 inches of non-expansive fill (NEF) to reduce the potential for slab damage due to soil heave. The NEF layer should be constructed over subgrade prepared in accordance with the recommendations in the "Earthwork" section of this report. If moisture-sensitive floor coverings are planned, the recommendations in the "Interior Slabs Moisture Protection Considerations" section below may be incorporated in the project design if desired. If significant time elapses between initial subgrade preparation and slab-on-grade NEF construction, the subgrade should be proof-rolled to confirm subgrade stability, and if the soil has been allowed to dry out, the subgrade should be re-moisture conditioned to at least 3 percent over the optimum moisture content.

The structural engineer should determine the appropriate slab reinforcement for the loading requirements and considering the expansion potential of the underlying soils. For unreinforced



concrete slabs, ACI 302.1R recommends limiting control joint spacing to 24 to 36 times the slab thickness in each direction, or a maximum of 18 feet.

## 8.2 INTERIOR SLABS MOISTURE PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS

The following general guidelines for concrete slab-on-grade construction where floor coverings are planned are presented for the consideration by the developer, design team, and contractor. These guidelines are based on information obtained from a variety of sources, including the American Concrete Institute (ACI) and are intended to reduce the potential for moisture-related problems causing floor covering failures, and may be supplemented as necessary based on project-specific requirements. The application of these guidelines or not will not affect the geotechnical aspects of the slab-on-grade performance.

Place a minimum 10-mil vapor retarder conforming to ASTM E 1745, Class C requirements or better directly below the concrete slab; the vapor retarder should extend to the slab edges and be sealed at all seams and penetrations in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and ASTM E 1643 requirements. A 4-inch-thick capillary break, consisting of crushed rock should be placed below the vapor retarder and consolidated in place with vibratory equipment. The mineral aggregate shall be of such size that the percentage composition by dry weight as determined by laboratory sieves will conform to the following gradation:

Sieve Size	Percentage Passing Sieve
1" 100	
3/4"	90 – 100
No. 4	0 - 10

The capillary break rock may be considered as the upper 4 inches of the non-expansive fill previously recommended.

- The concrete water:cement ratio should be 0.45 or less. Mid-range plasticizers may be used to increase concrete workability and facilitate pumping and placement.
- Water should not be added after initial batching unless the slump is less than specified and/or the resulting water:cement ratio will not exceed 0.45.
- Polishing the concrete surface with metal trowels is not recommended.
- Where floor coverings are planned, all concrete surfaces should be properly cured.
- Water vapor emission levels and concrete pH should be determined in accordance with ASTM F1869-98 and F710-98 requirements and evaluated against the floor covering manufacturer's requirements prior to installation.



#### 8.3 EXTERIOR FLATWORK

Exterior slabs-on-grade, such as pedestrian walkways, patios, driveways, and sidewalks, may experience seasonal movement due to the native expansive soils; therefore, some cracking or vertical movement of conventional slabs should be anticipated where imported fill is not planned in flatwork areas. There are several alternatives for mitigating the impacts of expansive soils beneath concrete flatwork. We are providing recommendations to reduce distress to concrete flatwork that includes moisture conditioning the subgrade soils, using non-expansive fill, and providing adequate construction and control joints to control cracks that do occur. It should be noted that minor slab movement or localized cracking and/or distress could still occur.

- The minimum recommendation for concrete flatwork constructed on highly to very highly expansive soils is to properly prepare the clayey soils prior to placing concrete. This is typically achieved by scarifying, moisture conditioning, and re-compacting the subgrade soil. Subgrade soil should be moisture conditioned to at least 3 percent over the laboratory optimum and compacted using moderate compaction effort to a relative compaction of 87 to 92 percent (ASTM Test Method D1557). Since the near surface soils may have been previously compacted and tested, the subgrade soils could possibly be moisture conditioned by gradually wetting the soil, depending on the time of year slab construction occurs. This should not include flooding or excessively watering the soil, which would likely result in a soft, unstable subgrade condition, and possible delays in the construction while waiting for the soil to dry out. In general, the subgrade should be relatively firm and non-yielding prior to construction.
- Concrete flatwork, excluding pavements that would be subject to wheel loads, should be at least 4 inches thick and underlain by at least 15 inches of non-expansive fill. Non-expansive fill may include aggregate base, crushed rock, or imported soil with a PI of 15 or less. Non-expansive fill should be compacted to at least 90 percent relative compaction. Flatwork that will be subject to heavier or frequent vehicular loading should be designed in accordance with the recommendations in the "Vehicular Pavements" section below.
- We recommend a maximum control joint spacing of about 2 feet in each direction for each inch of concrete thickness and a construction joint spacing of 10 to 12 feet. Construction joints that abut the foundations or garage slabs should include a felt strip, or approved equivalent, that extends the full depth of the exterior slab. This will help to reduce the potential for permanent vertical offset between the slabs due to friction between the concrete edges. We recommend that exterior slabs be isolated from adjacent foundations.

At the owner's option, if desired to reduce the potential for vertical offset or widening of concrete cracks, consideration should be given to using reinforcing steel, such as No. 3 rebar spaced at 18 inches on center each direction.



#### **SECTION 9: VEHICULAR PAVEMENTS**

#### 9.1 ASPHALT CONCRETE

The following asphalt concrete pavement recommendations tabulated below are based on the Procedure 608 of the Caltrans Highway Design Manual, estimated traffic indices for various pavement-loading conditions, and on a design R-value of 5. The design R-value was chosen based on engineering judgment considering the variable surface conditions.

Table 5: Asphalt Concrete Pavement Recommendations, Design R-value = 5

Design Traffic Index (TI)	Asphalt Concrete (inches)	Class 2 Aggregate Base* (inches)	Total Pavement Section Thickness (inches)
4.0	2.5	7.5	10.0
4.5	2.5	9.5	12.0
5.0	3.0	10.0	13.0
5.5	3.0	12.0	15.0
6.0	3.5	12.5	16.0
6.5	4.0	14.0	18.0

<sup>\*</sup>Caltrans Class 2 aggregate base; minimum R-value of 78

Frequently, the full asphalt concrete section is not constructed prior to construction traffic loading. This can result in significant loss of asphalt concrete layer life, rutting, or other pavement failures. To improve the pavement life and reduce the potential for pavement distress through construction, we recommend the full design asphalt concrete section be constructed prior to construction traffic loading. Alternatively, a higher traffic index may be chosen for the areas where construction traffic will be use the pavements.

Asphalt concrete pavements constructed on expansive subgrade where the adjacent areas will not be irrigated for several months after the pavements are constructed may experience longitudinal cracking parallel to the pavement edge. These cracks typically form within a few feet of the pavement edge and are due to seasonal wetting and drying of the adjacent soil. The cracking may also occur during construction where the adjacent grade is allowed to significantly dry during the summer, pulling moisture out of the pavement subgrade. Any cracks that form should be sealed with bituminous sealant prior to the start of winter rains. One alternative to reduce the potential for this type of cracking is to install a moisture barrier at least 24 inches deep behind the pavement curb.

## 9.2 PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE

The exterior Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement recommendations tabulated below are based on methods presented in the Portland Cement Association (PCA) design manual (PCA, 1984). Recommendations for garage slabs-on-grade were provided in the "Concrete Slabs and



Pedestrian Pavements" section above. We have provided a few pavement alternatives as an anticipated Average Daily Truck Traffic (ADTT) was not provided. An allowable ADTT should be chosen that is greater than what is expected for the development.

Table 6: PCC Pavement Recommendations, Design R-value = 5

Allowable ADTT	Minimum PCC Thickness (inches)
13	5½
130	6

The PCC thicknesses above are based on a concrete compressive strength of at least 3,500 psi, supporting the PCC on at least \_\_ inches of Class 2 aggregate base compacted as recommended in the "Earthwork" section, and laterally restraining the PCC with curbs or concrete shoulders. Adequate expansion and control joints should be included. Consideration should be given to limiting the control joint spacing to a maximum of about 2 feet in each direction for each inch of concrete thickness. [Due to the expansive surficial soils present, we recommend that the construction and expansion joints be dowelled.]

#### 9.2.1 Stress Pads for Trash Enclosures

Pads where trash containers will be stored, and where garbage trucks will park while emptying trash containers, should be constructed on Portland Cement Concrete. We recommend that the trash enclosure pads and stress (landing) pads where garbage trucks will store, pick up, and empty trash be increased to a minimum PCC thickness of 7 inches. The compressive strength, underlayment, and construction details should be consistent with the above recommendations for PCC pavements.

