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La Jolla Reserve, LLC c/o Coston Architects, Inc. 8415 La Jolla Boulevard, Suite 4 La Mesa, CA 91942 Attn: Mr. Kent Coston Job No. 16-11251

Subject: Response to City of San Diego Cycle Review Comments LDR-Geology: Project No. 508125, Cycle Issue 11 Proposed Foxhill Residence 7007 Country Club Drive La Jolla, California

Dear Mr. Coston:

In accordance with your request, **Geotechnical Exploration, Inc**. herein responds to City of San Diego LDR-Geology review comments in a memo with a completion date of September 18, 2019, regarding the planned residential (guesthouse) project at the subject property. The reviewer has reviewed our "*Report of Limited Geotechnical Investigation Proposed Storm Water BMPs,"* dated April 20, 2017; "*Development Plans – Foxhill Guest Quarters, 7007 Country Club Drive, San Diego, CA 92037,"* prepared by Coston Architects, Inc., dated July 9, 2019 (their project no. 1575.03); and *conceptual grading plans* prepared by Snipes-Dye Associates, dated June 6, 2019.

#### **COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

<u>Issue No. 3</u>: Submit an addendum geotechnical report or update letter that specifically addresses the proposed development for the purposes of environmental review and the following: (Outstanding Issue from Cycle 2)

**GEI Response:** We are providing this addendum update letter for the subject site that specifically addresses the proposed development for the purposes of environmental review and the following issues.

<u>Issue No. 4:</u> The project's geotechnical consultant must circumscribe the area of remedial grading recommended on the geologic/geotechnical map. (Outstanding Issue from Cycle 2)

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**GEI Response:** We have included a site specific geologic/geotechnical map that circumscribes the area of recommended remedial grading on a topographic-based map with this update letter as Figure No. Ia.

## <u>Issue No. 5:</u> Provide geologic/geotechnical cross-sections representative of the site conditions and proposed grading. (Outstanding Issue from Cycle 2)

**GEI Response:** We have included geologic/geotechnical cross-sections representative of the site conditions and proposed grading from the referenced architectural and grading plans with this update letter as Figure Nos. IIa-b. In addition, we have included a revised geologic cross-section D-D' from our "*Report of Preliminary Geotechnical and Geologic Investigation, Copley Press Residential Project,*" dated November 16, 2011, of the adjacent parcel (APN 352-300-04-00) and a portion of the subject site. Please, refer to Figure Nos. Ia-b for the geologic cross-section locations on the Plot Plans with Site-Specific Geology. Refer to Figure No. IIc for the revised Geologic Cross-Section D-D'.

<u>Issue No. 6:</u> According to the San Diego Seismic Safety Study Geologic Hazard Maps, a portion of the access road for the guesthouse is located in geologic hazard category 22, indicating potential slope instability, possible or conjectured landslide. Clarify if the site or any portion of the site is located on or adjacent to a landslide. Provide the rationale and site-specific physical evidence used to support a determination regarding the presence or absence of landsliding at the site. (Outstanding Issue from Cycle 2)

**GEI Response:** We understand a portion of the proposed access road for the residence is located in Geologic Hazard Category (GHC) Zone 22. Based upon our recent and previous site exploration, downhole logging of a large diameter boring for our "*Report of Preliminary Geotechnical and Geologic Investigation,*" dated November 16, 2011 (adjacent parcel,), our geologic traverse across the site, review of the geologic map (Kennedy and Tan, 2008), review of the referenced City of San Diego Seismic Safety Study -- Geologic Hazards Map Sheet 29 and stereo-pair aerial photographs (4-11-53, AXN-8M-1 and 2), there are no known or suspected ancient landslides in the vicinity of the subject site. Please, refer to Appendix A for the Geologic Hazards Map and Legend.

Along with geologic cross-sections A-A' and B-B' provided for this update letter, we have included a revised geologic cross-section D-D' and exploratory boring (B-1) log for the adjacent parcel from our "*Report of Preliminary Geotechnical and Geologic Investigation,*" dated November 16, 2011. Please, refer to Figure Nos. Ia-b for the geologic cross-section locations on the Plot Plans with Site-Specific Geology. Refer



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to Figure Nos. IIa-c for Geologic Cross-Sections. Refer to Appendix B for details of exploratory boring B-1.

<u>Issue No. 7:</u> The project's geotechnical consultant must provide a professional opinion that the site will have a factor-of- safety of 1.5 or greater, for both gross and surficial, following project completion. (Outstanding Issue from Cycle 2)

**GEI Response:** Attached to this addendum update letter are the slope stability calculations addressing the global and surficial stability after the completion of the proposed development. We performed global and surficial stability along geologic cross-section B-B'. Refer to Appendix C for slope stability calculations. The global stability yielded a factor of safety of 1.5 or greater for static conditions, and a factor of safety of 1.5 or greater under seismic conditions. Surficial failure analysis yielded a factor of safety greater than 1.5. Please, refer to Figure Nos. Ia-b for the geologic cross-section locations on the Plot Plans with Site-Specific Geology. Refer to Figure Nos. IIa-c for Geologic Cross-Sections.

If you have further questions regarding this letter, please contact our office. Reference to our **Job No. 16-11251** will help expedite a response to your inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

**GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION, INC.** 

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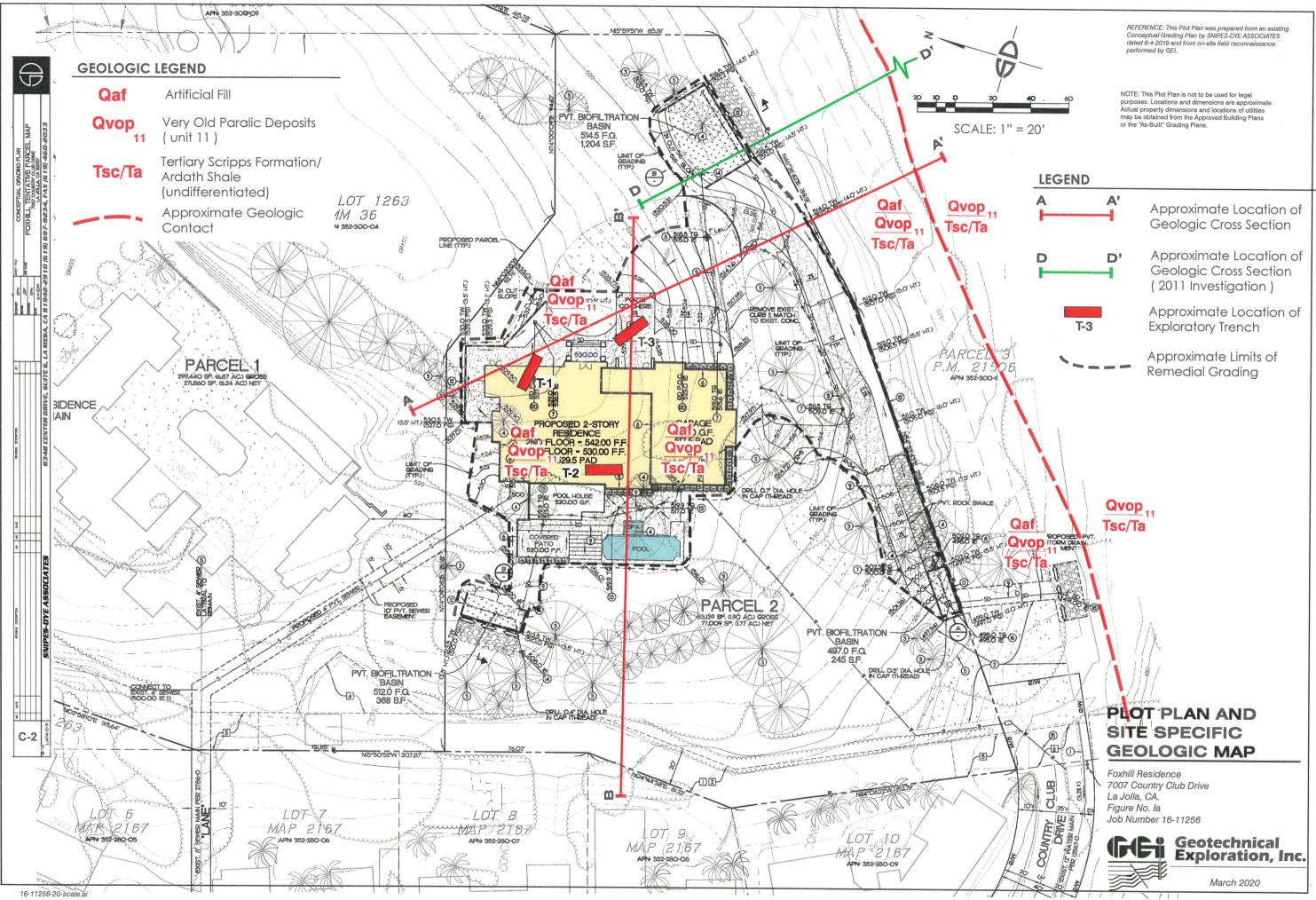
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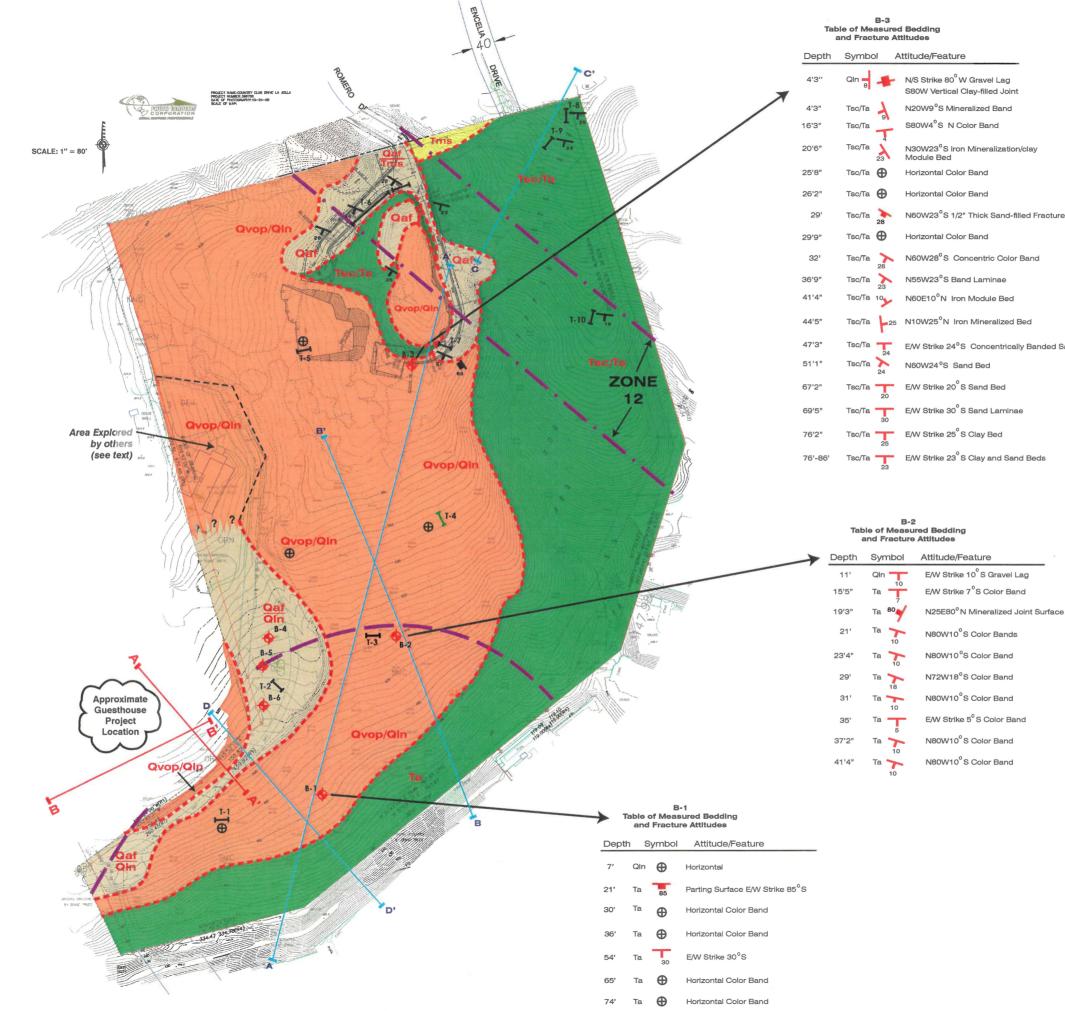






