### **APPENDIX F**

Geotechnical Investigation,Results of Infiltration Testing, and
Paleontological
Resource Assessment



## GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION PROPOSED WAREHOUSE

NEC Sierra Avenue and Clubhouse Drive Fontana, California for Seefried Industrial Properties, Inc.



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Project No.: **20G250-1** 

Subject: **Geotechnical Investigation** 

Proposed Warehouse

NEC Sierra Avenue and Clubhouse Drive

Fontana, California

Dear Mr. Irwin:

In accordance with your request, we have conducted a geotechnical investigation at the subject site. We are pleased to present this report summarizing the conclusions and recommendations developed from our investigation.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to be of service on this project. We look forward to providing additional consulting services during the course of the project. If we may be of further assistance in any manner, please contact our office.

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### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presented below is a brief summary of the conclusions and recommendations of this investigation. Since this summary is not all inclusive, it should be read in complete context with the entire report.

### **Geotechnical Design Considerations**

- Artificial fill soils were encountered at some of the boring locations, extending from the ground surface to depths of 1 to 3± feet.
- The fill soils possess varying strengths. The existing fill soils are considered to represent undocumented fill. These soils, in their present condition, are not considered suitable for support of the foundation loads of the new structure. Additionally, it is anticipated that demolition of the existing structures and associated improvements will cause disturbance of the upper 4± feet of soil.
- Remedial grading will be necessary to remove all of the undocumented fill soils in their
  entirety, the upper portion of the near-surface native alluvial soils, and any soils disturbed
  during the demolition process, and replace these materials as compacted structural fill soils.

### **Site Preparation Recommendations**

- Demolition of any subsurface improvements that will not remain in place will be necessary in order to facilitate the construction of the proposed development. Debris resultant from demolition should be disposed of off-site in accordance with local regulations. Alternatively, concrete and asphalt debris may be pulverized to a maximum 2-inch particle size, well mixed with the on-site soils, and incorporated into new structural fills or it may be crushed and made into crushed miscellaneous base (CMB), if desired.
- Initial site stripping should include removal of the existing vegetation including grass and weeds, as well as any underlying topsoil, and any trees that will not remain with the proposed development. Stripping should also include the removal of any tree root masses. These materials should be disposed of off-site.
- Remedial grading is recommended to be performed within the proposed building area in order
  to remove all of the undocumented fill soils in their entirety, the upper portion of the nearsurface native alluvial soils, and any soils disturbed during the demolition process. The soils
  within the proposed building area should be overexcavated to a depth of 3 feet below existing
  grade and to a depth of at least 3 feet below proposed building pad subgrade elevations.
- The depth of overexcavation should also be sufficient to remove any existing undocumented fill soils. The proposed foundation influence zones should be overexcavated to a depth of at least 2 feet below proposed foundation bearing grade.
- Following completion of the overexcavation, the exposed soils should be scarified to a depth
  of at least 12 inches, and thoroughly flooded to raise the moisture content of the underlying
  soils to at least 0 to 4 percent above optimum moisture content, extending to a depth of at
  least 24 inches. The overexcavation subgrade soils should then be recompacted to at least 90
  percent of the ASTM D-1557 maximum dry density. The previously excavated soils may then
  be replaced as compacted structural fill.
- The on-site soils contain significant amounts of oversized materials, including cobbles and occasional boulders. Where grading will require excavation into these materials, selective



- grading techniques will be required to remove the cobbles and/or boulders from these soils prior to reuse as fill.
- The presence of particles greater than 3 inches in diameter within the upper 1 to 3 feet of the building pad subgrade will impact the utility and foundation excavations. Depending on the depths of fills required within the proposed parking areas, it may be feasible to sort the on-site soils, placing the materials greater than 3 inches in diameter within the lower depths of the fills, and limiting the upper 1 to 3 feet of soils to materials less than 3 inches in size. Oversized materials could also be placed within the lower depths of the recommended overexcavations. In order to achieve this grading, it would likely be necessary to use rock buckets and/or rock sieves to separate the oversized materials from the remaining soil. Although such selective grading will facilitate further construction activities, it is not considered mandatory and a suitable subgrade could be achieved without such extensive sorting. However, in any case, it is recommended that all materials greater than 6 inches in size be excluded from the upper 1 foot of the surface of any compacted fills.
- The new pavement and flatwork subgrade soils are recommended to be scarified to a depth of 12± inches, thoroughly moisture conditioned and recompacted to at least 90 percent of the ASTM D-1557 maximum dry density.

### **Foundation Design Recommendations**

- Conventional shallow foundations, supported in newly placed compacted fill.
- 2,500 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> maximum allowable soil bearing pressure.
- Reinforcement consisting of at least two (2) No. 5 rebars (1 top and 1 bottom) in strip footings. Additional reinforcement may be necessary for structural considerations.

### **Building Floor Slab Design Recommendations**

- Conventional Slab-on-Grade: minimum 5 inches thick.
- Modulus of Subgrade Reaction: k = 150 psi/in.
- Reinforcement is not expected to be necessary for geotechnical considerations. The actual thickness and reinforcement of the floor slab should be determined by the structural engineer.

**Pavement Design Recommendations** 

ASPHALT PAVEMENTS (R = 50)					
	Th	ickness (incl	nes)		
Materials	Parking Stalls	Stalls Lanes .	Truck Traffic		
	(TI = 4.0)		(TI = 6.0)	(TI = 7.0)	(TI = 8.0)
Asphalt Concrete	3	3	31/2	4	5
Aggregate Base	3	3	4	5	5
Compacted Subgrade (90% minimum compaction)	12	12	12	12	12



PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENTS (R = 50)				
		Thickne	ess (inches)	
Materials	Automobile Parking and		Truck Traffic	
	Drive Areas (TI = 5.0)	(TI =6.0)	(TI =7.0)	(TI =8.0)
PCC	5	5	5½	61/2
Compacted Subgrade (95% minimum compaction)	12	12	12	12



### 2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services performed for this project was in general accordance with our Proposal No. 20P444, dated December 16, 2020. The scope of services included a visual site reconnaissance, subsurface exploration, field and laboratory testing, and geotechnical engineering analysis to provide criteria for preparing the design of the building foundations, building floor slab, and parking lot pavements along with site preparation recommendations and construction considerations for the proposed development. The evaluation of the environmental aspects of this site was beyond the scope of services for this geotechnical investigation.



### 3.0 SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### 3.1 Site Conditions

The subject site is located at the northeast corner of Sierra Avenue and Clubhouse Drive in Fontana, California. The site is bounded to the north and south by existing commercial/industrial buildings, to the west by Sierra Avenue, and to the east by Mango Avenue. The general location of the site is illustrated on the Site Location Map, enclosed as Plate 1 in Appendix A of this report.

The site consists of a rectangular-shaped property, 18.44± acres in size. The overall site is presently developed with four (4) commercial/industrial buildings ranging from 5,000 to 25,000± ft² in size. The northwestern quadrant is developed with one building and is utilized as a wooden pallet facility. The northeastern quadrant is developed with one building and is utilized as a carnival attraction repair facility with truck trailer parking. The southwestern quadrant is developed with one building and open-graded gravel pavements and is utilized for truck trailer storage. The southeastern quadrant is developed with one building and is utilized as a storage facility. The existing buildings are single-story metal-framed structures and are assumed to be supported on conventional shallow foundations with concrete slab-on-grade floors. Ground surface cover consists mainly of open graded gravel and exposed soil, with asphaltic concrete (AC) or Portland cement concrete (PCC) pavements surrounding the buildings. Little to no vegetation was encountered throughout the overall site. Few large trees are present between the northwest and northeast quadrants.

Topographic information was obtained from a conceptual site plan prepared by Huitt-Zollars, Inc. Based on our review of this plan, the existing site topography generally slopes downward to the south at a gradient of  $3\pm$  percent. The elevation at the subject site ranges from  $1630\pm$  feet mean sea level (msl) in the northern region of the site to  $1612\pm$  feet msl in the southern region.

### 3.2 Proposed Development

Based on the conceptual plan provided to our office by the client, the subject site will be developed with a  $389,140\pm$  ft² warehouse, located in the north-central region of the site. Dock-high doors will be constructed along a portion of the south building wall. The proposed building is expected to be surrounded by AC pavements in the parking and drive areas, PCC pavements in the loading dock area, and concrete flatwork and landscaped planters throughout the site.

Detailed structural information has not been provided. It is assumed that the new building will be a single-story structure of tilt-up concrete construction, typically supported on conventional shallow foundations with a concrete slab-on-grade floor. Based on the assumed construction, maximum column and wall loads are expected to be on the order of 100 kips and 4 to 6 kips per linear foot, respectively.



No significant amounts of below-grade construction, such as basements or crawl spaces, are expected to be included in the proposed development. Based on the assumed topography, cuts and fills of 3 to  $5\pm$  feet are expected to be necessary to achieve the proposed site grades.



### 4.0 SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION

### 4.1 Scope of Exploration/Sampling Methods

The subsurface exploration conducted for this project consisted of six (6) borings advanced to depths of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $15\frac{1}{2}$  feet below the existing site grades and four (4) trenches excavated to depths of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to 10 feet. One of the trenches and all of the borings were terminated at depths shallower than proposed after encountering refusal on cobbles. All of the borings and trenches were logged during the drilling and excavation by members of our staff.

The borings were advanced with hollow-stem augers, by a truck-mounted drilling rig. The trenches were excavated using a backhoe with a 36-inch-wide bucket. Representative bulk and undisturbed soil samples were taken during drilling. Relatively undisturbed samples were taken with a split barrel "California Sampler" containing a series of one inch long, 2.416± inch diameter brass rings. This sampling method is described in ASTM Test Method D-3550. Samples were also taken using a 1.4± inch inside diameter split spoon sampler, in general accordance with ASTM D-1586. Both of these samplers are driven into the ground with successive blows of a 140-pound weight falling 30 inches. The blow counts obtained during driving are recorded for further analysis. Bulk samples were collected in plastic bags to retain their original moisture content. The relatively undisturbed ring samples were placed in molded plastic sleeves that were then sealed and transported to our laboratory.

The approximate locations of the borings (identified as Boring Nos. B-1 through B-6) and trenches (identified as Trench Nos. T-1 through T-4) are indicated on the Boring and Trench Location Plan, included as Plate 2 in Appendix A of this report. The Boring and Trench Logs, which illustrate the conditions encountered at the boring and trench locations, as well as the results of some of the laboratory testing, are included in Appendix B.