#### 9.3 PAVEMENT CUTOFF

Surface water penetration into the pavement section can significantly reduce the pavement life, due to the native expansive clays. While quantifying the life reduction is difficult, a normal 20-year pavement design could be reduce to less than 10 years; therefore, increased long-term maintenance may be required.

It would be beneficial to include a pavement cut-off, such as deepened curbs, redwood-headers, or "Deep-Root Moisture Barriers" that are keyed at least 4 inches into the pavement subgrade. This will help limit the additional long-term maintenance.



## **SECTION 10: RETAINING WALLS**

#### 10.1 STATIC LATERAL EARTH PRESSURES

The structural design of any site retaining wall should include resistance to lateral earth pressures that develop from the soil behind the wall, any undrained water pressure, and surcharge loads acting behind the wall. Provided a drainage system is constructed behind the wall to prevent the build-up of hydrostatic pressures as discussed in the section below, we recommend that the walls with level backfill be designed for the following pressures:

**Table 7: Recommended Lateral Earth Pressures** 

Wall Condition	Lateral Earth Pressure*	Additional Surcharge Loads
Unrestrained – Cantilever Wall	45 pcf	⅓ of vertical loads at top of wall
Restrained – Braced Wall	45 pcf + 8H** psf	½ of vertical loads at top of wall

<sup>\*</sup> Lateral earth pressures are based on an equivalent fluid pressure for level backfill conditions

If adequate drainage cannot be provided behind the wall, an additional equivalent fluid pressure of 40 pcf should be added to the values above for both restrained and unrestrained walls for the portion of the wall that will not have drainage. Damp proofing or waterproofing of the walls may be considered where moisture penetration and/or efflorescence are not desired.

# 10.2 SEISMIC LATERAL EARTH PRESSURES

### **10.2.1 Site Walls**

The 2016 CBC states that lateral pressures from earthquakes should be considered in the design of basements and retaining walls. At this time, we are not aware of any retaining walls for the project. However, minor landscaping walls (i.e. walls 6 feet or less in height) may be proposed. In our opinion, design of these walls for seismic lateral earth pressures in addition to static earth pressures is not warranted.

## 10.3 WALL DRAINAGE

### 10.3.1 At-Grade Site Walls

Adequate drainage should be provided by a subdrain system behind all walls. This system should consist of a 4-inch minimum diameter perforated pipe placed near the base of the wall (perforations placed downward). The pipe should be bedded and backfilled with Class 2 Permeable Material per Caltrans Standard Specifications, latest edition. The permeable backfill should extend at least 12 inches out from the wall and to within 2 feet of outside finished grade. Alternatively, ½-inch to ¾-inch crushed rock may be used in place of the Class 2 Permeable Material provided the crushed rock and pipe are enclosed in filter fabric, such as Mirafi 140N or

<sup>\*\*</sup> H is the distance in feet between the bottom of footing and top of retained soil



approved equivalent. The upper 2 feet of wall backfill should consist of compacted on-site soil. The subdrain outlet should be connected to a free-draining outlet or sump.

Miradrain, Geotech Drainage Panels, or equivalent drainage matting can be used for wall drainage as an alternative to the Class 2 Permeable Material or drain rock backfill. Horizontal strip drains connecting to the vertical drainage matting may be used in lieu of the perforated pipe and crushed rock section. The vertical drainage panel should be connected to the perforated pipe or horizontal drainage strip at the base of the wall, or to some other closed or through-wall system such as the TotalDrain system from AmerDrain. Sections of horizontal drainage strips should be connected with either the manufacturer's connector pieces or by pulling back the filter fabric, overlapping the panel dimples, and replacing the filter fabric over the connection. At corners, a corner guard, corner connection insert, or a section of crushed rock covered with filter fabric must be used to maintain the drainage path.

Drainage panels should terminate 18 to 24 inches from final exterior grade. The Miradrain panel filter fabric should be extended over the top of and behind the panel to protect it from intrusion of the adjacent soil.

#### 10.4 BACKFILL

Where surface improvements will be located over the retaining wall backfill, backfill placed behind the walls should be compacted to at least 95 percent relative compaction using light compaction equipment. Where no surface improvements are planned, backfill should be compacted to at least 90 percent. If heavy compaction equipment is used, the walls should be temporarily braced.

### 10.5 FOUNDATIONS

Retaining walls may be supported on a continuous spread footing designed in accordance with the recommendations presented in the "Foundations" section of this report.

# **SECTION 11: LIMITATIONS**

This report, an instrument of professional service, has been prepared for the sole use of CoreSite specifically to support the design of the 2905-2909 Stender Way Data Center project in Sant Clara, California. The opinions, conclusions, and recommendations presented in this report have been formulated in accordance with accepted geotechnical engineering practices that exist in Northern California at the time this report was prepared. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made or should be inferred.

Recommendations in this report are based upon the soil and groundwater conditions encountered during our subsurface exploration. If variations or unsuitable conditions are encountered during construction, Cornerstone must be contacted to provide supplemental recommendations, as needed.



CoreSite may have provided Cornerstone with plans, reports and other documents prepared by others. CoreSite understands that Cornerstone reviewed and relied on the information presented in these documents and cannot be responsible for their accuracy.

Cornerstone prepared this report with the understanding that it is the responsibility of the owner or his representatives to see that the recommendations contained in this report are presented to other members of the design team and incorporated into the project plans and specifications, and that appropriate actions are taken to implement the geotechnical recommendations during construction.

Conclusions and recommendations presented in this report are valid as of the present time for the development as currently planned. Changes in the condition of the property or adjacent properties may occur with the passage of time, whether by natural processes or the acts of other persons. In addition, changes in applicable or appropriate standards may occur through legislation or the broadening of knowledge. Therefore, the conclusions and recommendations presented in this report may be invalidated, wholly or in part, by changes beyond Cornerstone's control. This report should be reviewed by Cornerstone after a period of three (3) years has elapsed from the date of this report. In addition, if the current project design is changed, then Cornerstone must review the proposed changes and provide supplemental recommendations, as needed.

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Recommendations provided in this report are based on the assumption that Cornerstone will be retained to provide observation and testing services during construction to confirm that conditions are similar to that assumed for design, and to form an opinion as to whether the work has been performed in accordance with the project plans and specifications. If we are not retained for these services, Cornerstone cannot assume any responsibility for any potential claims that may arise during or after construction as a result of misuse or misinterpretation of Cornerstone's report by others. Furthermore, Cornerstone will cease to be the Geotechnical-Engineer-of-Record if we are not retained for these services.