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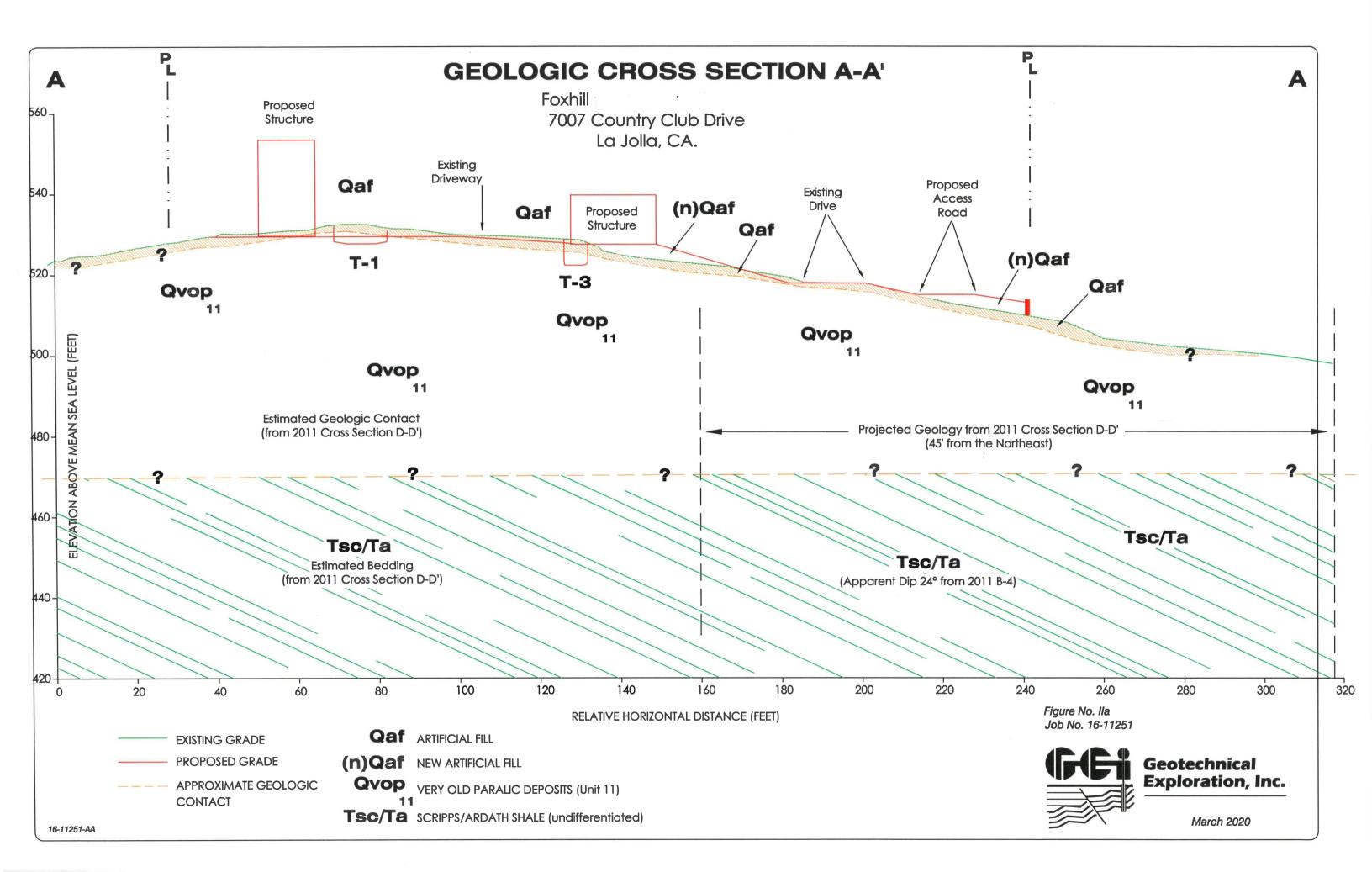


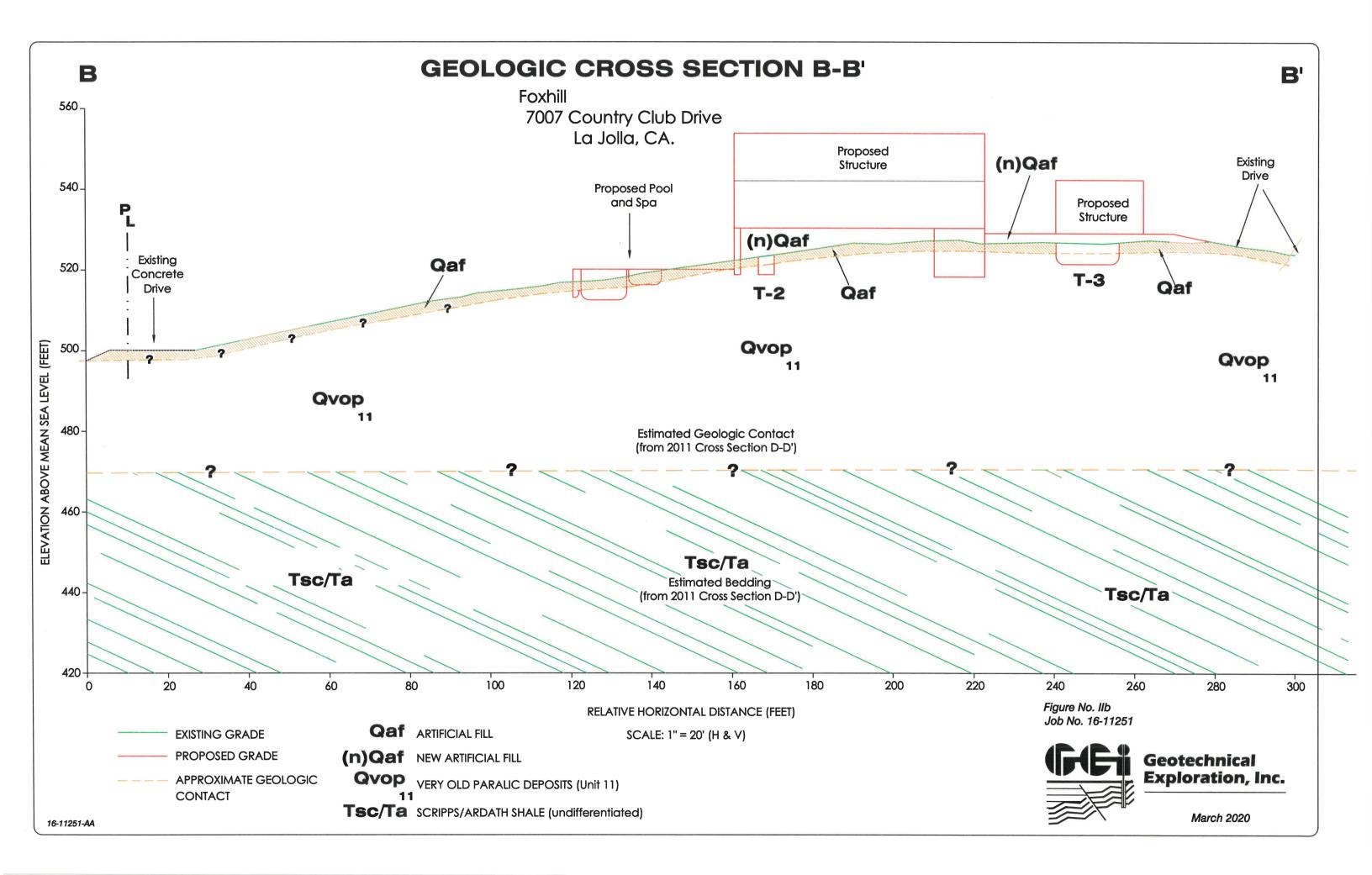
|              | LEGEND      |  |
|--------------|-------------|--|
|              | ► 1<br>T-1  | Exploratory Trench Location  |
|              |             | Exploratory Boring Location  |
|              |             | Approximate Geologic Contact   |
|              | Qaf         | Artificial Fill  |
| ay           | Qvop/Qin    | Qvop = Very Old Paralic Deposits/<br>QIn = Quaternary Lindavista Formation |
|              | Tsc/Ta      | Tertiary Scripps Formation/Ardath Shale<br>Undifferentiated                |
|              | Та          | Tertiary Ardath Formation  |
| d Fracture   | Tms         | Tertiary Mount Soledad Formation   |
| and          | <b>4</b> 65 | Strike and Dip Joints  |
|              | 24          | Strike and Dip of Bedding  |
|              | +           | Vertical/Subvertical Joint   |
| d            | •           | Horizontal/Subhorizontal Bedding   |
| Banded Sands | D           | Line of Cross Section  |
|              | /-          | City of San Diego GeoHazard<br>Zone 22                                     |
|              |             | City of San Diego GeoHazard<br>Zone 12                                     |
| Beds         | B B'        | Line of Cross Section for Proposed<br>Guesthouse ( updated)                |