### 4.2 Geotechnical Conditions

### **Artificial Fill**

Artificial fill soils were encountered at the ground surface at Boring Nos. B-3, B-5, and B-6, and at all of the trench locations, extending to depths of 1 to  $3\pm$  feet below existing site grades. The fill soils consist of loose to dense silty fine to coarse sands, fine to coarse sands, and silty fine sands. Occasional cobbles and variable gravel content were encountered throughout the artificial fill. Boring No. B-6 was terminated within the artificial fill at a depth of  $2\frac{1}{2}\pm$  feet due to very dense materials and extensive cobble content. The fill soils possess a disturbed mottled appearance, resulting in their classification as artificial fill.



### Alluvium

Native alluvium was encountered at the ground surface or below the fill soils at all of the boring and trench locations, extending to at least the maximum depth explored of  $15\frac{1}{2}$ ± feet below existing site grades, with the exception of Boring No. B-6. The alluvium generally consists of medium dense to very dense fine to coarse sands and gravelly fine to coarse sands. Extensive cobble content and variable silt content were encountered throughout the alluvial strata. In addition, occasional boulder content was encountered in Trench Nos. T-3 and T-4 as shallow as  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ± feet from the ground surface.

### Groundwater

Free water was not encountered during the drilling of any of the borings nor during the excavation of the trenches. Based on the lack of any water within the borings and trenches, and the moisture contents of the recovered soil samples, the static groundwater table is considered to have existed at a depth in excess of  $15\frac{1}{2}$  feet at the time of the subsurface exploration.

As a part of our research, we reviewed available groundwater data in order to determine groundwater levels for the site. Recent water level data was obtained from the California Department of Water Resources Water Data Library website, <a href="https://wdl.water.ca.gov/waterdatalibrary/">https://wdl.water.ca.gov/waterdatalibrary/</a>. The nearest monitoring well on record is located 3,180± feet southeast of the site. Water level readings within this monitoring well indicate a groundwater level of 320± feet below the ground surface in March 1994.

As part of our research, we reviewed available groundwater data in order to determine the historic high groundwater level for the site. The primary reference used to determine the historic groundwater depths in area of the subject site is Watermaster Support Services, Western Municipal Water District and the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Cooperative Well Measuring Program, dated Fall 2015. A well titled Mid-Valley (Fontana) F-07 exists 1,500± feet southeast of the site and indicates a high groundwater level of 330± feet below the ground surface in April 2000.



### 5.0 LABORATORY TESTING

The soil samples recovered from the subsurface exploration were returned to our laboratory for further testing to determine selected physical and engineering properties of the soils. The tests are briefly discussed below. It should be noted that the test results are specific to the actual samples tested, and variations could be expected at other locations and depths.

### Classification

All recovered soil samples were classified using the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS), in accordance with ASTM D-2488. The field identifications were then supplemented with additional visual classifications and/or by laboratory testing. The USCS classifications are shown on the Boring and Trench Logs and are periodically referenced throughout this report.

### Density and Moisture Content

The density has been determined for selected relatively undisturbed ring samples. These densities were determined in general accordance with the method presented in ASTM D-2937. The results are recorded as dry unit weight in pounds per cubic foot. The moisture contents are determined in accordance with ASTM D-2216, and are expressed as a percentage of the dry weight. These test results are presented on the Boring and Trench Logs.

### Consolidation

Selected soil samples were tested to determine their consolidation potential, in accordance with ASTM D-2435. The testing apparatus is designed to accept either natural or remolded samples in a one-inch high ring, approximately 2.416 inches in diameter. Each sample is then loaded incrementally in a geometric progression and the resulting deflection is recorded at selected time intervals. Porous stones are in contact with the top and bottom of the sample to permit the addition or release of pore water. The samples are typically inundated with water at an intermediate load to determine their potential for collapse or heave. The results of the consolidation testing are plotted on Plates C-1 and C-2 in Appendix C of this report.

### Maximum Dry Density and Optimum Moisture Content

A representative bulk sample has been tested for its maximum dry density and optimum moisture content. The results have been obtained using the Modified Proctor procedure, per ASTM D-1557 and are presented on Plate C-3 in Appendix C of this report. This test is generally used to compare the in-situ densities of undisturbed field samples, and for later compaction testing. Additional testing of other soil types or soil mixes may be necessary at a later date.

### Soluble Sulfates

A representative sample of the near-surface soil was submitted to a subcontracted analytical laboratory for determination of soluble sulfate content. Soluble sulfates are naturally present in soils, and if the concentration is high enough, can result in degradation of concrete which comes



into contact with these soils. The results of the soluble sulfate testing are presented below, and are discussed further in a subsequent section of this report.

Sample Identification	Soluble Sulfates (%)	<b>Sulfate Classification</b>
T-1 @ 0 to 5 feet	0.014	Not Applicable (S0)

### **Corrosivity Testing**

One representative bulk sample of the near-surface soils was submitted to a subcontracted corrosion engineering laboratory to identify potentially corrosive characteristics with respect to common construction materials. The corrosivity testing included a determination of the electrical resistivity, pH, and chloride and nitrate concentrations of the soils, as well as other tests. The results of some of these tests are presented below.

Sample Identification	Saturated Resistivity (ohm-cm)	<u>pH</u>	<u>Chlorides</u> (mg/kg)	<u>Nitrates</u> (mg/kg)	
T-1 @ 0 to 5 feet	3,800	7.5	12	87	



### 6.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the results of our review, field exploration, laboratory testing and geotechnical analysis, the proposed development is considered feasible from a geotechnical standpoint. The recommendations contained in this report should be taken into the design, construction, and grading considerations.

The recommendations are contingent upon all grading and foundation construction activities being monitored by the geotechnical engineer of record. The recommendations are provided with the assumption that an adequate program of client consultation, construction monitoring, and testing will be performed during the final design and construction phases to verify compliance with these recommendations. Maintaining Southern California Geotechnical, Inc., (SCG) as the geotechnical consultant from the beginning to the end of the project will provide continuity of services. The geotechnical engineering firm providing testing and observation services shall assume the responsibility of Geotechnical Engineer of Record.

The Grading Guide Specifications, included as Appendix D, should be considered part of this report, and should be incorporated into the project specifications. The contractor and/or owner of the development should bring to the attention of the geotechnical engineer any conditions that differ from those stated in this report, or which may be detrimental for the development.

### **6.1 Seismic Design Considerations**

The subject site is located in an area which is subject to strong ground motions due to earthquakes. The performance of a site-specific seismic hazards analysis was beyond the scope of this investigation. However, numerous faults capable of producing significant ground motions are located near the subject site. Due to economic considerations, it is not generally considered reasonable to design a structure that is not susceptible to earthquake damage. Therefore, significant damage to structures may be unavoidable during large earthquakes. The proposed structure should, however, be designed to resist structural collapse and thereby provide reasonable protection from serious injury, catastrophic property damage and loss of life.

### Faulting and Seismicity

Research of available maps indicates that the subject site is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone. Furthermore, SCG did not identify any evidence of faulting during the geotechnical investigations. Therefore, the possibility of significant fault rupture on the site is considered to be low.

The potential for other geologic hazards such as seismically induced settlement, lateral spreading, tsunamis, inundation, seiches, flooding, and subsidence affecting the site is considered low.

### Seismic Design Parameters

The 2019 California Building Code (CBC) provides procedures for earthquake resistant structural design that include considerations for on-site soil conditions, occupancy, and the configuration of



the structure including the structural system and height. The seismic design parameters presented below are based on the soil profile and the proximity of known faults with respect to the subject site.

Based on standards in place at the time of this report, the proposed development is expected to be designed in accordance with the requirements of the 2019 edition of the California Building Code (CBC), which was adopted on January 1, 2020.

The 2019 CBC Seismic Design Parameters have been generated using the <u>SEAOC/OSHPD Seismic Design Maps Tool</u>, a web-based software application available at the website www.seismicmaps.org. This software application calculates seismic design parameters in accordance with several building code reference documents, including ASCE 7-16, upon which the 2019 CBC is based. The application utilizes a database of risk-targeted maximum considered earthquake (MCE<sub>R</sub>) site accelerations at 0.01-degree intervals for each of the code documents. The table below was created using data obtained from the application. The output generated from this program is included as Plate E-1 in Appendix E of this report.

The 2019 CBC requires that a site-specific ground motion study be performed in accordance with Section 11.4.8 of ASCE 7-16 for Site Class D sites with a mapped  $S_1$  value greater than 0.2. However, Section 11.4.8 of ASCE 7-16 also indicates an exception to the requirement for a site-specific ground motion hazard analysis for certain structures on Site Class D sites. The commentary for Section 11 of ASCE 7-16 (Page 534 of Section C11 of ASCE 7-16) indicates that "In general, this exception effectively limits the requirements for site-specific hazard analysis to very tall and or flexible structures at Site Class D sites." **Based on our understanding of the proposed development, the seismic design parameters presented below were calculated assuming that the exception in Section 11.4.8 applies to the proposed structure at this site. However, the structural engineer should verify that this exception is applicable to the proposed structure.** Based on the exception, the spectral response accelerations presented below were calculated using the site coefficients ( $F_a$  and  $F_v$ ) from Tables 1613.2.3(1) and 1613.2.3(2) presented in Section 16.4.4 of the 2019 CBC.

### **2019 CBC SEISMIC DESIGN PARAMETERS**

Parameter	Value	
Mapped Spectral Acceleration at 0.2 sec Period	Ss	2.262
Mapped Spectral Acceleration at 1.0 sec Period	S <sub>1</sub>	0.741
Site Class		D
Site Modified Spectral Acceleration at 0.2 sec Period	S <sub>MS</sub>	2.262
Site Modified Spectral Acceleration at 1.0 sec Period	S <sub>M1</sub>	1.260
Design Spectral Acceleration at 0.2 sec Period	S <sub>DS</sub>	1.508
Design Spectral Acceleration at 1.0 sec Period	S <sub>D1</sub>	0.840

It should be noted that the site coefficient  $F_v$  and the parameters  $S_{M1}$  and  $S_{D1}$  were not included in the <u>SEAOC/OSHPD Seismic Design Maps Tool</u> output for the 2019 CBC. We calculated these parameters-based on Table 1613.2.3(2) in Section 16.4.4 of the 2019 CBC using the value of  $S_1$ 



obtained from the <u>Seismic Design Maps Tool</u>, assuming that a site-specific ground motion hazards analysis is not required for the proposed building at this site.