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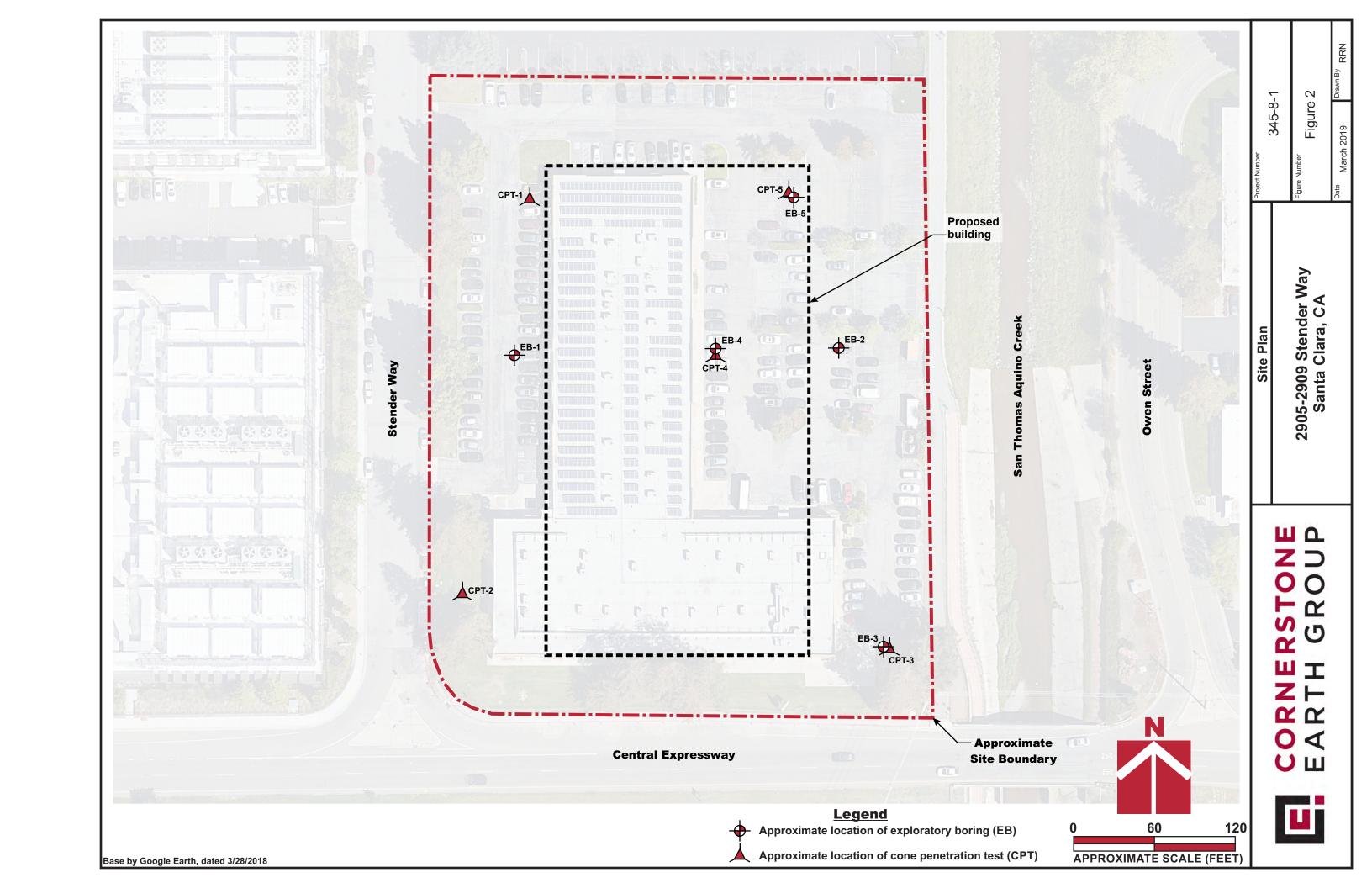
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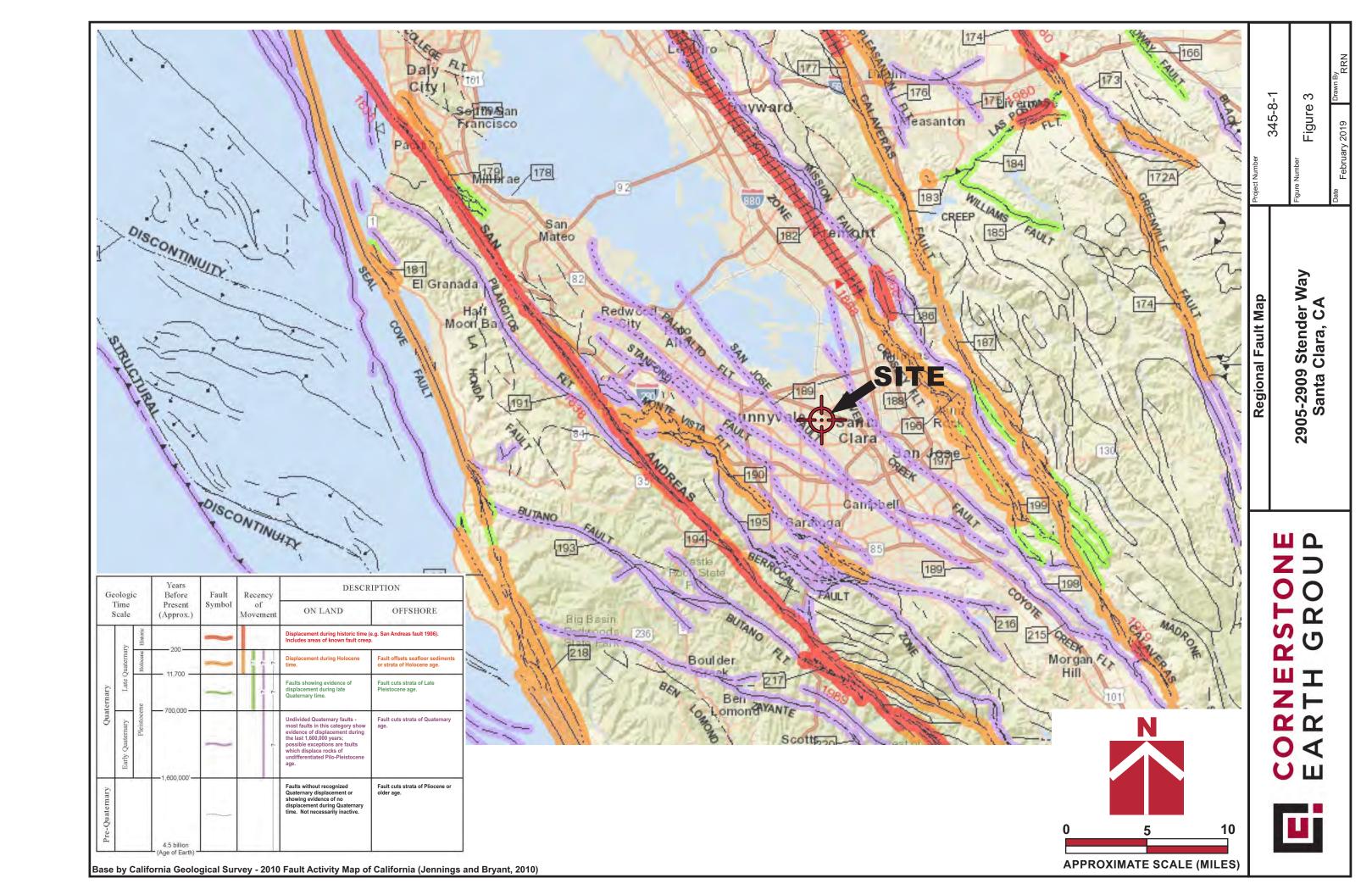




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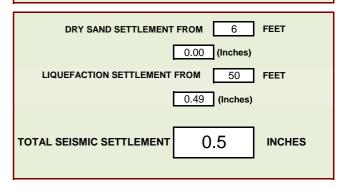
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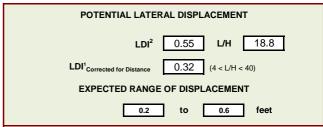
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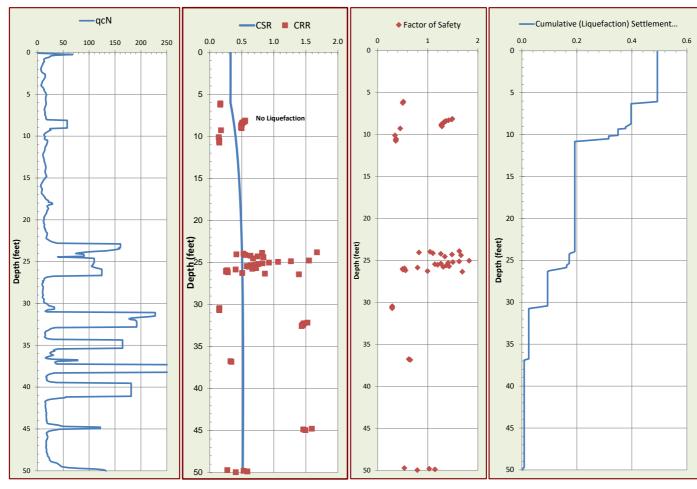




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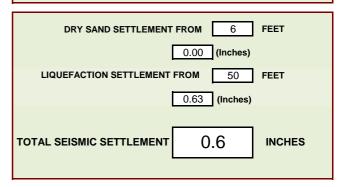
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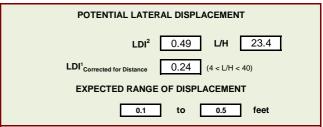
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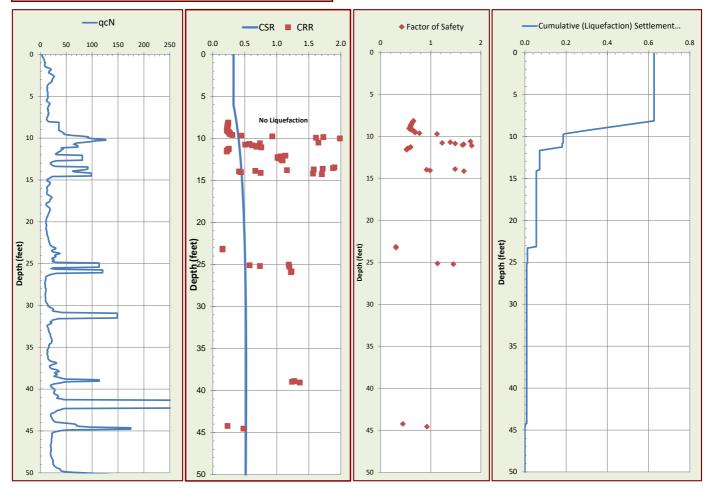