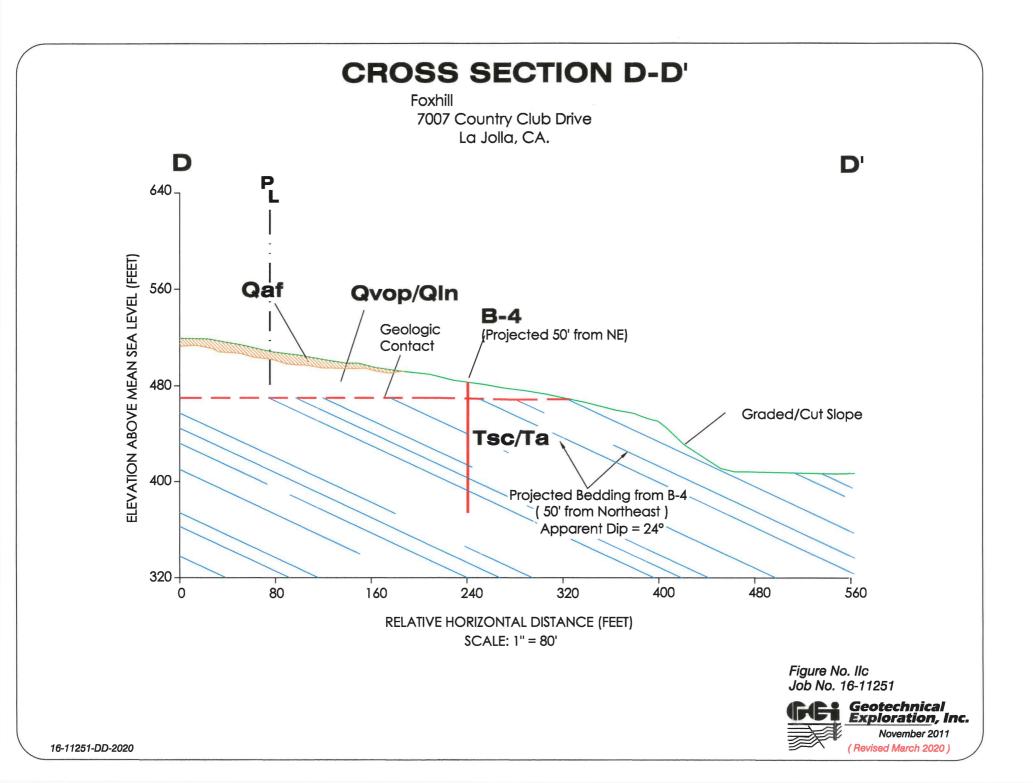




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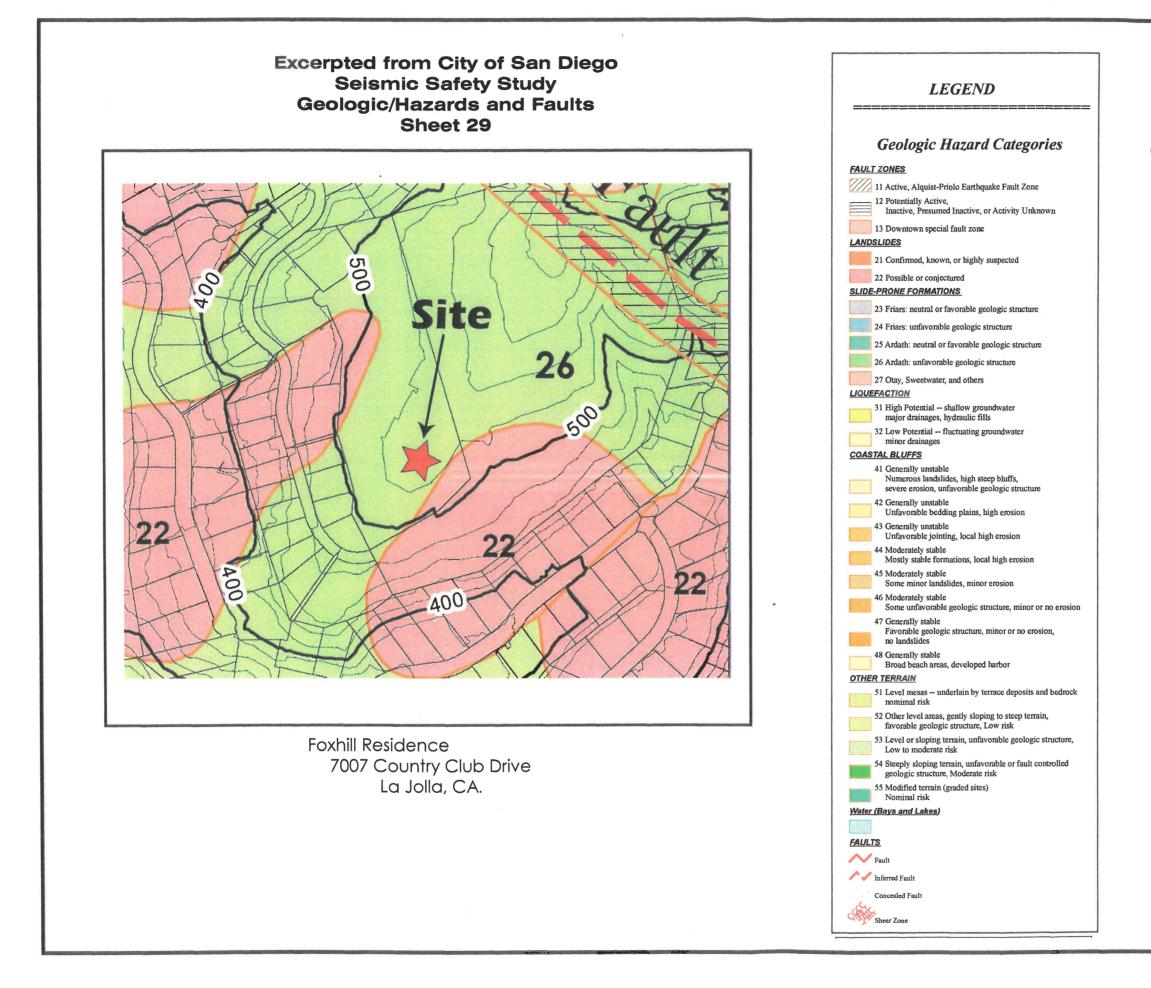