### Liquefaction

Liquefaction is the loss of strength in generally cohesionless, saturated soils when the pore-water pressure induced in the soil by a seismic event becomes equal to or exceeds the overburden pressure. The primary factors which influence the potential for liquefaction include groundwater table elevation, soil type and grain size characteristics, relative density of the soil, initial confining pressure, and intensity and duration of ground shaking. The depth within which the occurrence of liquefaction may impact surface improvements is generally identified as the upper 50 feet below the existing ground surface. Liquefaction potential is greater in saturated, loose, poorly graded fine sands with a mean ( $d_{50}$ ) grain size in the range of 0.075 to 0.2 mm (Seed and Idriss, 1971). Clayey (cohesive) soils or soils which possess clay particles (d < 0.005mm) in excess of 20 percent (Seed and Idriss, 1982) are generally not considered to be susceptible to liquefaction, nor are those soils which are above the historic static groundwater table.

The California Geological Survey (CGS) has not yet conducted detailed seismic hazards mapping in the area of the subject site. The general liquefaction susceptibility of the site was determined by research of the San Bernardino County Land Use Plan, General Plan, Geologic Hazard Overlays. Map FH21C for the Devore Quadrangle indicates that the subject site is not located within an area of liquefaction susceptibility. Based on the mapping performed by the county of San Bernardino and the subsurface conditions encountered at the boring locations, liquefaction is not considered to be a design concern for this project.

### **6.2 Geotechnical Design Considerations**

### General

Some of the borings and all of the trench locations encountered artificial fill materials, extending to depths of 1 to 3± feet below the existing site grades. Based on a lack of documentation regarding the placement and compaction of the existing fill materials, these soils are considered to consist of undocumented fill, and are not suitable for the support of the foundation loads of the proposed building. The fill soils are underlain by native alluvium which possesses favorable consolidation/collapse characteristics. Additionally, it is anticipated that demolition of the existing structures will cause disturbance of the upper 4± feet of soil. Therefore, remedial grading is considered warranted within the proposed building area in order to remove all of the undocumented fill soils in their entirety and the upper portion of the near-surface native alluvial soils, and replace these materials as compacted structural fill soils.

### Settlement

The recommended remedial grading will remove the existing undocumented fill soils and a portion of the near-surface native alluvial soils and replace these materials as compacted structural fill. The native soils that will remain in place below the recommended depth of overexcavation will not be subject to significant stress increases from the foundations of the new structure. Therefore,



following completion of the recommended grading, post-construction settlements are expected to be within tolerable limits.

### Expansion

The near-surface soils consist of sands, silty sands and gravelly sands with no appreciable clay content. These materials have been visually classified as non-expansive. Therefore, no design considerations related to expansive soils are considered warranted for this site.

### Soluble Sulfates

The result of the soluble sulfate testing indicates that the selected sample of the on-site soils corresponds to Class S0 with respect to the American Concrete Institute (ACI) Publication 318-05 <u>Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary</u>, Section 4.3. Therefore, specialized concrete mix designs are not considered to be necessary, with regard to sulfate protection purposes. It is, however, recommended that additional soluble sulfate testing be conducted at the completion of rough grading to verify the soluble sulfate concentrations of the soils which are present at pad grade within the building area.

### **Corrosion Potential**

The results of laboratory testing indicate that the tested sample of the on-site soils possesses a saturated resistivity value of 3,800 ohm-cm, and a pH value of 7.5. These test results have been evaluated in accordance with guidelines published by the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association (DIPRA). The DIPRA guidelines consist of a point system by which characteristics of the soils are used to quantify the corrosivity characteristics of the site. Resistivity and pH are two of the five factors that enter into the evaluation procedure. Redox potential, relative soil moisture content and sulfides are also included. Although sulfide testing was not part of the scope of services for this project, we have evaluated the corrosivity characteristics of the on-site soils using resistivity, pH and moisture content. Based on these factors, and utilizing the DIPRA procedure, the on-site soils are not considered to be corrosive to ductile iron pipe. Therefore, polyethylene protection is not expected to be required for cast iron or ductile iron pipes. It should be noted that SCG does not practice in the field of corrosion engineering. Therefore, the client may wish to contact a corrosion engineer to provide a more thorough evaluation.

A relatively low concentration (12 mg/kg) of chlorides was detected in the sample submitted for corrosivity testing. In general, soils possessing chloride concentrations in excess of 500 parts per million (ppm) are considered to be corrosive with respect to steel reinforcement within reinforced concrete. Based on the lack of any significant chlorides in the tested sample, the site is considered to have a C1 chloride exposure in accordance with the American Concrete Institute (ACI) Publication 318 <u>Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary</u>. Therefore, a specialized concrete mix design for reinforced concrete for protection against chloride exposure is not considered warranted.

### <u>Nitrates</u>

Nitrates present in soil can be corrosive to copper tubing at concentrations greater than 50 mg/kg. The tested sample possesses a nitrate concentration of 87 mg/kg. **Based on this test result, the on-site soils are considered to be corrosive to copper pipe. Since SCG does not** 



practice in the area of corrosion engineering, we recommend that the client contact a corrosion engineer to provide recommendations for the protection of copper tubing/pipe in contact with the on-site soils.

### Shrinkage/Subsidence

Removal and recompaction of the existing fill soils and near-surface alluvium is estimated to result in an average shrinkage of 1 to 10 percent. However, potential shrinkage for individual samples ranged locally between 0 and 15 percent. The potential shrinkage estimate is based on dry density testing performed on small-diameter samples taken at the boring locations. If a more accurate and precise shrinkage estimate is desired, SCG can perform a shrinkage study involving several excavated test-pits where in-place densities are determined using in-situ testing methods instead of laboratory density testing on small-diameter samples. Please contact SCG for details and a cost estimate regarding a shrinkage study, if desired.

Minor ground subsidence is expected to occur in the soils below the zone of removal, due to settlement and machinery working. The subsidence is estimated to be 0.1 feet.

These estimates are based on previous experience and the subsurface conditions encountered at the boring locations. The actual amount of subsidence is expected to be variable and will be dependent on the type of machinery used, repetitions of use, and dynamic effects, all of which are difficult to assess precisely.

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

Grading and foundation plans were not available at the time of this report. It is therefore recommended that we be provided with copies of the preliminary grading and foundation plans, when they become available, for review with regard to the conclusions, recommendations, and assumptions contained within this report.

### **6.3 Site Grading Recommendations**

The grading recommendations presented below are based on the subsurface conditions encountered at the boring and trench locations, and our understanding of the proposed development. We recommend that all grading activities be completed in accordance with the Grading Guide Specifications included as Appendix D of this report, unless superseded by site-specific recommendations presented below.

### Site Stripping and Demolition

Demolition of the existing structures, pavements, and any associated improvements will be necessary to facilitate the construction of the proposed development. Demolition of the existing structures should include all foundations, floor slabs, and any associated utilities. Any septic systems encountered during demolition and/or grading (if present) should be removed in their entirety. Any associated leach fields or other existing underground improvements should also be removed in their entirety. Debris resultant from demolition should be disposed of off-site in accordance with local regulations. Alternatively, concrete and asphalt debris may be pulverized



to a maximum 2-inch particle size, well mixed with the on-site soils, and incorporated into new structural fills or it may be crushed and made into crushed miscellaneous base (CMB), if desired.

Initial site stripping should include removal of any surficial vegetation and topsoil. This should include any weeds, grasses, shrubs, and trees. Root systems associated with the trees should be removed in their entirety, and the resultant excavations should be backfilled with compacted structural fill soils. The actual extent of site stripping should be determined in the field by the geotechnical engineer, based on the organic content and stability of the materials encountered.

### Treatment of Existing Soils: Building Pad

Remedial grading should be performed within the proposed building area in order to remove the existing undocumented fill soils, any soils disturbed during demolition, and a portion of the near-surface native alluvium. Based on conditions encountered at the boring locations, the existing soils within the proposed building area are recommended to be overexcavated to a depth of at least 3 feet below existing grades and to a depth of at least 3 feet below proposed building pad subgrade elevations, whichever is greater. The depth of the overexcavation should also extend to a depth sufficient to remove all undocumented fill soils and soils disturbed during demolition. Within the influence zones of the new foundations, the overexcavation should extend to a depth of at least 2 feet below proposed foundation bearing grade.

The overexcavation areas should extend at least 5 feet beyond the building and foundation perimeters, and to an extent equal to the depth of fill placed below the foundation bearing grade, whichever is greater. If the proposed structure incorporates any exterior columns (such as for a canopy or overhang) the area of overexcavation should also encompass these areas.

Following completion of the overexcavation, the subgrade soils within the overexcavation areas should be evaluated by the geotechnical engineer to verify their suitability to serve as the structural fill subgrade, as well as to support the foundation loads of the new structure. This evaluation should include proofrolling and probing to identify any soft, loose or otherwise unstable soils that must be removed. Some localized areas of deeper excavation may be required if additional fill materials or loose, porous, or low-density native soils are encountered at the base of the overexcavation. Materials suitable to serve as the structural fill subgrade within the building areas should consist of native soils which possess an in-situ density equal to at least 85 percent of the ASTM D-1557 maximum dry density.

After a suitable overexcavation subgrade has been achieved, the exposed soils should be scarified to a depth of at least 12 inches, and thoroughly flooded to raise the moisture content of the underlying soils to at least 0 to 4 percent above optimum moisture content, extending to a depth of at least 24 inches. The subgrade soils should then be recompacted to at least 90 percent of the ASTM D-1557 maximum dry density. The building pad area may then be raised to grade with previously excavated soils or imported structural fill.

### Treatment of Existing Soils: Retaining Walls and Site Walls

The existing soils within the areas of any proposed retaining walls and site walls should be overexcavated to a depth of 2 feet below foundation bearing grade and replaced as compacted structural fill as discussed above for the proposed building pad. Any undocumented fill soils or



disturbed native alluvium within any of these foundation areas should be removed in their entirety. The overexcavation areas should extend at least 5 feet beyond the foundation perimeters, and to an extent equal to the depth of fill below the new foundations. Any erection pads for tilt-up concrete walls are considered to be part of the foundation system. Therefore, these overexcavation recommendations are applicable to erection pads. The overexcavation subgrade soils should be evaluated by the geotechnical engineer prior to scarifying, moisture conditioning to within 0 to 4 percent above the optimum moisture content, and recompacting the upper 12 inches of exposed subgrade soils. The previously excavated soils may then be replaced as compacted structural fill.

If the full lateral recommended remedial grading cannot be completed for the proposed retaining walls and site walls located along property lines, the foundations for those walls should be designed using a reduced allowable bearing pressure. Furthermore, the contractor should take necessary precautions to protect the adjacent improvements during rough grading. Specialized grading techniques, such as A-B-C slot cuts, will likely be required during remedial grading. The geotechnical engineer of record should be contacted if additional recommendations, such as shoring design recommendations, are required during grading.