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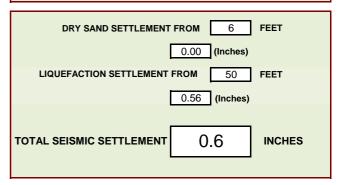
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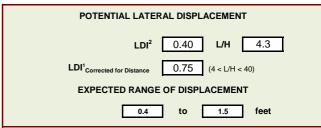
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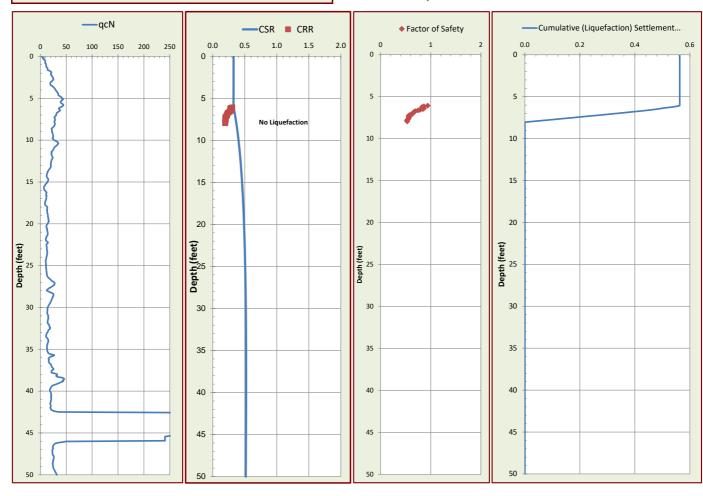




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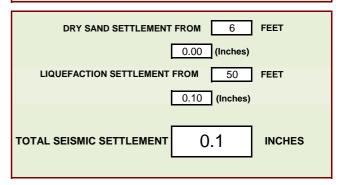
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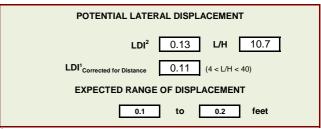
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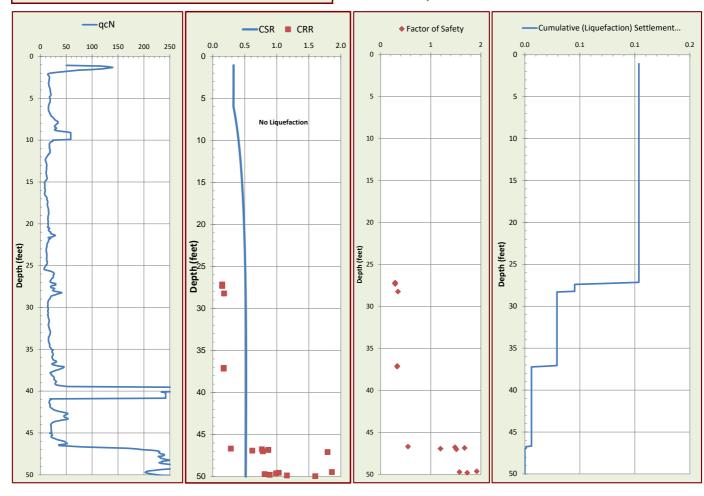




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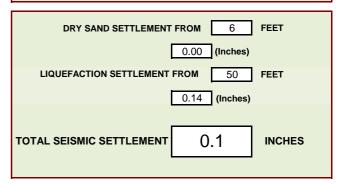
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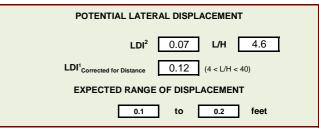
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PGA (Amax) <b>0.5</b> (g)

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Design Water Depth (feet)	6
Ave. Unit Weight Above GW (pcf)	125
Ave. Unit Weight Below GW (pcf)	120

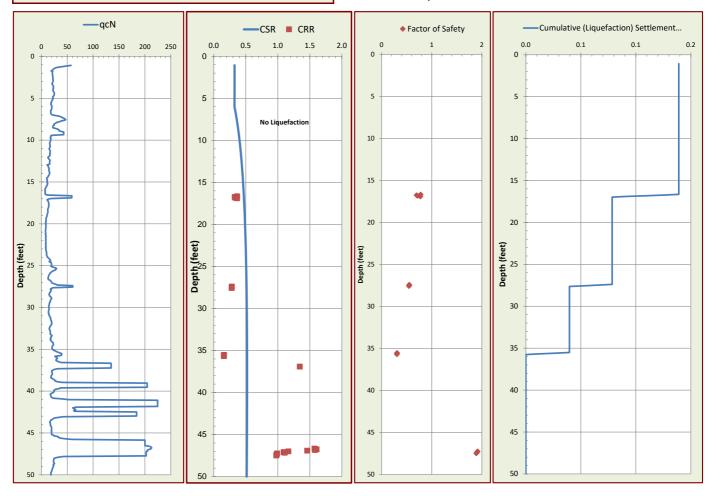
#### **CPT ANALYSIS RESULTS**





<sup>1</sup>Not Valid for L/H Values < 4 and > 40.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>LDI Values Only Summed to 2H Below Grade.





#### **APPENDIX A: FIELD INVESTIGATION**

The field investigation consisted of a surface reconnaissance and a subsurface exploration program using truck-mounted, hollow-stem and track-mounted, limited-access auger drilling equipment and 20-ton track-mounted Cone Penetration Test equipment. Four 8-inch-diameter exploratory borings were drilled on February 14 and 15, 2019 to depths of 35 to 65 feet and one 6½-inch-diameter exploratory boring was drilled on February 13, 2019 to a depth of 30 feet. Five CPT soundings were also performed in accordance with ASTM D 5778-95 (revised, 2002) on February 11, 2019, to depths ranging from approximately 50 to 91 feet. The approximate locations of exploratory borings and CPTs are shown on the Site Plan, Figure 2. The soils encountered were continuously logged in the field by our representative and described in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (ASTM D2488). Boring logs, as well as a key to the classification of the soil and bedrock, are included as part of this appendix.

Boring and CPT locations were approximated using existing site boundaries, a hand held GPS unit, and other site features as references. Boring and CPT elevations were not determined. The locations of the borings and CPTs should be considered accurate only to the degree implied by the method used.

Representative soil samples were obtained from the borings at selected depths. All samples were returned to our laboratory for evaluation and appropriate testing. The standard penetration resistance blow counts were obtained by dropping a 140-pound hammer through a 30-inch free fall. The 2-inch O.D. split-spoon sampler was driven 18 inches and the number of blows was recorded for each 6 inches of penetration (ASTM D1586). 2.5-inch I.D. samples were obtained using a Modified California Sampler driven into the soil with the 140-pound hammer previously described. Relatively undisturbed samples were also obtained with 2.875-inch I.D. Shelby Tube sampler which were hydraulically pushed. Unless otherwise indicated, the blows per foot recorded on the boring log represent the accumulated number of blows required to drive the last 12 inches. The various samplers are denoted at the appropriate depth on the boring logs.

The CPT involved advancing an instrumented cone-tipped probe into the ground while simultaneously recording the resistance at the cone tip  $(q_c)$  and along the friction sleeve  $(f_s)$  at approximately 5-centimeter intervals. Based on the tip resistance and tip to sleeve ratio  $(R_f)$ , the CPT classified the soil behavior type and estimated engineering properties of the soil, such as equivalent Standard Penetration Test (SPT) blow count, internal friction angle within sand layers, and undrained shear strength in silts and clays. A pressure transducer behind the tip of the CPT cone measured pore water pressure  $(u_2)$ . Graphical logs of the CPT data is included as part of this appendix.

Field tests included an evaluation of the unconfined compressive strength of the soil samples using a pocket penetrometer device. The results of these tests are presented on the individual boring logs at the appropriate sample depths.