### **APPENDIX A**

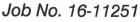
Excerpt from Geologic Hazards Map-Sheet 29



### City of San Diego SEISMIC SAFETY STUDY Geologic Hazards and Faults

**Development Services Department** 

DATE: 4/3/2008





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### **APPENDIX B**

Boring Excavation Log

| EQUIPMENT    |   | DIMENSION & TYPE   | DIMENSION & TYPE OF EXCAVATION DATE LOGGED |                          |                               |                         |                              |                          |                        |                 |                    |                         |  |
|--------------|---|--|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Truck-r      | Truck-mounted Bucket/Auger Drill Rig  |  |  | 30-inch diameter boring  |                               |                         |                              |                          | 9-1-11                 |                 |                    |                         |  |
| SURFACE ELE  | EVATION   | GROUNDWATER/ SEEPAGE DEPTH   |  |                          |                               |                         | LOGGED BY                    |                          |                        |                 |                    |                         |  |
| ± 481' N     | lean Sea Level  | Not Encou  | nter                                       | ed                       |                               |                         | D                            | CV/                      | LDR                    |                 |                    |                         |  |
| DEPTH (feet) | FIELD DESCRIPT<br>AND<br>CLASSIFICATIO<br>DESCRIPTION AND REMARKS<br>(Grain size, Density, Moisture, Color)<br>SILTY SAND. Medium dense.  | N  | U.S.C.S.                                   | IN-PLACE<br>MOISTURE (%) | IN-PLACE DRY<br>DENSITY (pcf) | OPTIMUM<br>MOISTURE (%) | MAXIMUM DRY<br>DENSITY (pcf) | DENSITY<br>(% of M.D.D.) | EXPAN. +<br>CONSOL (%) | EXPANSION INDEX | BLOW<br>COUNTS/FT. | SAMPLE O.D.<br>(INCHES) |  |
| 2            | Important brown:         Important brown:         FILL (Qaf)         SILTY SAND, with roots to 1/4         diameter. Medium dense. Dry         SLOPEWASH (Qss)         CLAYEY SAND Dense. Dam         yellow-brown and gold-brown.         LINDAVISTA FORMATION | . Pale brown.<br>w)<br>p. Brown to<br>DN (QIn)<br>Dry.<br>Dry.<br>Poly (QIn)<br>rel/ cobble to<br>sand.<br>DN (QIn)<br>e contact.<br>with minor<br>ray to light<br>g on parting<br>TION (Ta)<br>assive.<br>wn to<br>as sand.<br>on parting | SM<br>SM<br>CL                             | 11.2                     | 113.4                         |                         |                              |                          |                        | 67              |                    |                         |  |
|              | PERCHED WATER TABLE<br>LOOSE BAG SAMPLE<br>IN-PLACE SAMPLE  | JOB NAME<br>The Rese<br>SITE LOCATION<br>7007 Cou  |  | Club                     |                               |                         |                              |                          |                        |                 |                    |                         |  |
| S            | MODIFIED CALIFORNIA SAMPLE<br>FIELD DENSITY TEST<br>STANDARD PENETRATION TES  | 10-9977<br>FIGURE NUMBER Beotechnical Exploration, Inc.  |  |                          | -1                            |                         |                              |                          |                        |                 |                    |                         |  |