### <u>Treatment of Existing Soils: Flatwork, Parking and Drive Areas</u>

Based on economic considerations, overexcavation of the existing near-surface existing soils in the new flatwork, parking and drive areas is not considered warranted, with the exception of areas where lower strength or unstable soils are identified by the geotechnical engineer during grading. Subgrade preparation in the new flatwork, parking and drive areas should initially consist of removal of all soils disturbed during stripping and demolition operations.

The geotechnical engineer should then evaluate the subgrade to identify any areas of additional unsuitable soils. Any such materials should be removed to a level of firm and unyielding soil. The exposed subgrade soils should then be scarified to a depth of 12± inches, moisture conditioned to 0 to 4 percent above the optimum moisture content, and recompacted to at least 90 percent of the ASTM D-1557 maximum dry density. Based on the presence of variable strength surficial soils throughout the site, it is expected that some isolated areas of additional overexcavation may be required to remove zones of lower strength, unsuitable soils.

The grading recommendations presented above for the proposed flatwork, parking and drive areas assume that the owner and/or developer can tolerate minor amounts of settlement within these areas. The grading recommendations presented above do not mitigate the extent of undocumented fill or compressible/collapsible native alluvium in the flatwork, parking and drive areas. As such, some settlement and associated pavement distress could occur. Typically, repair of such distressed areas involves significantly lower costs than completely mitigating these soils at the time of construction. If the owner cannot tolerate the risk of such settlements, the flatwork, parking and drive areas should be overexcavated to a depth of 2 feet below proposed pavement subgrade elevation, with the resulting soils replaced as compacted structural fill.

### Fill Placement

• Fill soils should be placed in thin (6± inches), near-horizontal lifts, moisture conditioned to 0 to 4 percent above the optimum moisture content, and compacted.



- On-site soils may be used for fill provided they are cleaned of any debris to the satisfaction of the geotechnical engineer.
- All grading and fill placement activities should be completed in accordance with the requirements of the 2019 CBC and the grading code of the city of Fontana.
- All fill soils should be compacted to at least 90 percent of the ASTM D-1557 maximum dry density.
- Compaction tests should be performed periodically by the geotechnical engineer as random verification of compaction and moisture content. These tests are intended to aid the contractor. Since the tests are taken at discrete locations and depths, they may not be indicative of the entire fill and therefore should not relieve the contractor of his responsibility to meet the job specifications.

### Selective Grading and Oversized Material Placement

The native alluvial soils possess significant cobbles with occasional boulders. It is expected that large grading equipment will be adequate to move the cobble containing soils as well as some of the soils containing smaller boulders. However, some larger boulders (2± feet in size) are expected to be encountered. It will likely be necessary to move such larger boulders individually, and place them as oversized materials in accordance with the Grading Guide Specifications, in Appendix D of this report.

Since the proposed grading will require excavation of cobble and boulder containing soils, it may be desirable to selectively grade the proposed building pad area. The presence of particles greater than 3 inches in diameter within the upper 1 to 3 feet of the building pad subgrade will impact the utility and foundation excavations. Depending on the depths of fills required within the proposed parking areas, it may be feasible to sort the on-site soils, placing the materials greater than 3 inches in diameter within the lower depths of the fills, and limiting the upper 1 to 3 feet of soils to materials less than 3 inches in size. Oversized materials could also be placed within the lower depths of the recommended overexcavations. In order to achieve this grading, it would likely be necessary to use rock buckets and/or rock sieves to separate the oversized materials from the remaining soil. Although such selective grading will facilitate further construction activities, it is not considered mandatory and a suitable subgrade could be achieved without such extensive sorting. However, in any case, it is recommended that all materials greater than 6 inches in size be excluded from the upper 1 foot of the surface of any compacted fills.

The placement of any oversized materials should be performed in accordance with the Grading Guide Specifications included in Appendix D of this report. If disposal of oversized materials is required, rock blankets or windrows should be used and such areas should be observed during construction and placement by a representative of the geotechnical engineer.

### Imported Structural Fill

All imported structural fill should consist of very low expansive (EI < 20), well graded soils possessing at least 10 percent fines (that portion of the sample passing the No. 200 sieve). Additional specifications for structural fill are presented in the Grading Guide Specifications, included as Appendix D.



### Utility Trench Backfill

In general, all utility trench backfill should be compacted to at least 90 percent of the ASTM D-1557 maximum dry density. As an alternative, a clean sand (minimum Sand Equivalent of 30) may be placed within trenches and compacted in place (jetting or flooding is not recommended). Compacted trench backfill should conform to the requirements of the local grading code, and more restrictive requirements may be indicated by the city of Fontana. All utility trench backfills should be witnessed by the geotechnical engineer. The trench backfill soils should be compaction tested where possible; probed and visually evaluated elsewhere.

Utility trenches which parallel a footing, and extending below a 1h:1v (horizontal to vertical) plane projected from the outside edge of the footing should be backfilled with structural fill soils, compacted to at least 90 percent of the ASTM D-1557 standard. Pea gravel backfill should not be used for these trenches.

Any soils used to backfill voids around subsurface utility structures, such as manholes or vaults, should be placed as compacted structural fill. If it is not practical to place compacted fill in these areas, then such void spaces may be backfilled with lean concrete slurry. Uncompacted pea gravel or sand is not recommended for backfilling these voids since these materials have a potential to settle and thereby cause distress of pavements placed around these subterranean structures.

### **6.4 Construction Considerations**

### **Excavation Considerations**

The near-surface soils generally consist of gravelly sands and sandy gravel. These materials will be subject to moderate caving within shallow excavations. Where caving does occur, flattened excavation slopes may be sufficient to provide excavation stability. On a preliminary basis, the inclination of temporary slopes should not exceed 2h:1v. Deeper excavations may require some form of external stabilization such as shoring or bracing. Maintaining adequate moisture content within the near-surface soils will improve excavation stability. All excavation activities on this site should be conducted in accordance with Cal-OSHA regulations.

### Groundwater

The static groundwater table is considered to have existed at a depth in excess of  $15\frac{1}{2}$  feet at the time of the subsurface exploration. Therefore, groundwater is not expected to impact the grading or foundation construction activities.

### **6.5 Foundation Design and Construction**

Based on the preceding grading recommendations, it is assumed that the new building pad will be underlain by structural fill soils used to replace existing undocumented fill soils and a portion of the near-surface alluvial soils. These new structural fill soils are expected to extend to a depth of at least 2 feet below proposed foundation bearing grade, underlain by 1± foot of additional



soil that has been densified and moisture conditioned in place. Based on this subsurface profile, the proposed structure may be supported on conventional shallow foundations.

### Foundation Design Parameters

New square and rectangular footings may be designed as follows:

- Maximum, net allowable soil bearing pressure: 2,500 lbs/ft².
- Maximum, net allowable soil bearing pressure: 1,500 lbs/ft² if the full lateral extent of remedial grading cannot be achieved.
- Minimum wall/column footing width: 14 inches/24 inches.
- Minimum longitudinal steel reinforcement within strip footings: Two (2) No. 5 rebars (1 top and 1 bottom).
- Minimum foundation embedment: 12 inches into suitable structural fill soils, and at least 18 inches below adjacent exterior grade. Interior column footings may be placed immediately beneath the floor slab.
- It is recommended that the perimeter building foundations be continuous across all exterior doorways. Any flatwork adjacent to the exterior doors should be doweled into the perimeter foundations in a manner determined by the structural engineer.

The allowable bearing pressures presented above may be increased by 1/3 when considering short duration wind or seismic loads. The minimum steel reinforcement recommended above is based on geotechnical considerations; additional reinforcement may be necessary for structural considerations. The actual design of the foundations should be determined by the structural engineer.

### **Foundation Construction**

The foundation subgrade soils should be evaluated at the time of overexcavation, as discussed in Section 6.3 of this report. It is further recommended that the foundation subgrade soils be evaluated by the geotechnical engineer immediately prior to steel or concrete placement. Soils suitable for direct foundation support should consist of newly placed structural fill, compacted to at least 90 percent of the ASTM D-1557 maximum dry density. Any unsuitable materials should be removed to a depth of suitable bearing compacted structural fill or suitable native alluvium (where reduced bearing pressures are utilized), with the resulting excavations backfilled with compacted fill soils. As an alternative, lean concrete slurry (500 to 1,500 psi) may be used to backfill such isolated overexcavations.

The foundation subgrade soils should also be properly moisture conditioned to 0 to 4 percent above the Modified Proctor optimum, to a depth of at least 12 inches below bearing grade. Since it is typically not feasible to increase the moisture content of the floor slab and foundation subgrade soils once rough grading has been completed, care should be taken to maintain the moisture content of the building pad subgrade soils throughout the construction process.



### **Estimated Foundation Settlements**

Post-construction total and differential settlements of shallow foundations designed and constructed in accordance with the previously presented recommendations are estimated to be less than 1.0 and 0.5 inches, respectively. Differential movements are expected to occur over a 30-foot span, thereby resulting in an angular distortion of less than 0.002 inches per inch.

### Lateral Load Resistance

Lateral load resistance will be developed by a combination of friction acting at the base of foundations and slab and the passive earth pressure developed by footings below grade. The following friction and passive pressure may be used to resist lateral forces:

Passive Earth Pressure: 300 lbs/ft³

• Friction Coefficient: 0.30

These are allowable values, and include a factor of safety. When combining friction and passive resistance, the passive pressure component should be reduced by one-third. These values assume that footings will be poured directly against compacted structural fill soils. The maximum allowable passive pressure is 3,000 lbs/ft².

### 6.6 Floor Slab Design and Construction

Subgrades which will support the new floor slab should be prepared in accordance with the recommendations contained in the *Site Grading Recommendations* section of this report. Based on the anticipated grading which will occur at this site, the floor of the proposed structure may be constructed as a conventional slab-on-grade supported on newly placed structural fill (or densified existing soils), extending to a depth of at least 3 feet below finished pad grades. Based on geotechnical considerations, the floor slab may be designed as follows:

- Minimum slab thickness: 5 inches.
- Modulus of Subgrade Reaction: k = 150 psi/in.
- Minimum slab reinforcement: Reinforcement is not considered necessary from a geotechnical standpoint. The actual floor slab reinforcement should be determined by the structural engineer, based on the imposed slab loading.
- Slab underlayment: If moisture sensitive floor coverings will be used then minimum slab underlayment should consist of a moisture vapor barrier constructed below the entire area of the proposed slab where such moisture sensitive floor coverings are anticipated. The moisture vapor barrier should meet or exceed the Class A rating as defined by ASTM E 1745-97 and have a permeance rating less than 0.01 perms as described in ASTM E 96-95 and ASTM E 154-88. A polyolefin material such as Stego® Wrap Vapor Barrier or equivalent will meet these specifications. The moisture vapor barrier should be properly constructed in accordance with all applicable manufacturer specifications. Given that a rock free subgrade is anticipated and that a capillary break is not required, sand below the barrier is not required. The need for sand and/or the amount of sand above the



moisture vapor barrier should be specified by the structural engineer or concrete contractor. The selection of sand above the barrier is not a geotechnical engineering issue and hence outside our purview. Where moisture sensitive floor coverings are not anticipated, the vapor barrier may be eliminated.