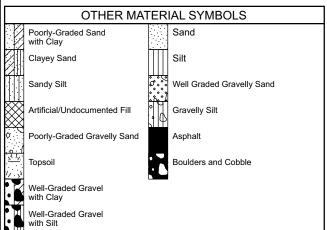
Attached boring and CPT logs and related information depict subsurface conditions at the locations indicated and on the date designated on the logs. Subsurface conditions at other locations may differ from conditions occurring at these boring and CPT locations. The passage



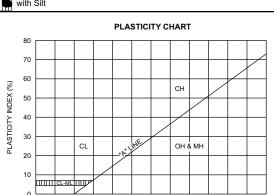
of time may result in altered subsurface conditions due to environmental changes. In addition, any stratification lines on the logs represent the approximate boundary between soil types and the transition may be gradual.

#### **UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION (ASTM D-2487-98) MATERIAL GROUP** CRITERIA FOR ASSIGNING SOIL GROUP NAMES SOIL GROUP NAMES & LEGEND **TYPES** SYMBOL Cu>4 AND 1<Cc<3 GW WELL-GRADED GRAVEL **GRAVELS CLEAN GRAVELS** <5% FINES POORLY-GRADED GRAVEL Cu>4 AND 1>Cc>3 GP COARSE-GRAINED SOILS >50% RETAINED ON NO. 200 SIEVE >50% OF COARSE FRACTION RETAINED FINES CLASSIFY AS ML OR CL GM SILTY GRAVEL ON NO 4 SIEVE **GRAVELS WITH FINES** >12% FINES FINES CLASSIFY AS CL OR CH GC **CLAYEY GRAVEL** SANDS Cu>6 AND 1<Cc<3 SW WELL-GRADED SAND **CLEAN SANDS** <5% FINES Cu>6 AND 1>Cc>3 SP POORLY-GRADED SAND >50% OF COARSE FRACTION PASSES FINES CLASSIFY AS ML OR CL SM SILTY SAND SANDS AND FINES ON NO 4. SIEVE >12% FINES FINES CLASSIFY AS CL OR CH SC CLAYEY SAND PI>7 AND PLOTS>"A" LINE CL LEAN CLAY SILTS AND CLAYS FINE-GRAINED SOILS >50% PASSES NO. 200 SIEVE **INORGANIC** PI>4 AND PLOTS<"A" LINE ML SILT LIQUID LIMIT<50 **ORGANIC** LL (oven dried)/LL (not dried)<0.75 OL ORGANIC CLAY OR SILT SILTS AND CLAYS PLPLOTS >"A" LINE CH **FAT CLAY INORGANIC** PI PLOTS <"A" LINE MH **ELASTIC SILT** LIQUID LIMIT>50 **ORGANIC** ORGANIC CLAY OR SILT LL (oven dried)/LL (not dried)<0.75 OH

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#### SAMPLER TYPES

Modified California (2.5" I.D.)

PEAT

Shelby Tube

No Recovery

Grab Sample

#### **ADDITIONAL TESTS**

Rock Core

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POCKET PENETROMETER (TSF)

(3.0)(WITH SHEAR STRENGTH IN KSF)

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UNCONSOLIDATED UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL

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VERY LOOSE	0 - 4	VERY SOFT	0 - 2	0 - 0.25
LOOSE	4 - 10	SOFT	2 - 4	0.25 - 0.5
MEDIUM DENSE	10 - 30	MEDIUM STIFF	4 - 8	0.5 - 1.0
DENSE	30 - 50	STIFF	8 - 15	1.0 - 2.0
VERY DENSE	OVER 50	VERY STIFF	15 - 30	2.0 - 4.0
		HARD	OVER 30	OVER 4.0

NUMBER OF BLOWS OF 140 LB HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES TO DRIVE A 2 INCH O.D. (1-3/8 INCH I.D.) SPLIT-BARREL SAMPLER THE LAST 12 INCHES OF AN 18-INCH DRIVE (ASTM-1586 STANDARD PENETRATION TEST).

9\*\* UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH IN KIPS/SQ.OFT. AS DETERMINED BY LABORATORY TESTING OR APPROXIMATED BY THE STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, POCKET PENETROMETER, TORVANE, OR VISUAL OBSERVATION.



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> **LEGEND TO SOIL DESCRIPTIONS**

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PROJECT NUMBER 345-8-1 PROJECT LOCATION Santa Clara, CA GROUND ELEVATION \_\_\_\_\_ BORING DEPTH 40 ft. DATE STARTED 2/15/19 DATE COMPLETED 2/15/19 DRILLING CONTRACTOR Exploration Geoservices, Inc. **LATITUDE** <u>37.375446°</u> **LONGITUDE** \_-121.969926° DRILLING METHOD Mobile B-53, 8 inch Hollow-Stem Auger **GROUNDWATER LEVELS:**  $\sqrt{2}$  AT TIME OF DRILLING 13.5 ft. LOGGED BY JLC **TAT END OF DRILLING** 10 ft. **NOTES** This log is a part of a report by Cornerstone Earth Group, and should not be used as a stand-alone document. This description applies only to the location of the exploration at the time of drilling. Subsurface conditions may differ at other locations and may change at this location with time. The description presented is a simplification of actual conditions encountered. Transitions between soil types may be gradual. UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, N-Value (uncorrected) blows per foot PASSING SIEVE NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT SAMPLES TYPE AND NUMBER DRY UNIT WEIGHT PCF PLASTICITY INDEX ELEVATION (ft) HAND PENETROMETER DEPTH (ft) △ TORVANE PERCENT P No. 200 UNCONFINED COMPRESSION ▲ UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 **DESCRIPTION** 4 inches asphalt concrete over 8 inches aggregate base Fat Clay (CH) 42  $\bigcirc$ MC-1B 103 24 19 very stiff to stiff, moist, dark brown, trace fine sand, high plasticity Liquid Limit = 58, Plastic Limit = 16 Φ 17 MC-2B 92 29 Lean Clay with Sand (CL) very stiff, moist, gray with light olive brown  $\bigcirc$ 35 MC-3B 109 21 mottles, fine to medium sand, moderate plasticity Sandy Lean Clay (CL) very stiff, moist, gray and light olive brown 0 23 mottled, fine to coarse sand, some MC-4B 114 17 subrounded to subangular gravel, low plasticity Poorly Graded Sand (SP) medium dense to very dense, wet, gray, fine to coarse sand, some fine to coarse subrounded to subangular gravel 31 MC-5B 124 13 5 15 57 SPT Lean Clay with Sand (CL) C29 MC-7B 104 23 stiff, moist, brown, fine sand, low plasticity 20 Lean Clay (CL) stiff, moist, gray, trace fine sand, moderate plasticity 21 МС 0 Continued Next Page

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PROJECT NUMBER 345-8-1 PROJECT LOCATION Santa Clara, CA DATE STARTED 2/14/19 DATE COMPLETED 2/14/19 BORING DEPTH 35 ft. GROUND ELEVATION DRILLING CONTRACTOR Exploration Geoservices, Inc. **LATITUDE** <u>37.375466°</u> **LONGITUDE** \_-121.969090° DRILLING METHOD Mobile B-53, 8 inch Hollow-Stem Auger **GROUNDWATER LEVELS:**  $\sqrt{2}$  AT TIME OF DRILLING 13 ft. LOGGED BY BCG **T** AT END OF DRILLING 21 ft. **NOTES** This log is a part of a report by Cornerstone Earth Group, and should not be used as a stand-alone document. This description applies only to the location of the exploration at the time of drilling, Subsurface conditions may differ at other locations and may change at this location with time. The description presented is a simplification of actual conditions encountered. Transitions between soil types may be gradual: UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, N-Value (uncorrected) blows per foot NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT PASSING SIEVE SAMPLES TYPE AND NUMBER DRY UNIT WEIGHT PCF PLASTICITY INDEX ELEVATION (ft) HAND PENETROMETER DEPTH (ft) △ TORVANE PERCENT P No. 200 UNCONFINED COMPRESSION ▲ UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 **DESCRIPTION** 3 inches asphalt concrete over 3 inches aggregate base Fat Clay (CH) >4.5 MC-1B 101 23 41 hard, moist, dark brown, trace fine sand, high plasticity MC-2B 105 22 Sandy Lean Clay (CL) hard, moist, gray and light olive brown 47 MC-3C 107 18 mottled, fine to coarse sand, some subrounded to subangular gravel, low 50 6" plasticity 45 MC-5C 108 20 Lean Clay with Sand (CL) 10 very stiff, moist, gray with brown mottles, fine 30 MC-6C 102 22 0 to medium sand, moderate plasticity 31 MC-7B 105 24 15 Lean Clay (CL) stiff, moist, gray, trace fine sand, moderate plasticity Φ 25 MC-8B 92 31 20 becomes very stiff 39 МС  $\bigcirc$ Continued Next Page