| EQUIF   | PMENT       |        |  | DIMENSION & TYP      | E OF E     | XCAVAT                   | ION                           |                         | DATE                         | LOGG                     | ED                 |                 |                    |             |
|---|-------------|--------|--|----------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Truck-mounted Bucket/Auger Drill Rig  |             |        | 30-inch diameter boring  |                      |            |                          |                               | 9                       | 9-1-11                       |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
| SURFACE ELEVATION   |             |        | GROUNDWATER/   | SEEPAG               | GE DEPT    | н                        |                               | LOG                     | GED BY                       |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
| ±   | 481'        | Mea    | an Sea Level   | Not Encou            | Inter      | ed                       |                               |                         |                              | CV/                      | LDR                |                 |                    | _           |
|   |             | Π      | FIELD DESCRIPT<br>AND  | ION                  |            |                          | ~                             |                         | ~                            |                          | (%)                | NDEX            |                    | Г           |
| (feet)  |             |        | CLASSIFICATIO  | N                    |            | щ<br>Ш<br>Ш              | Y (pcf)                       | M<br>RE (%              | IM DR<br>Y (pcf)             | D.D.                     | + '                | II NOI          | ĬFT.               | 00          |
| DEPTH (feet)  | SYMBOL      | SAMPLE | DESCRIPTION AND REMARKS<br>(Grain size, Density, Moisture, Color)  |                      | U.S.C.S.   | IN-PLACE<br>MOISTURE (%) | IN-PLACE DRY<br>DENSITY (pcf) | OPTIMUM<br>MOISTURE (%) | MAXIMUM DRY<br>DENSITY (pcf) | DENSITY<br>(% of M.D.D.) | EXPAN. +<br>CONSOL | EXPANSION INDEX | BLOW<br>COUNTS/FT. | SAMPI F O D |
| 30 -  |             |        | CLAYSTONE/ MUDSTONE, w<br>sand. Hard. Damp to moist. G<br>brown with dark mineral coatin<br>surfaces.                | ray to light         | CL         |                          |                               |                         |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
| 32 -<br>-<br>-<br>34 -  |             |        | ARDATH SHALE FORMA<br>@ 30'7" 2" thick dark color b<br>underlain by 1" thick light color<br>horizontal.              | and                  |            |                          |                               |                         |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
| 36 -<br>-<br>38 -   |             |        | <ul> <li>@ 36'1" 1" thick light brown horizontal.</li> <li>@ 37' thin minor parting surf gypsum coatings.</li> </ul> |                      |            |                          |                               |                         |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
| 40 -<br>  |             | X      | 98% passing #200 sieve.  |                      |            | 5.6                      |                               |                         |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
| 48 -  |             | 2      | @ 48'9" 1" thick dark color band;<br>horizontal.   |                      |            | 18.8                     | 111.5                         |                         |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
| 52 -  |             |        | @ 51'1" 1" thick light color band;<br>horizontal.  |                      |            |                          |                               |                         |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
| 54 -  |             | X      | 96% passing #200 sieve.<br>@ 55'10" 1" thick light color   | band, E-W            |            |                          |                               |                         |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
|   | Ţ           | PE     | RCHED WATER TABLE  | JOB NAME<br>The Rese | erve       |                          | _                             |                         |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | LO     | OSE BAG SAMPLE   | SITE LOCATION        |            | <u>.</u>                 | <b>D</b> :                    |                         |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
|   | 1           | IN-    | PLACE SAMPLE   |                      | intry      | Club                     | _                             |                         |                              |                          |                    | N               |                    |             |
|   |             | МС     | DDIFIED CALIFORNIA SAMPLE  |                      |            |                          | REV                           | IEWED B                 | LD                           | R/JA                     | LOG                | No.             | -                  |             |
|   | S           | FIE    | ELD DENSITY TEST   | FIGURE NUMB          | 9977<br>ER |                          | - <mark>6</mark>              | Fi                      | Geotech<br>Explorat          | nicai<br>tion, ii        | nc.                | B               | -1                 |             |
| <ul> <li>PERCHED WATER TABLE</li> <li>LOOSE BAG SAMPLE</li> <li>IN-PLACE SAMPLE</li> <li>MODIFIED CALIFORNIA SAMPLE</li> <li>FIELD DENSITY TEST</li> <li>STANDARD PENETRATION TEST</li> </ul> |             |        | ANDARD PENETRATION TES   | <b>T</b>             | lb         |                          |                               |                         |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |

| EQUIPMENT DIMENSION & TY |                                      |   |  |                         | XCAVAT                   | ON                            |                         | DATE                         | LOGG                     | ED                 | _               |                    |             |
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| Truc                     | Truck-mounted Bucket/Auger Drill Rig |   |  | 30-inch diameter boring |                          |                               |                         |                              | 9-1-11                   |                    |                 |                    |             |
| SURFACE ELEVATION C      |                                      |   | GROUNDWATER/ SEEPAGE DEPTH   |                         |                          |                               |                         | LOGGED BY                    |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
| <b>± 48</b> 1            | ' Me                                 | an Sea Level  | Not Encou  | nter                    | ed                       |                               |                         |                              | CV/                      | LDR                |                 |                    |             |
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| DEPTH (f                 | SAMPLE                               | DESCRIPTION AND REMARKS<br>(Grain size, Density, Moisture, Color)   |  | U.S.C.S.                | IN-PLA<br>MOIST          | IN-PLA<br>DENSI               | OPTIM<br>MOIST          | MAXIN                        | DENSITY<br>(% of M.D.D.) | EXPAN. +<br>CONSOL | EXPAN           | BLOW<br>COUNTS/FT. | SAMPL       |
| 58                       |                                      | <ul> <li>strike, 30°S dip.</li> <li>CLAYSTONE/ MUDSTONE, w sand. Hard. Damp to moist. G brown with dark mineral coatin surfaces.</li> <li>ARDATH SHALE FORMA @ 59'-60' bucket auger cutti change; 1' thick concretionary to moderately cemented; horiz</li> <li>@ 65' 2" thick light color bar</li> <li> 94% passing #200 sieve.</li> <li>@ 74' bucket auger cutting p change; horizontal.</li> </ul> | iray to light<br>og on parting<br><b>TION (Ta)</b><br>ng pattern<br>mass, lightly<br>contal. | CL                      | 16.7<br>18.3<br>18.3     | 115.5                         |                         |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |
|                          | LC<br>IN-<br>MC                      | No seeps. No caving.<br>Bottom @ 80'<br>RCHED WATER TABLE<br>OSE BAG SAMPLE<br>PLACE SAMPLE<br>DDIFIED CALIFORNIA SAMPLE  |  | 1                       | Club                     |                               | IEWED E                 |                              | R/JA                     | -                  |                 | 1                  |             |
| S                        |                                      | ELD DENSITY TEST<br>ANDARD PENETRATION TES  | FIGURE NUMBER  |                         |                          |                               | -1                      |                              |                          |                    |                 |                    |             |

# **APPENDIX C**

Slope Stability Analysis

#### **APPENDIX C**

#### SLOPE STABILITY CALCULATIONS WITH SLIDE 6 COMPUTER PROGRAM FOXHILL ESTATES Job No. 16-11251

We performed gross slope stability calculations using the *SLIDE 6* program by Roc Science. The program is a limit equilibrium method, slope stability program that allows the use of several slope stability methods to calculate the factors of safety against shear failure. On this project, the Bishop Simplified method was used as the basis for calculations when using circular slide surfaces for analysis through the site geologic cross sections.

The program calculates the factor of safety against shear failure for potential slide surfaces over a selected range. We chose the range of slide surfaces where failures are most likely to occur. The printout shows a block with contour lines of different colors and shades that correspond to the different factors of safety calculated that can be obtained for the analyzed range of slide surfaces for Section B-B', which includes, in our professional opinion, the most unfavorable slope conditions at the site (see attached printouts). The green circular surface displayed in the printout is the lowest possible factor of safety located within the specified search range of each analysis. Soil strength values, geometry, and water conditions (seepage was not encountered) used in the program were based on geological information at the site, obtained by our project geologist. Direct shear test results from the on-site formational soils were performed and were used for the gross slope stability analysis. Shear strength values were conservatively adjusted.

The static gross stability factors of safety were calculated and yielded a factor of safety value above 1.5 and greater with the inclusion of the basement retaining wall.