- Moisture condition the floor slab subgrade soils to 0 to 4 percent above the Modified Proctor optimum moisture content, to a depth of 12 inches. The moisture content of the floor slab subgrade soils should be verified by the geotechnical engineer within 24 hours prior to concrete placement.
- Proper concrete curing techniques should be utilized to reduce the potential for slab curling or the formation of excessive shrinkage cracks.

The actual design of the floor slab should be completed by the structural engineer to verify adequate thickness and reinforcement.

### **6.7 Retaining Wall Design and Construction**

Although not indicated on the site plans, some small (less than 6 feet in height) retaining walls may be required to facilitate the new site grades. The parameters recommended for use in the design of these walls are presented below.

### Retaining Wall Design Parameters

Based on the soil conditions encountered at the trench locations, the following parameters may be used in the design of new retaining walls for this site. The following parameters assume that only the on-site soils will be utilized for retaining wall backfill. The near-surface soils generally consist of sands, silty sands and gravelly sands. Based on their classification, these materials are expected to possess a friction angle of at least 32 degrees when compacted to at least 90 percent of the ASTM D-1557 maximum dry density.

If desired, SCG could provide design parameters for an alternative select backfill material behind the retaining walls. The use of select backfill material could result in lower lateral earth pressures. In order to use the design parameters for the imported select fill, this material must be placed within the entire active failure wedge. This wedge is defined as extending from the heel of the retaining wall upwards at an angle of approximately 60° from horizontal. If select backfill material behind the retaining wall is desired, SCG should be contacted for supplementary recommendations.



### **RETAINING WALL DESIGN PARAMETERS**

		Soil Type
De	sign Parameter	On-site Sands
Internal Friction Angle (φ)		32°
Unit Weight		140 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>
	Active Condition (level backfill)	43 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>
Equivalent Fluid Pressure:	Active Condition (2h:1v backfill)	66 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>
	At-Rest Condition (level backfill)	66 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>

The walls should be designed using a soil-footing coefficient of friction of 0.30 and an equivalent passive pressure of 300 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>. The structural engineer should incorporate appropriate factors of safety in the design of the retaining walls.

The active earth pressure may be used for the design of retaining walls that do not directly support structures or support soils that in turn support structures and which will be allowed to deflect. The at-rest earth pressure should be used for walls that will not be allowed to deflect such as those which will support foundation bearing soils, or which will support foundation loads directly.

Where the soils on the toe side of the retaining wall are not covered by a "hard" surface such as a structure or pavement, the upper 1 foot of soil should be neglected when calculating passive resistance due to the potential for the material to become disturbed or degraded during the life of the structure.

### Seismic Lateral Earth Pressures

In accordance with the 2019 CBC, any retaining walls more than 6 feet in height must be designed for seismic lateral earth pressures. If walls 6 feet or more are required for this site, the geotechnical engineer should be contacted for supplementary seismic lateral earth pressure recommendations.

### Retaining Wall Foundation Design

The retaining wall foundations should be underlain by at least 2 feet of newly placed structural fill. Foundations to support new retaining walls should be designed in accordance with the general Foundation Design Parameters presented in a previous section of this report.

### **Backfill Material**

On-site soils may be used to backfill the retaining walls. **However, all backfill material placed within 3 feet of the back wall face should have a particle size no greater than 3 inches.** Some sorting and/or crushing operations may be required. The retaining wall backfill materials should be well graded.



It is recommended that a properly installed prefabricated drainage composite such as the MiraDRAIN 6000XL (or approved equivalent), which is specifically designed for use behind retaining walls be used. If the drainage composite material is not covered by an impermeable surface, such as a structure or pavement, a 12-inch thick layer of a low permeability soil should be placed over the backfill to reduce surface water migration to the underlying soils. The drainage composite should be separated from the backfill soils by a suitable geotextile, approved by the geotechnical engineer.

All retaining wall backfill should be placed and compacted under engineering controlled conditions in the necessary layer thicknesses to ensure an in-place density between 90 and 93 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by the Modified Proctor test (ASTM D1557). Care should be taken to avoid over-compaction of the soils behind the retaining walls, and the use of heavy compaction equipment should be avoided.

### Subsurface Drainage

As previously indicated, the retaining wall design parameters are based upon drained backfill conditions. Consequently, some form of permanent drainage system will be necessary in conjunction with the appropriate backfill material. Subsurface drainage may consist of either:

- A weep hole drainage system typically consisting of a series of 4-inch diameter holes in the wall situated slightly above the ground surface elevation on the exposed side of the wall and at an approximate 8-foot on-center spacing. The weep holes should include a 2 cubic foot pocket of open graded gravel, surrounded by an approved geotextile fabric, at each weep hole location.
- A 4-inch diameter perforated pipe surrounded by 2 cubic feet of gravel per linear foot of drain placed behind the wall, above the retaining wall footing. The gravel layer should be wrapped in a suitable geotextile fabric to reduce the potential for migration of fines. The footing drain should be extended to daylight or tied into a storm drainage system.

### **6.8 Pavement Design Parameters**

Site preparation in the pavement area should be completed as previously recommended in the **Site Grading Recommendations** section of this report. The subsequent pavement recommendations assume proper drainage and construction monitoring, and are based on either PCA or CALTRANS design parameters for a twenty (20) year design period. However, these designs also assume a routine pavement maintenance program to obtain the anticipated 20-year pavement service life.

### **Pavement Subgrades**

It is anticipated that the new pavements will be primarily supported on a layer of compacted structural fill, consisting of scarified, thoroughly moisture conditioned and recompacted existing soils. The near-surface soils generally consist of gravelly sands and sandy gravel. These soils are generally considered to possess excellent pavement support characteristics, with R-values in the range of 50 to 60. The subsequent pavement design is therefore based upon an assumed R-value of 50. Any fill material imported to the site should have support characteristics equal to or greater



than that of the on-site soils and be placed and compacted under engineering controlled conditions. It is recommended that R-value testing be performed after completion of rough grading to verify that the pavement design recommendations presented herein are valid.

### Asphaltic Concrete

Presented below are the recommended thicknesses for new flexible pavement structures consisting of asphaltic concrete over a granular base. The pavement designs are based on the traffic indices (TI's) indicated. The client and/or civil engineer should verify that these TI's are representative of the anticipated traffic volumes. If the client and/or civil engineer determine that the expected traffic volume will exceed the applicable traffic index, we should be contacted for supplementary recommendations. The design traffic indices equate to the following approximate daily traffic volumes over a 20-year design life, assuming six operational traffic days per week.

Traffic Index	No. of Heavy Trucks per Day
4.0	0
5.0	1
6.0	3
7.0	11
8.0	35

For the purpose of the traffic volumes indicated above, a truck is defined as a 5-axle tractor trailer unit with one 8-kip axle and two 32-kip tandem axles. All of the traffic indices allow for 1,000 automobiles per day.

ASPHALT PAVEMENTS (R = 50)					
Thickness (inches)					
Materials	Parking Auto Drive Lanes (TI = 4.0) (TI = 5.0)	lls Lanes	Truck Traffic		:
			(TI = 6.0)	(TI = 7.0)	(TI = 8.0)
Asphalt Concrete	3	3	31/2	4	5
Aggregate Base	3	3	4	5	5
Compacted Subgrade (90% minimum compaction)	12	12	12	12	12

The aggregate base course should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the ASTM D-1557 maximum dry density. The asphaltic concrete should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the batch plant-reported maximum density. The aggregate base course may consist of crushed aggregate base (CAB) or crushed miscellaneous base (CMB), which is a recycled gravel, asphalt and concrete material. The gradation, R-Value, Sand Equivalent, and Percentage Wear of the CAB or CMB should comply with appropriate specifications contained in the current edition of the "Greenbook" Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction.



### Portland Cement Concrete

The preparation of the subgrade soils within concrete pavement areas should be performed as previously described for proposed asphalt pavement areas. The minimum recommended thicknesses for the Portland Cement Concrete pavement sections are as follows:

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENTS (R = 50)					
		Thickne	ess (inches)		
Materials	Automobile Parking and		Truck Traffic		
	Drive Areas (TI = 5.0)	(TI =6.0)	(TI =7.0)	(TI =8.0)	
PCC	5	5	5½	61/2	
Compacted Subgrade (95% minimum compaction)	12	12	12	12	

The concrete should have a 28-day compressive strength of at least 3,000 psi. The maximum joint spacing within all of the PCC pavements is recommended to be equal to or less than 30 times the pavement thickness. Any reinforcement within the PCC pavements should be determined by the project structural engineer.



### 7.0 GENERAL COMMENTS

This report has been prepared as an instrument of service for use by the client, in order to aid in the evaluation of this property and to assist the architects and engineers in the design and preparation of the project plans and specifications. This report may be provided to the contractor(s) and other design consultants to disclose information relative to the project. However, this report is not intended to be utilized as a specification in and of itself, without appropriate interpretation by the project architect, civil engineer, and/or structural engineer. The reproduction and distribution of this report must be authorized by the client and Southern California Geotechnical, Inc. Furthermore, any reliance on this report by an unauthorized third party is at such party's sole risk, and we accept no responsibility for damage or loss which may occur. The client(s)' reliance upon this report is subject to the Engineering Services Agreement, incorporated into our proposal for this project.