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		Lean Clay with Sand (CL) very stiff, moist, gray with brown mottles, fine to medium sand, moderate plasticity	31	мс-	.11В 107	23										
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PROJECT NUMBER 345-8-1 PROJECT LOCATION Santa Clara, CA DATE STARTED 2/13/19 DATE COMPLETED 2/13/19 BORING DEPTH 30 ft. GROUND ELEVATION **LONGITUDE** \_-121.968986° **DRILLING CONTRACTOR** Cuesta Geo **LATITUDE** <u>37.374859°</u> DRILLING METHOD MPP Track Rig, 6½ inch Hollow-Stem Auger **GROUNDWATER LEVELS:**  $\sqrt{2}$  AT TIME OF DRILLING 18.5 ft. LOGGED BY JLC **TAT END OF DRILLING** 18.5 ft. **NOTES** This log is a part of a report by Cornerstone Earth Group, and should not be used as a stand-alone document. This description applies only to the location of the exploration at the time of drilling, Subsurface conditions may differ at other locations and may change at this location with time. The description presented is a simplification of actual conditions encountered. Transitions between soil types may be gradual: UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, N-Value (uncorrected) blows per foot NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT PASSING SAMPLES TYPE AND NUMBER DRY UNIT WEIGHT PCF PLASTICITY INDEX ELEVATION (ft) HAND PENETROMETER DEPTH (ft) △ TORVANE PERCENT P No. 200 UNCONFINED COMPRESSION ▲ UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 **DESCRIPTION** 0 Well Graded Gravel with Sand (GW) [Fill] loose, moist, gray, fine to coarse subangular to subrounded gravel, fine to coarse sand 7 MC-1B 86 4 MC-2B 4 8 5 МС 5 MC-4 4 Lean Clay with Sand (CL) very stiff, moist, gray with light olive brown 13 SPT-5 15  $\bigcirc$ mottles, fine to medium sand, moderate plasticity 10 22 MC-6C 106 20 Lean Clay with Sand (CL) stiff, moist, brown, fine sand, low plasticity 15 0 ST 9 МС Lean Clay (CL) stiff, moist, gray, trace fine sand, moderate 20 plasticity 9 MC-9B 100 26 Φ Continued Next Page

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PROJECT NUMBER 345-8-1 PROJECT LOCATION Santa Clara, CA DATE STARTED 2/14/19 DATE COMPLETED 2/14/19 GROUND ELEVATION \_\_\_\_ BORING DEPTH 65 ft. **LONGITUDE** \_-121.969407° **DRILLING CONTRACTOR** Exploration Geoservices, Inc. **LATITUDE** <u>37.375466°</u> DRILLING METHOD Mobile B-53, 8 inch Hollow-Stem Auger **GROUNDWATER LEVELS:**  $\sqrt{2}$  AT TIME OF DRILLING 14 ft. LOGGED BY BCG **TAT END OF DRILLING** 12 ft. **NOTES** This log is a part of a report by Cornerstone Earth Group, and should not be used as a stand-alone document. This description applies only to the location of the exploration at the time of drilling. Subsurface conditions may differ at other locations and may change at this location with time. The description presented is a simplification of actual conditions encountered. Transitions between soil types may be gradual. UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, r PASSING SIEVE N-Value (uncorrected) blows per foot NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT SAMPLES TYPE AND NUMBER DRY UNIT WEIGHT PCF PLASTICITY INDEX ELEVATION (ft) HAND PENETROMETER DEPTH (ft) △ TORVANE PERCENT P No. 200 UNCONFINED COMPRESSION ▲ UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 **DESCRIPTION** 4 inches asphalt concrete over 4 inches aggregate base Fat Clay (CH)  $\bigcirc$ 47 89 26 MC-1A very stiff, moist, dark brown, trace fine sand, high plasticity 0 36 MC-2C 102 23 Lean Clay with Sand (CL) very stiff, moist, gray with light olive brown 37 MC-3C 107 22 mottles, fine to medium sand, moderate plasticity 37 MC-4C 111 18 Sandy Lean Clay (CL) very stiff, moist, gray and light olive brown 33 MC-5C 116 17  $\bigcirc$ mottled, fine to coarse sand, some subrounded to subangular gravel, low 10 21 MC-6B 105 21 plasticity Lean Clay with Sand (CL) stiff, moist, gray with brown mottles, fine to medium sand, moderate plasticity 0 17 MC-7B 95 28 15 Lean Clay (CL) stiff, moist, gray, trace fine sand, moderate plasticity 20 МС 0 20 18 SPT-9 26 Φ Continued Next Page

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40-		Lean Clay (CL) very stiff, moist, gray, trace fine sand, moderate plasticity	40	MC-12B	109	21				0		
- - 45 - -		Lean Clay with Sand (CL) very stiff, moist, gray with brown mottles, fine to medium sand, moderate plasticity	60	MC-13B	106	22					0	
- 50 - -		Poorly Graded Sand with Silt (SP-SM) very dense, wet, gray, fine to coarse sand, some fine to coarse subrounded to subangular gravel	<u>50</u> 6"	MC-14	126	13						
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PROJECT NUMBER 345-8-1 PROJECT LOCATION Santa Clara, CA GROUND ELEVATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE STARTED 2/15/19 DATE COMPLETED 2/15/19 BORING DEPTH 45 ft. **LATITUDE** 37.375771° **LONGITUDE** \_-121.969207° DRILLING CONTRACTOR Exploration Geoservices, Inc. DRILLING METHOD Mobile B-53, 8 inch Hollow-Stem Auger **GROUNDWATER LEVELS:**  $\sqrt{2}$  AT TIME OF DRILLING 18 ft. LOGGED BY JLC **TAT END OF DRILLING** 15 ft. **NOTES** This log is a part of a report by Cornerstone Earth Group, and should not be used as a stand-alone document. This description applies only to the location of the exploration at the time of drilling, Subsurface conditions may differ at other locations and may change at this location with time. The description presented is a simplification of actual conditions encountered. Transitions between soil types may be gradual: UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, N-Value (uncorrected) blows per foot PASSING NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT SAMPLES TYPE AND NUMBER DRY UNIT WEIGHT PCF PLASTICITY INDEX ELEVATION (ft) ○ HAND PENETROMETER DEPTH (ft) △ TORVANE PERCENT P No. 200 UNCONFINED COMPRESSION ▲ UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL **DESCRIPTION** 4 inches asphalt concrete Fat Clay (CH) very stiff, moist, dark brown, trace fine sand,  $\bigcirc$ 39 MC-1B corr high plasticity Lean Clay with Sand (CL) very stiff, moist, gray with light olive brown MC-2B 0 102 22 mottles, fine to medium sand, moderate plasticity 49 МС 0 Sandy Lean Clay (CL) 45 MC-4B 107 21 0 very stiff, moist, gray and light olive brown mottled, fine to coarse sand, some Φ 41 MC-5B 108 20 subrounded to subangular gravel, low plasticity Lean Clay with Sand (CL) 10 МС 27 very stiff, moist, gray with brown mottles, fine to medium sand, moderate plasticity 0 MC-7B 108 21 38 МС Φ 46 MC-9B 95 28 Lean Clay (CL) 20 stiff, moist, gray, trace fine sand, moderate plasticity 0 ST-10 86 37 Continued Next Page

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PROJECT LOCATION Santa Clara, CA This log is a part of a report by Cornerstone Earth Group, and should not be used as UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, Inis log is a part of a report by comersione earth Gloup, and should not be used as a stand-alone document. This description applies only to the location of the exploration at the time of drilling. Subsurface conditions may differ at other locations and may change at this location with time. The description presented is a simplification of actual conditions encountered. Transitions between soil types may be gradual. NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENI N-Value (uncorrected blows per foot SAMPLES TYPE AND NUMBER DRY UNIT WEIGHT PCF PLASTICITY INDEX O HAND PENETROMETER ELEVATION (ft) DEPTH (ft) △ TORVANE PERCENT No. 200 UNCONFINED COMPRESSION ▲ UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL **DESCRIPTION** 3.0 Lean Clay with Sand (CL) very stiff, moist, gray with brown mottles, fine sand, low plasticity 42 97 26 MC-11E 30 C65 MC. 35 CORNERSTONE EARTH GROUP2 - CORNERSTONE 0812.GDT - 3/8/19 11:06 - P:\DRAFTING\GINT FILES\345-8-1 2905 STENDER WY.GPJ becomes stiff  $\bigcirc$ 50 NP MC-13B 113 18 Silty Sand (SM) 40 medium dense, moist, gray and brown, fine to medium sand NP = non-plastic 0 26 MC-14B 107 24 Lean Clay with Sand (CL) 45 stiff, moist, gray with brown mottles, fine sand, low plasticity Bottom of Boring at 45.0 feet. 50 55