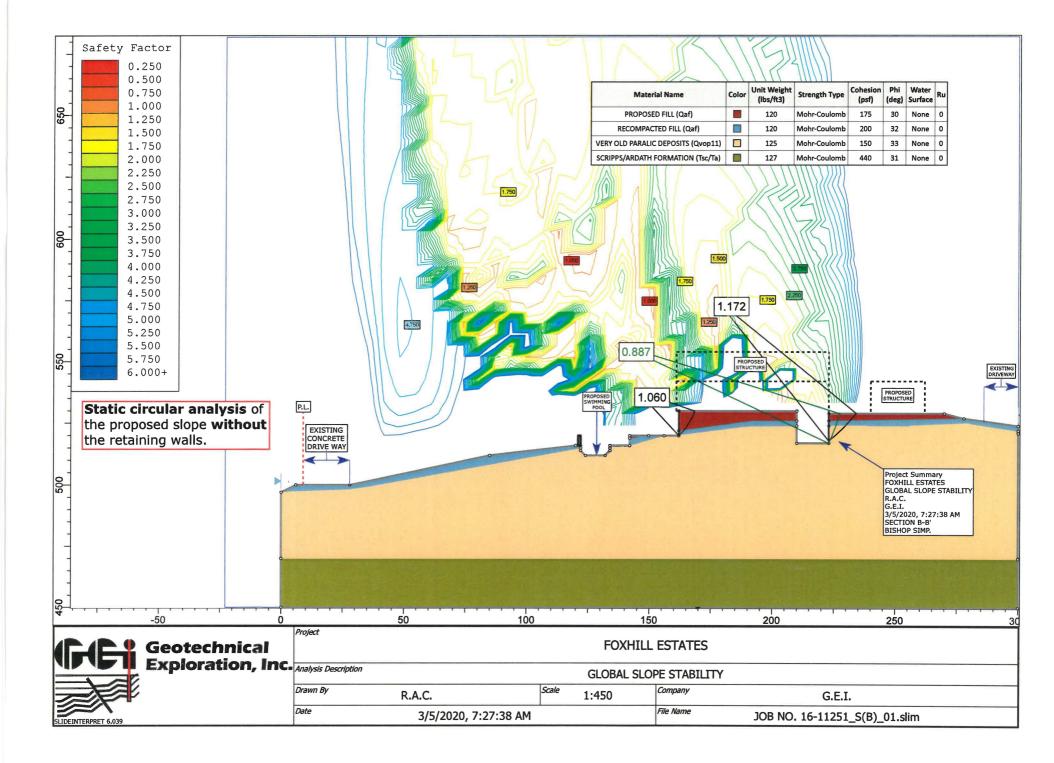
For section B-B, the analysis consisted of analyzing the existing slope excluding and including the retaining walls. In the analysis which include the retaining walls, a surcharge of 250 psf was applied to simulate the load of the building. A cantilevered equivalent lateral fluid pressure of 45 pcf was applied to the swimming pool shell and basement retaining wall, and a cantilevered pressure of 42 pcf was applied to the exterior retaining located adjacent to the swimming pool.