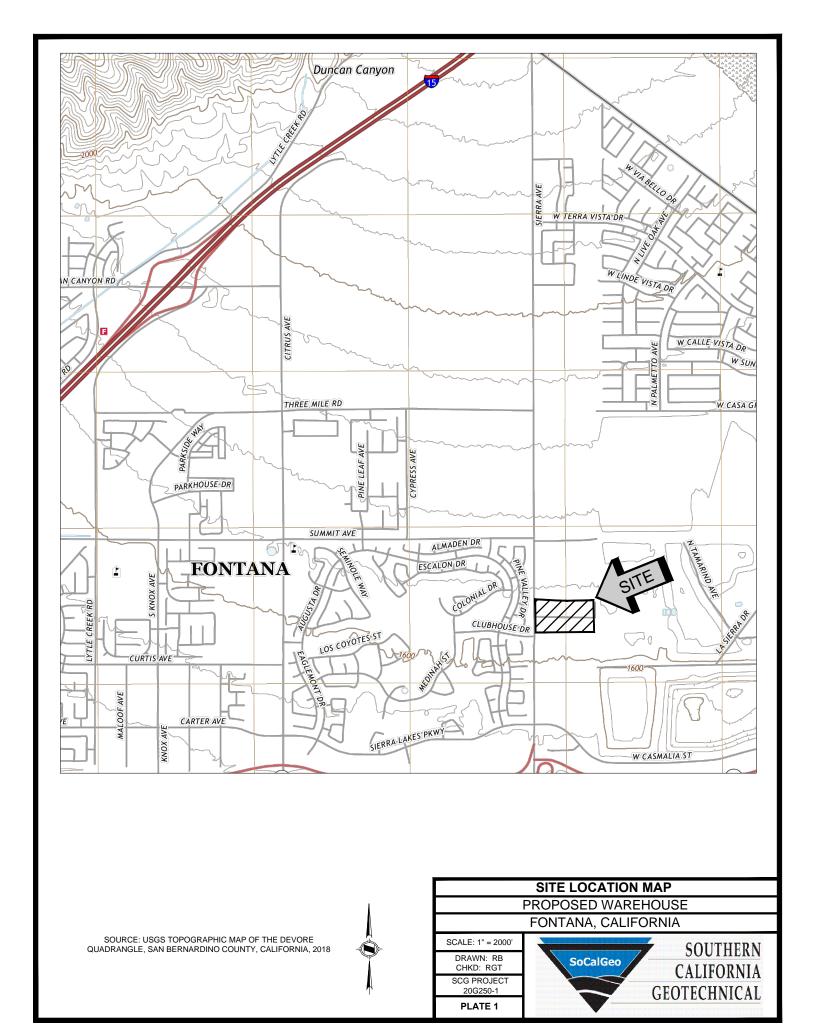
The analysis of this site was based on a subsurface profile interpolated from limited discrete soil samples. While the materials encountered in the project area are considered to be representative of the total area, some variations should be expected between boring and trench locations and sample depths. If the conditions encountered during construction vary significantly from those detailed herein, we should be contacted immediately to determine if the conditions alter the recommendations contained herein.

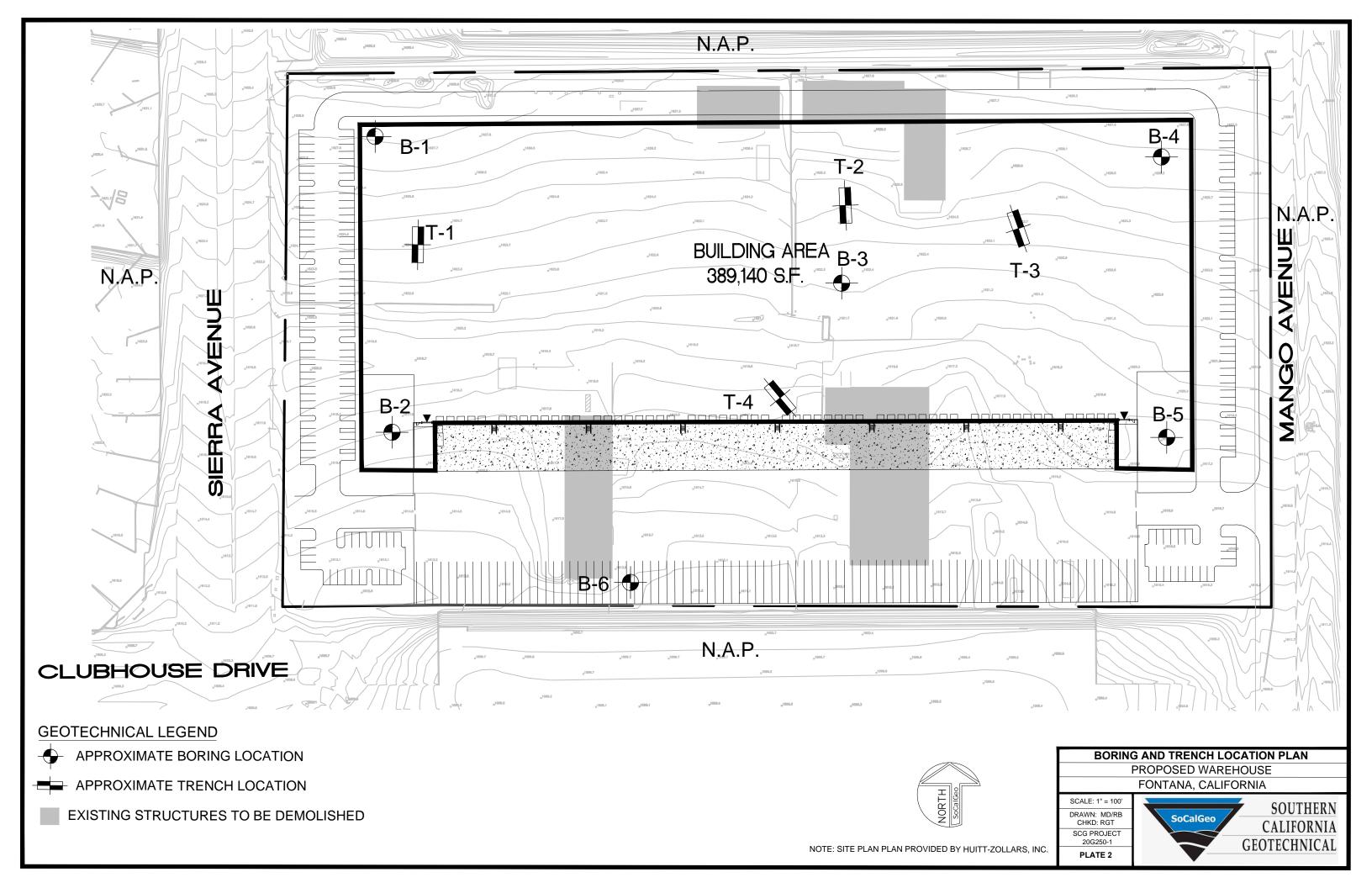
This report has been based on assumed or provided characteristics of the proposed development. It is recommended that the owner, client, architect, structural engineer, and civil engineer carefully review these assumptions to ensure that they are consistent with the characteristics of the proposed development. If discrepancies exist, they should be brought to our attention to verify that they do not affect the conclusions and recommendations contained herein. We also recommend that the project plans and specifications be submitted to our office for review to verify that our recommendations have been correctly interpreted.

The analysis, conclusions, and recommendations contained within this report have been promulgated in accordance with generally accepted professional geotechnical engineering practice. No other warranty is implied or expressed.



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## **BORING LOG LEGEND**

SAMPLE TYPE	GRAPHICAL SYMBOL	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION
AUGER		SAMPLE COLLECTED FROM AUGER CUTTINGS, NO FIELD MEASUREMENT OF SOIL STRENGTH. (DISTURBED)
CORE		ROCK CORE SAMPLE: TYPICALLY TAKEN WITH A DIAMOND-TIPPED CORE BARREL. TYPICALLY USED ONLY IN HIGHLY CONSOLIDATED BEDROCK.
GRAB	My	SOIL SAMPLE TAKEN WITH NO SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS FROM A STOCKPILE OR THE GROUND SURFACE. (DISTURBED)
CS		CALIFORNIA SAMPLER: 2-1/2 INCH I.D. SPLIT BARREL SAMPLER, LINED WITH 1-INCH HIGH BRASS RINGS. DRIVEN WITH SPT HAMMER. (RELATIVELY UNDISTURBED)
NSR		NO RECOVERY: THE SAMPLING ATTEMPT DID NOT RESULT IN RECOVERY OF ANY SIGNIFICANT SOIL OR ROCK MATERIAL.
SPT		STANDARD PENETRATION TEST: SAMPLER IS A 1.4 INCH INSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT BARREL, DRIVEN 18 INCHES WITH THE SPT HAMMER. (DISTURBED)
SH		SHELBY TUBE: TAKEN WITH A THIN WALL SAMPLE TUBE, PUSHED INTO THE SOIL AND THEN EXTRACTED. (UNDISTURBED)
VANE		VANE SHEAR TEST: SOIL STRENGTH OBTAINED USING A 4 BLADED SHEAR DEVICE. TYPICALLY USED IN SOFT CLAYS-NO SAMPLE RECOVERED.

### **COLUMN DESCRIPTIONS**

**DEPTH:** Distance in feet below the ground surface.

**SAMPLE**: Sample Type as depicted above.

**BLOW COUNT**: Number of blows required to advance the sampler 12 inches using a 140 lb

hammer with a 30-inch drop. 50/3" indicates penetration refusal (>50 blows) at 3 inches. WH indicates that the weight of the hammer was sufficient to

push the sampler 6 inches or more.

**POCKET PEN.**: Approximate shear strength of a cohesive soil sample as measured by pocket

penetrometer.

**GRAPHIC LOG**: Graphic Soil Symbol as depicted on the following page.

**DRY DENSITY**: Dry density of an undisturbed or relatively undisturbed sample in lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>.