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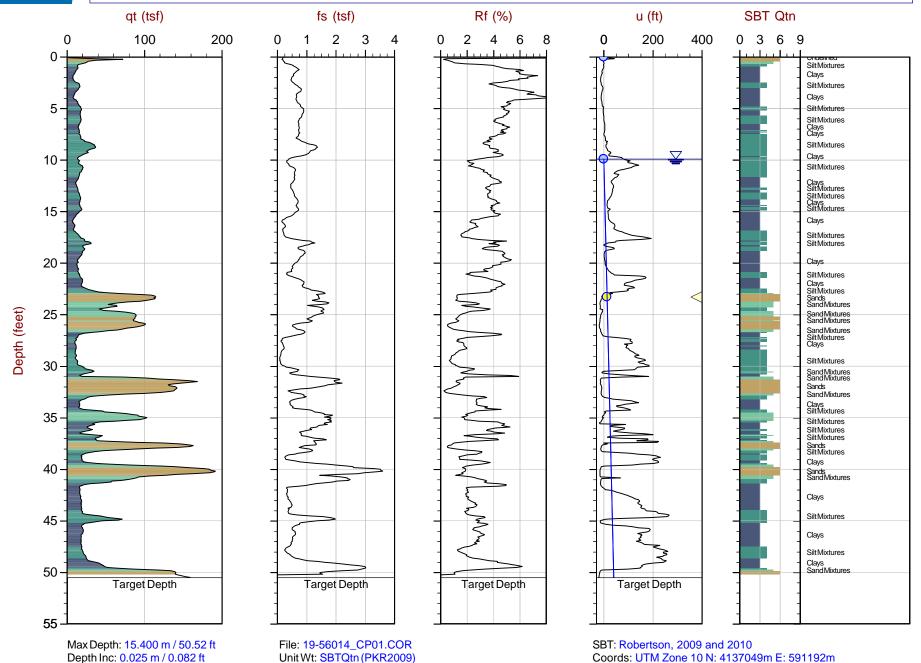
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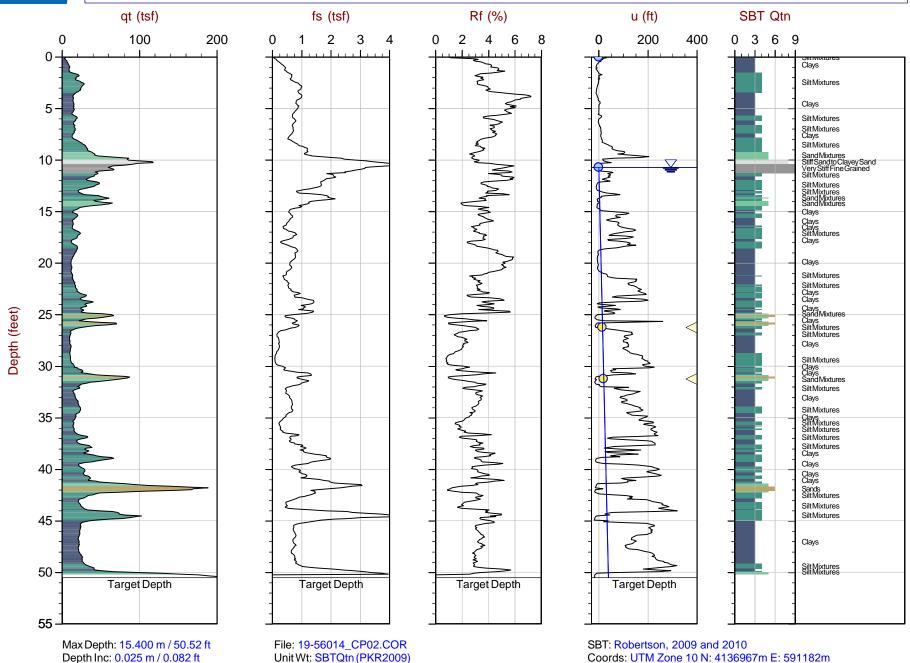
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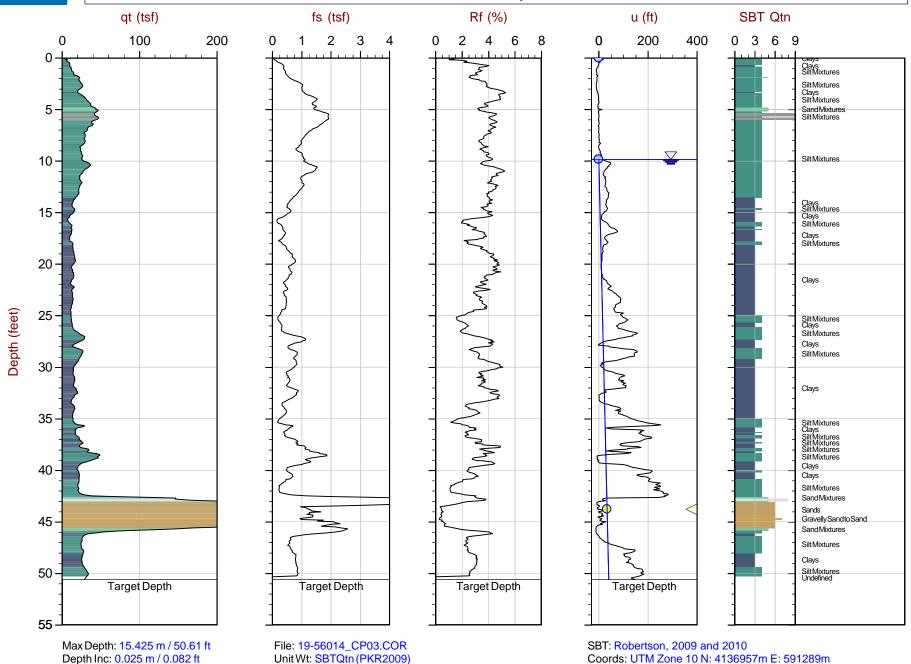
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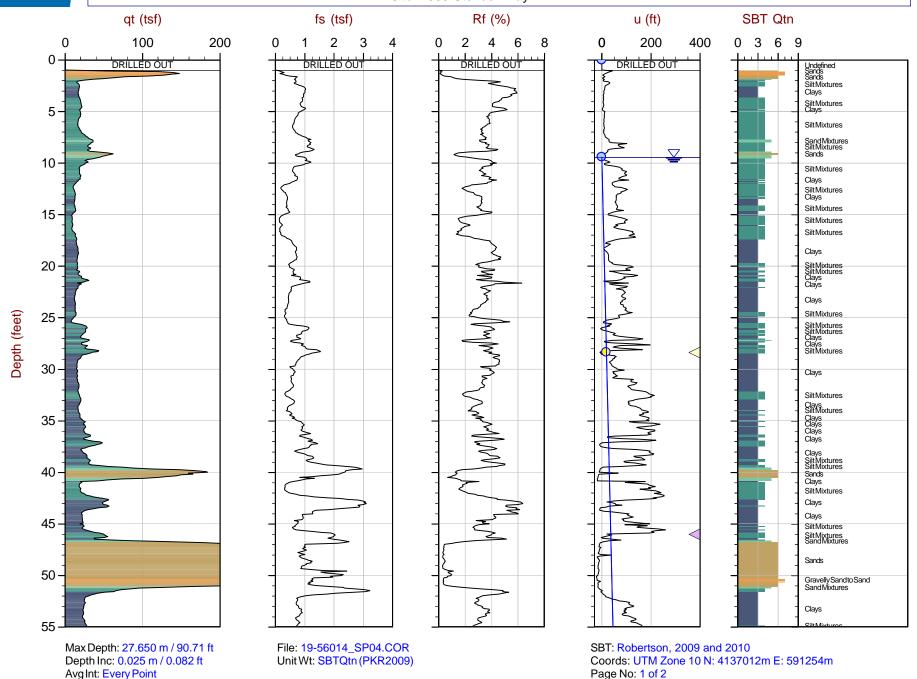
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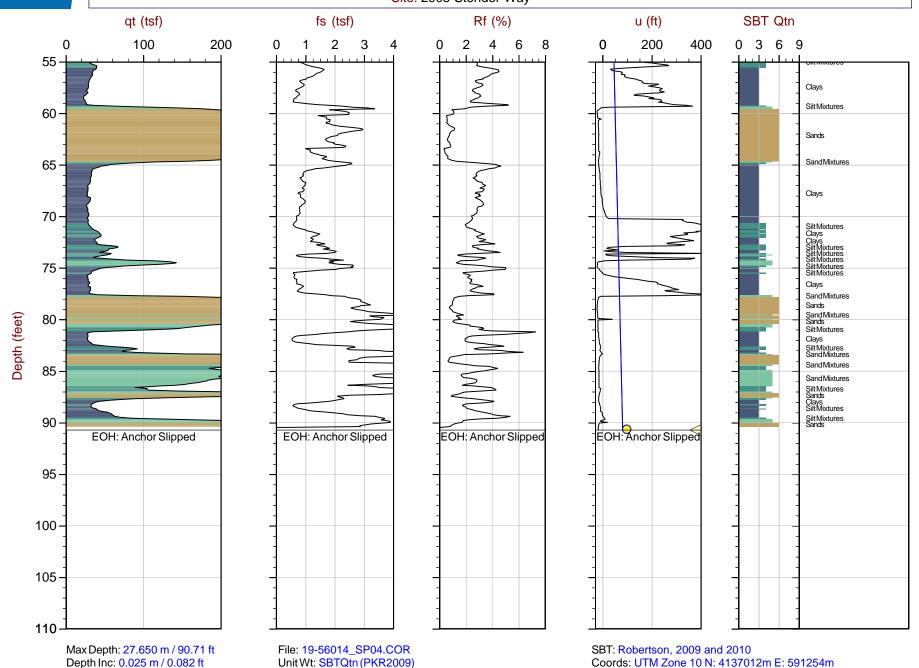
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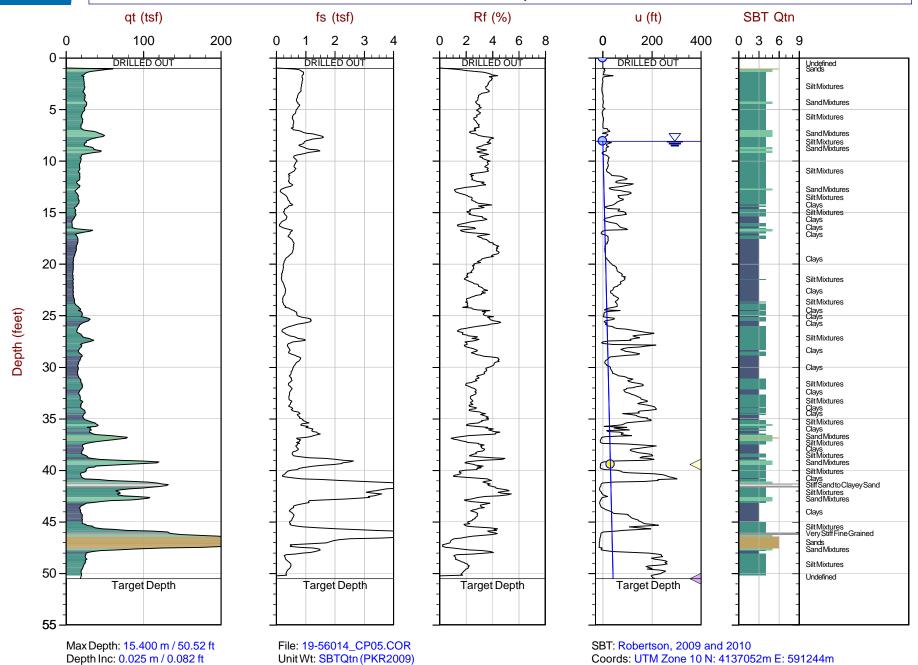
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Dissipation, equilibrium achieved