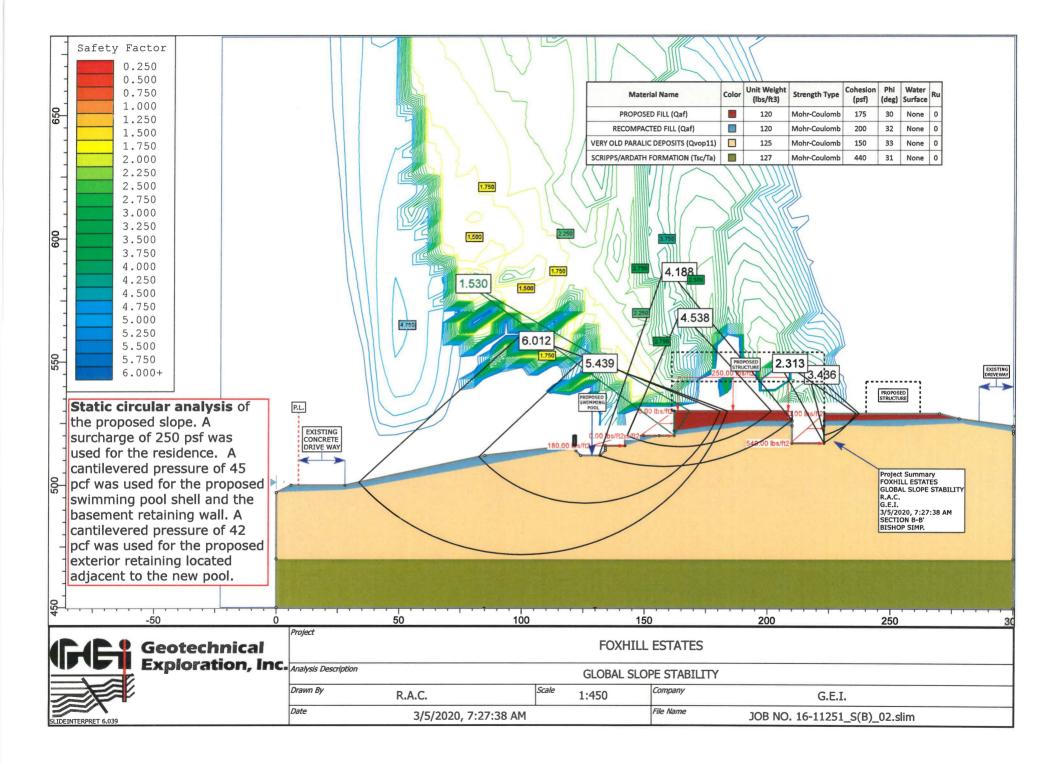


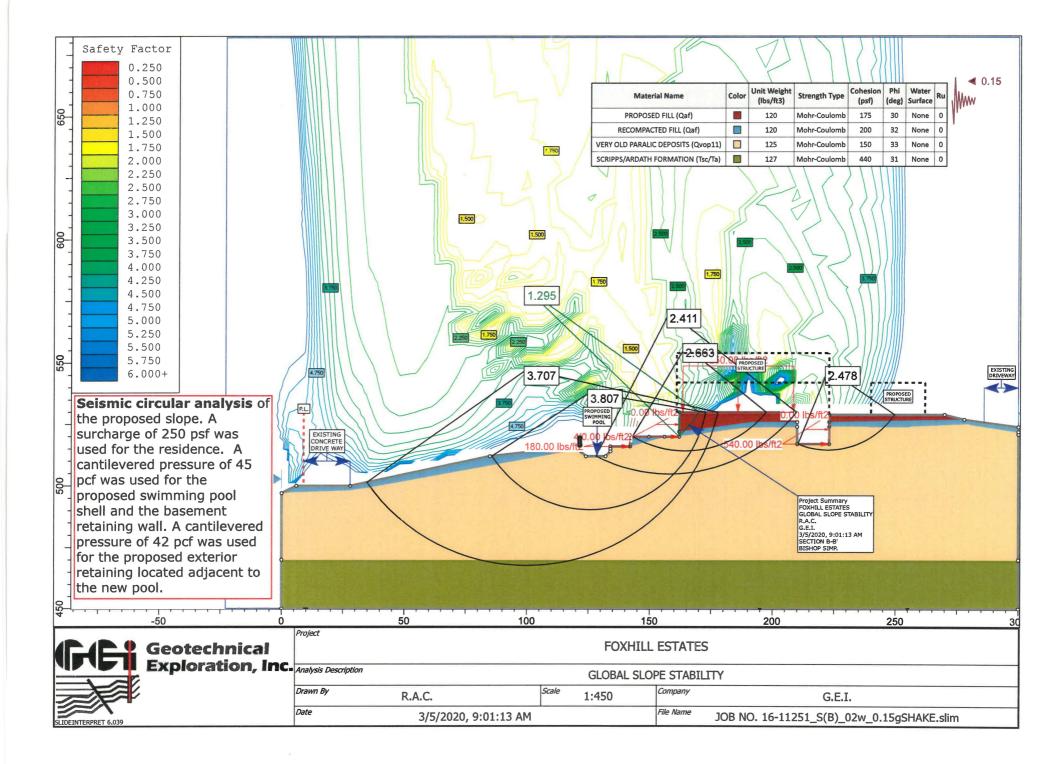
Once the static gross stability was determined for each section, a seismic analysis was performed for the same analyzed sections. The seismic analysis yielded a factor of safety value above 1.15 as required by the City of San Diego and the State of California.

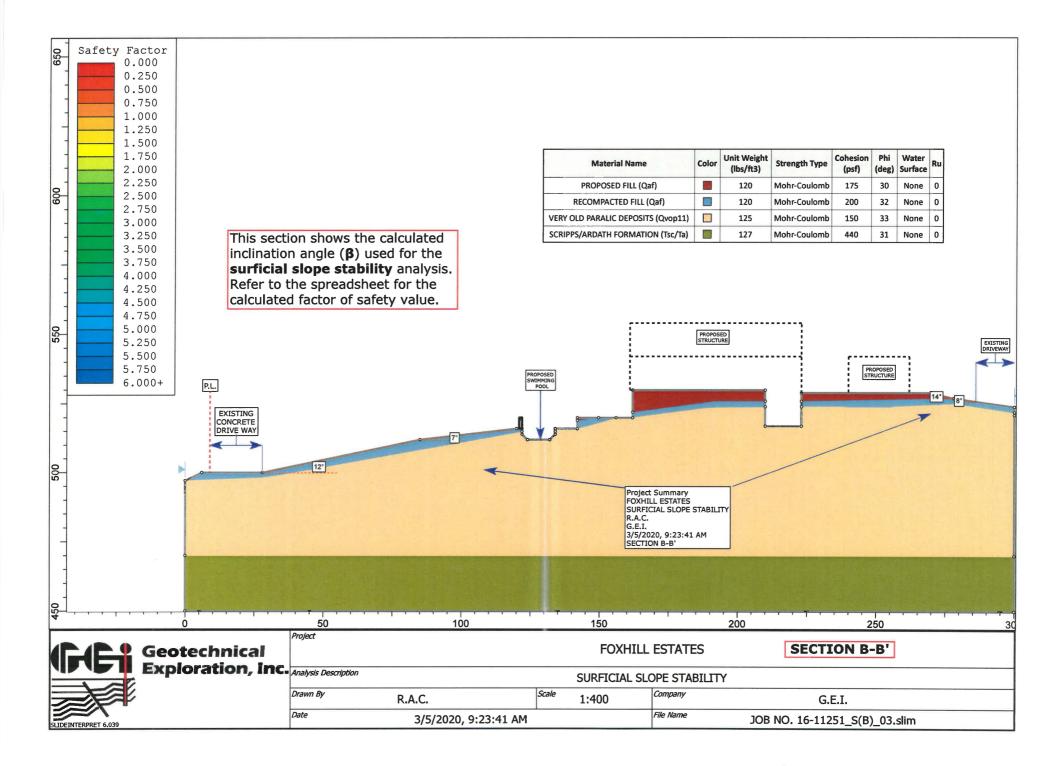
The surficial slope stability calculations were performed on the slope face using a geotechnical accepted equation for infinite slopes with a saturated upper layer. The calculations were performed by assuming that the upper 5 feet of those soils were saturated. Based on the current existing slope, the calculations yielded the Factor of Safety against shear failure above 1.50 for a sliding block 5 feet high against the soil shear strength frictional and cohesion strength opposing the driving force. The slope is considered adequate against surficial failures.

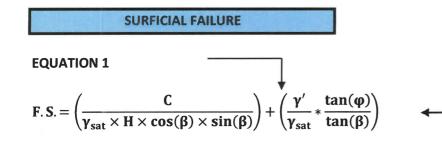












| Y <sub>sat</sub> | Ywater | Υ'   | Н  |
|------------------|--------|------|----|
| pcf              | pcf    | pcf  | ft |
| 130              | 62.4   | 67.6 | 5  |

SURFICIAL SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS IS BASED ON EQUATION (1) FOR THE CALCULATED VALUES.

| SECTION B-B'                        |         |             |      |        |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------|------|--------|
| SOIL TYPE                           | C (psf) | <b>φ(°)</b> | β(°) | F.O.S. |
| RECOMPACTED FILL (Q <sub>af</sub> ) | 200     | 32          | 12   | 3.042  |
| RECOMPACTED FILL (Qaf)              | 200     | 32          | 7    | 5.190  |
| PROPOSED FILL (Q <sub>af</sub> )    | 175     | 30          | 14   | 2.351  |
| RECOMPACTED FILL (Qaf)              | 200     | 32          | 8    | 4.545  |

| β                | Slope inclination with respect to the horizontal plane |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| ф                | Friction angle of the soil                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| с                | C Cohesion of the soil                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Υ <sub>sat</sub> | Saturated unit weight of the soil                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Υ'               | Submerged unit weight of the soil                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| н                | Thickness of the saturated soil layer                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F.O.S.           | Factor of Safety                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The Factor of Safety values are **ABOVE** 1.50 and are adequate.

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