**MOISTURE CONTENT**: Moisture content of a soil sample, expressed as a percentage of the dry weight.

**LIQUID LIMIT**: The moisture content above which a soil behaves as a liquid.

**PLASTIC LIMIT**: The moisture content above which a soil behaves as a plastic.

**PASSING #200 SIEVE**: The percentage of the sample finer than the #200 standard sieve.

**UNCONFINED SHEAR**: The shear strength of a cohesive soil sample, as measured in the unconfined state.

# SOIL CLASSIFICATION CHART

	 	1	SYM	SYMBOLS	TYPICAL
<b>S</b>	MAJOR DIVISIONS	ONS	GRAPH	LETTER	DESCRIPTIONS
	GRAVEL AND	CLEAN GRAVELS		GW	WELL-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
	GRAVELLY SOILS	(LITTLE OR NO FINES)		GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
COARSE GRAINED SOILS	MORE THAN 50%	GRAVELS WITH FINES		GM	SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND - SILT MIXTURES
	RETAINED ON NO. 4 SIEVE	(APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		GC	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND - CLAY MIXTURES
MORE THAN 50%	SAND	CLEAN SANDS		WS	WELL-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES
LARGER THAN NO. 200 SIEVE SIZE	SANDY SOILS	(LITTLE OR NO FINES)		SP	POORLY-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SAND, LITTLE OR NO FINES
	MORE THAN 50%	SANDS WITH FINES		SM	SILTY SANDS, SAND - SILT MIXTURES
	PASSING ON NO. 4 SIEVE	(APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		SC	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND - CLAY MIXTURES
				ML	INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SANDS OR CLAYEY SILTS WITH SLIGHT PLASTICITY
FINE GRAINED SOILS	SILTS AND CLAYS	LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 50		CL	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY CLAYS, SANDY CLAYS, SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS
				Q <sub>L</sub>	ORGANIC SILTS AND ORGANIC SILTY CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY
MORE THAN 50% OF MATERIAL IS SMALLER THAN NO. 200 SIEVE				HM	INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS FINE SAND OR SILTY SOILS
SIZE	SILTS AND CLAYS	LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50		СН	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY
				우	ORGANIC CLAYS OF MEDIUM TO HIGH PLASTICITY, ORGANIC SILTS
王	HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	30ILS	77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77	PT	PEAT, HUMUS, SWAMP SOILS WITH HIGH ORGANIC CONTENTS



JOB NO.: 20G250-1 DRILLING DATE: 1/15/21 WATER DEPTH: Dry PROJECT: Proposed Warehouse DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger CAVE DEPTH: 4 feet LOCATION: Fontana, California LOGGED BY: Jose Zuniga READING TAKEN: At Completion FIELD RESULTS LABORATORY RESULTS **GRAPHIC LOG** DRY DENSITY (PCF) POCKET PEN. (TSF) DEPTH (FEET **BLOW COUNT** 8 8 PASSING #200 SIEVE ( COMMENTS DESCRIPTION MOISTURE CONTENT ( ORGANIC CONTENT ( PLASTIC LIMIT SAMPLE LIQUID SURFACE ELEVATION: 1628.2 feet MSL ALLUVIUM: Brown fine to coarse Sand, little Silt, little fine to coarse Gravel, medium dense-dry 19 131 1 Light Gray Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, little Silt, occasional Cobbles, medium dense to very dense-dry 1 Disturbed Sample 50/3' 128 1 35 No Sample Recovery Boring Terminated at 8' due to refusal on dense Cobbles 20G250-1.GPJ SOCALGEO.GDT 2/5/2



JOB NO.: 20G250-1 DRILLING DATE: 1/15/21 WATER DEPTH: Dry PROJECT: Proposed Warehouse DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger CAVE DEPTH: 2 feet LOCATION: Fontana, California LOGGED BY: Jose Zuniga READING TAKEN: At Completion FIELD RESULTS LABORATORY RESULTS **GRAPHIC LOG** DRY DENSITY (PCF) MOISTURE CONTENT (%) ORGANIC CONTENT (%) POCKET PEN. (TSF) DEPTH (FEET) **BLOW COUNT** PASSING #200 SIEVE ( COMMENTS **DESCRIPTION** PLASTIC LIMIT SAMPLE LIQUID SURFACE ELEVATION: 1617.0 feet MSL ALLUVIUM: Light Gray Brown fine to coarse Sand, little Silt, little fine to coarse Gravel, dense-dry 31 2 @ 3.5', occasional Cobbles 2 42 5 Boring Terminated at 5.5' due to refusal on dense Cobbles 20G250-1.GPJ SOCALGEO.GDT 2/5/2



JOB NO.: 20G250-1 DRILLING DATE: 1/15/21 WATER DEPTH: Dry PROJECT: Proposed Warehouse DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger CAVE DEPTH: 3.5 feet LOCATION: Fontana, California LOGGED BY: Jose Zuniga READING TAKEN: At Completion FIELD RESULTS LABORATORY RESULTS **GRAPHIC LOG** DRY DENSITY (PCF) POCKET PEN. (TSF) DEPTH (FEET **BLOW COUNT** 8 PASSING #200 SIEVE ( COMMENTS DESCRIPTION MOISTURE CONTENT ( ORGANIC CONTENT ( PLASTIC LIMIT SAMPLE LIQUID SURFACE ELEVATION: 1622.2 feet MSL <u>FILL:</u> Gray Brown Silty fine to medium Sand, trace coarse Sand, little fine Gravel, dense-damp 49 125 3 ALLUVIUM: Light Gray Brown to Brown fine to coarse Sand, trace to little Silt, little fine to coarse Gravel, dense-damp 3 3 53 117 87 @ 6', occasional Cobbles, very dense 117 4 Boring Terminated at 7' due to refusal on dense Cobbles 20G250-1.GPJ SOCALGEO.GDT 2/5/2



JOB NO.: 20G250-1 DRILLING DATE: 1/15/21 WATER DEPTH: Dry PROJECT: Proposed Warehouse DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger CAVE DEPTH: 2.5 feet LOCATION: Fontana, California LOGGED BY: Jose Zuniga READING TAKEN: At Completion FIELD RESULTS LABORATORY RESULTS GRAPHIC LOG DRY DENSITY (PCF) ORGANIC CONTENT (%) POCKET PEN. (TSF) DEPTH (FEET) **BLOW COUNT** % PASSING #200 SIEVE ( COMMENTS **DESCRIPTION** MOISTURE CONTENT ( PLASTIC LIMIT SAMPLE LIQUID SURFACE ELEVATION: 1626.8 feet MSL  $\underline{\text{ALLUVIUM:}}$  Light Gray Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, little Silt, dense to very dense-dry 30 2 2 50/5" @ 3.5', occasional Cobbles Boring Terminated at 5' due to refusal on dense Cobbles 20G250-1.GPJ SOCALGEO.GDT 2/5/2



JOB NO.: 20G250-1 DRILLING DATE: 1/15/21 WATER DEPTH: Dry PROJECT: Proposed Warehouse DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger CAVE DEPTH: 6 feet LOCATION: Fontana, California LOGGED BY: Jose Zuniga READING TAKEN: At Completion FIELD RESULTS LABORATORY RESULTS **GRAPHIC LOG** DRY DENSITY (PCF) POCKET PEN. (TSF) DEPTH (FEET **BLOW COUNT** 8 8 PASSING #200 SIEVE ( COMMENTS DESCRIPTION MOISTURE CONTENT ( ORGANIC CONTENT ( PLASTIC LIMIT SAMPLE LIQUID SURFACE ELEVATION: 1618.6 feet MSL FILL: Light Gray Brown fine to coarse Sand, little Silt, little fine Gravel, dense-dry 60 1 Disturbed Sample <u>ALLUVIUM:</u> Gray Brown Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, little Silt, medium dense to dense-dry 120 2 58 No Sample Recovery No Sample Recovery 2 Disturbed Sample 10 Light Gray to Gray fine to coarse Sand, little fine to coarse Gravel, trace to little Silt, occasional Cobbles, very dense-dry 50/5" 2 Disturbed Sample 15 Boring Terminated at 15.5' due to refusal on dense Cobbles 20G250-1.GPJ SOCALGEO.GDT 2/5/2



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### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GEOTECHNICAL

### TRENCH NO. T-1

JOB NO.: 20G250-1 **EQUIPMENT USED: Backhoe** WATER DEPTH: Dry PROJECT: Proposed Warehouse LOGGED BY: Ryan Bremer SEEPAGE DEPTH: Dry LOCATION: Fontana, California ORIENTATION: N 0 E **READINGS TAKEN: At Completion** ELEVATION: 1624.2 feet msl DATE: 1/15/2021 DRY DENSITY (PCF) MOISTURE (%) SAMPLE **EARTH MATERIALS GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION DESCRIPTION** N0E SCALE: 1" = 5' 4 to 5-inch thick Gravel layer A: FILL: Brown Silty fine Sand, little medium to coarse Sand, little fine to coarse Gravel, trace metal fragments, occasional Cobbles, loose-damp B: ALLUVIUM: Brown Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, trace to little Silt, extensive Cobbles, medium dense-dry @ 2.5 - 4 feet, extensive Cobbles @8.5 - 10 feet, extensive Cobbles 10 Trench Terminated @ 10 feet Bottom of Trench Elevation: 1614.2 feet msl

KEY TO SAMPLE TYPES: B - BULK SAMPLE (DISTURBED) R - RING SAMPLE 2-1/2" DIAMETER (RELATIVELY UNDISTURBED)

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GEOTECHNICAL

TRENCH NO. T-2

JOB NO.: 20G250-1 **EQUIPMENT USED: Backhoe** WATER DEPTH: Dry PROJECT: Proposed Warehouse LOGGED BY: Ryan Bremer SEEPAGE DEPTH: Dry LOCATION: Fontana, California **ORIENTATION: N 2 W READINGS TAKEN: At Completion** ELEVATION: 1624.1 feet msl DATE: 1/15/2021 DRY DENSITY (PCF) MOISTURE (%) DEPTH SAMPLE **EARTH MATERIALS GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION DESCRIPTION** N 2 W SCALE: 1" = 5' 3 to 4-inch thick Gravel layer A: FILL: Dark Brown Silty fine to coarse Sand, little to some fine to coarse Gravel, extensive Cobbles, medium dense-dry B: ALLUVIUM: Brown Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, trace to little Silt, extensive Cobbles, medium dense-dry to damp Cobbles 3 C: Brown Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, trace Silt, extensive Cobbles medium dense-damp 10 Trench Terminated @ 10 feet Bottom of Trench Elevation: 1614.1 feet msl 15

KEY TO SAMPLE TYPES:

B - BULK SAMPLE (DISTURBED)

R - RING SAMPLE 2-1/2" DIAMETER

(RELATIVELY LINDISTURBED)

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GEOTECHNICAL

### TRENCH NO. T-3

JOB NO.: 20G250-1 **EQUIPMENT USED: Backhoe** WATER DEPTH: Dry PROJECT: Proposed Warehouse LOGGED BY: Ryan Bremer SEEPAGE DEPTH: Dry LOCATION: Fontana, California ORIENTATION: N 20 W **READINGS TAKEN: At Completion** ELEVATION: 1623.5 feet msl DATE: 1/15/2021 DRY DENSITY (PCF) MOISTURE (%) SAMPLE DEPTH **EARTH MATERIALS GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION DESCRIPTION** N 20 W SCALE: 1" = 5' 3 to 4-inch Gravel layer A: FILL: Dark Brown Silty fine Sand, trace to little medium to coarse Sand, little fine to coarse Gravel, occasional Cobbles, medium dense-damp to moist B: ALLUVIUM: Brown Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, extensive Cobbles, occasional Boulders, medium dense-dry to damp 5 Cobbles @ 5 - 6 feet, occasional Boulders b @ 9 feet, little Silt 10 Trench Terminated @ 10 feet Bottom of Trench Elevation: 1613.5 feet msl 15