#### APPENDIX B: LABORATORY TEST PROGRAM

The laboratory testing program was performed to evaluate the physical and mechanical properties of the soils retrieved from the site to aid in verifying soil classification.

**Moisture Content:** The natural water content was determined (ASTM D2216) on 47 samples of the materials recovered from the borings. These water contents are recorded on the boring logs at the appropriate sample depths.

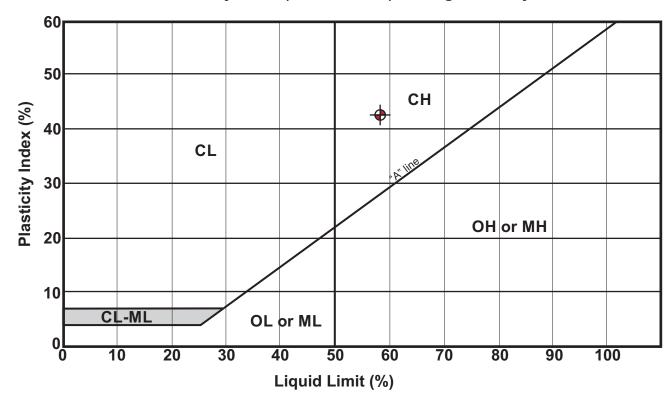
**Dry Densities:** In place dry density determinations (ASTM D2937) were performed on 41 samples to measure the unit weight of the subsurface soils. Results of these tests are shown on the boring logs at the appropriate sample depths.

**Washed Sieve Analyses:** The percent soil fraction passing the No. 200 sieve (ASTM D1140) was determined on one sample of the subsurface soils to aid in the classification of these soils. Results of these tests are shown on the boring logs at the appropriate sample depths.

**Plasticity Index**: Two Plasticity Index determinations (ASTM D4318) were performed on samples of the subsurface soils to measure the range of water contents over which this material exhibits plasticity. The Plasticity Index was used to classify the soil in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System and to evaluate the soil expansion potential. Results of these tests are shown on the boring logs at the appropriate sample depths.

**Consolidation:** One consolidation test (ASTM D2435) was performed on a relatively undisturbed sample of the subsurface clayey soils to assist in evaluating the compressibility property of this soil. Results of the consolidation test are presented graphically in this appendix.

# Plasticity Index (ASTM D4318) Testing Summary



Symbol	Boring No.	Depth (ft)	Natural Water Content (%)	Liquid Limit (%)	Plastic Limit (%)	Plasticity Index	Passing No. 200 (%)	Group Name (USCS - ASTM D2487)
<b>+</b>	EB-1	2.0	24	58	16	42		Fat Clay (CH)
	EB-5	39.5	18	determined non-plastic		_	Silty Sand (SM)	

Samples prepared in accordance with ASTM D421



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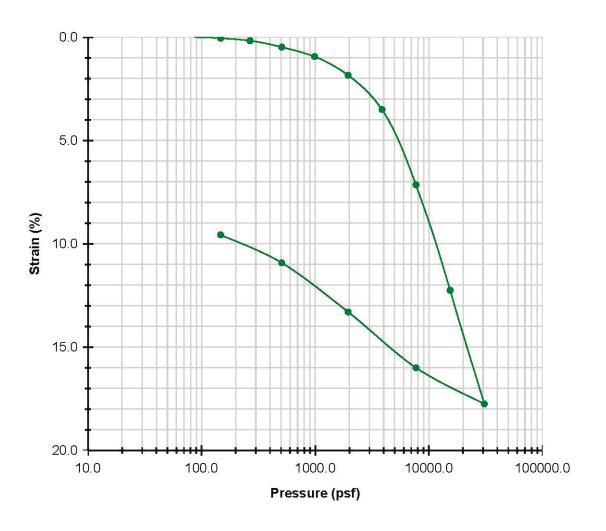
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# **Consolidation Test ASTM D2435**

Boring: EB-5 Sample: 10 Depth: 22.3'

Desription: Lean Clay (CL)



	BEFORE	AFTER
Moisture (%)	36.7	32.2
Dry Density (pcf)	85.6	90.5
Saturation (%)	101.5	100.0
Void Ratio	0.98	0.88

→ (A) Stress Strain Curve



Strain-Log Curve - EB-5 @ 22.3'

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