KEY TO SAMPLE TYPES:

B - BULK SAMPLE (DISTURBED)

R - RING SAMPLE 2-1/2" DIAMETER

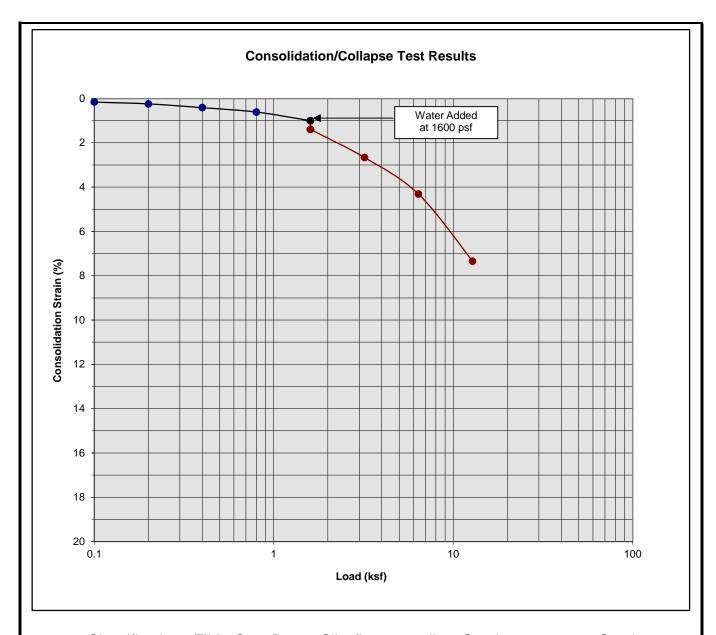
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### TRENCH NO. T-4

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GEOTECHNICAL

- 91 01 Bottom of Trench Elevation: 1609.3 feet msl Trench Terminated @ 6.8 @ best due to refusal on dense Cobbles Cobbles, occasional Boulders, dense to very dense-dry to damp C: ALLUVIUM: Brown Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, trace Silt, extensive extensive Cobbles, medium dense-damp B: ALLUVIUM: Brown Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, little to some Silt, q fine to coarse Gravel, occasional Cobbles, medium dense-dry (A)A: FILL: Brown Silty fine Sand, little medium to coarse Sand, little to some 2 to 3-inch Gravel layer 2CALE: 1" = 5" MIPM DRY DENSITY (PCF) MOISTURE (%) **DESCRIPTION GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION EARTH MATERIALS** ELEVATION: 1617.8 feet msl DATE: 1/15/2021 READINGS TAKEN: At Completion LOCATION: Fontana, California ORIENTATION: N 15 W SEEPAGE DEPTH: Dry LOGGED BY: Ryan Bremer PROJECT: Proposed Warehouse VATER DEPTH: Dry 10B NO:: 20G220-1 EQUIPMENT USED: Backhoe

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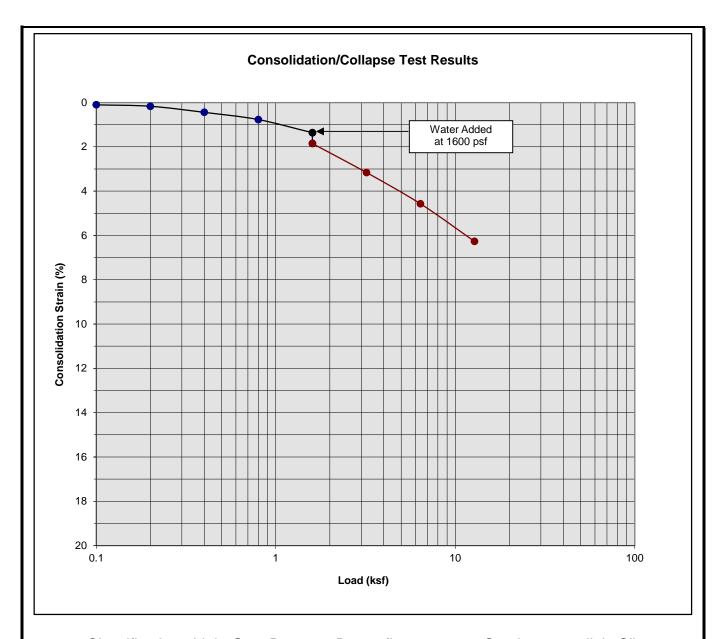


Classification: FILL: Gray Brown Silty fine to medium Sand, trace coarse Sand

Boring Number:	B-3	Initial Moisture Content (%)	3
Sample Number:		Final Moisture Content (%)	10
Depth (ft)	1 to 2	Initial Dry Density (pcf)	124.8
Specimen Diameter (in)	2.4	Final Dry Density (pcf)	133.3
Specimen Thickness (in)	1.0	Percent Collapse (%)	0.39

Proposed Warehouse Fontana, California Project No. 20G250-1 PLATE C-1



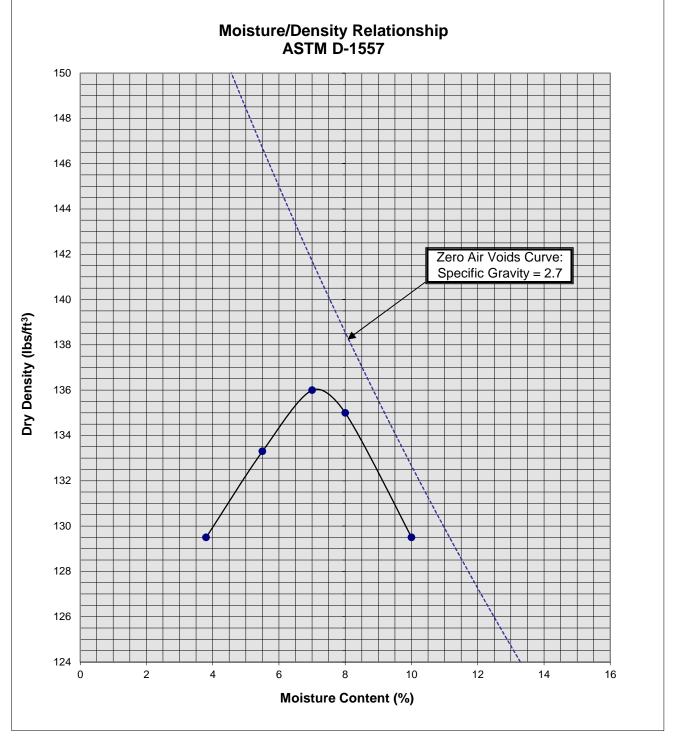


Classification: Light Gray Brown to Brown fine to coarse Sand, trace to little Silt

Boring Number:	B-3	Initial Moisture Content (%)	3
Sample Number:		Final Moisture Content (%)	10
Depth (ft)	3 to 4	Initial Dry Density (pcf)	123.1
Specimen Diameter (in)	2.4	Final Dry Density (pcf)	129.9
Specimen Thickness (in)	1.0	Percent Collapse (%)	0.49

Proposed Warehouse Fontana, California Project No. 20G250-1 PLATE C-2





Soil II	Soil ID Number		
Optimum	Moisture (%)	4	
Maximum D	ry Density (pcf)	147	
Soil	Gray Brown Gravelly fine to coarse		
Classification	Sand, trace to little Silt,		
	occasional Cobbles		

Note: Maximum Density and Optimum Moisture are based on 40% rock correction.

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# P E N D I

### **GRADING GUIDE SPECIFICATIONS**

These grading guide specifications are intended to provide typical procedures for grading operations. They are intended to supplement the recommendations contained in the geotechnical investigation report for this project. Should the recommendations in the geotechnical investigation report conflict with the grading guide specifications, the more site specific recommendations in the geotechnical investigation report will govern.

### General

- The Earthwork Contractor is responsible for the satisfactory completion of all earthwork in accordance with the plans and geotechnical reports, and in accordance with city, county, and applicable building codes.
- The Geotechnical Engineer is the representative of the Owner/Builder for the purpose of implementing the report recommendations and guidelines. These duties are not intended to relieve the Earthwork Contractor of any responsibility to perform in a workman-like manner, nor is the Geotechnical Engineer to direct the grading equipment or personnel employed by the Contractor.
- The Earthwork Contractor is required to notify the Geotechnical Engineer of the anticipated work and schedule so that testing and inspections can be provided. If necessary, work may be stopped and redone if personnel have not been scheduled in advance.
- The Earthwork Contractor is required to have suitable and sufficient equipment on the jobsite to process, moisture condition, mix and compact the amount of fill being placed to the approved compaction. In addition, suitable support equipment should be available to conform with recommendations and guidelines in this report.
- Canyon cleanouts, overexcavation areas, processed ground to receive fill, key excavations, subdrains and benches should be observed by the Geotechnical Engineer prior to placement of any fill. It is the Earthwork Contractor's responsibility to notify the Geotechnical Engineer of areas that are ready for inspection.
- Excavation, filling, and subgrade preparation should be performed in a manner and sequence that will provide drainage at all times and proper control of erosion. Precipitation, springs, and seepage water encountered shall be pumped or drained to provide a suitable working surface. The Geotechnical Engineer must be informed of springs or water seepage encountered during grading or foundation construction for possible revision to the recommended construction procedures and/or installation of subdrains.

### Site Preparation

- The Earthwork Contractor is responsible for all clearing, grubbing, stripping and site
  preparation for the project in accordance with the recommendations of the Geotechnical
  Engineer.
- If any materials or areas are encountered by the Earthwork Contractor which are suspected
  of having toxic or environmentally sensitive contamination, the Geotechnical Engineer and
  Owner/Builder should be notified immediately.

- Major vegetation should be stripped and disposed of off-site. This includes trees, brush, heavy grasses and any materials considered unsuitable by the Geotechnical Engineer.
- Underground structures such as basements, cesspools or septic disposal systems, mining shafts, tunnels, wells and pipelines should be removed under the inspection of the Geotechnical Engineer and recommendations provided by the Geotechnical Engineer and/or city, county or state agencies. If such structures are known or found, the Geotechnical Engineer should be notified as soon as possible so that recommendations can be formulated.
- Any topsoil, slopewash, colluvium, alluvium and rock materials which are considered unsuitable by the Geotechnical Engineer should be removed prior to fill placement.
- Remaining voids created during site clearing caused by removal of trees, foundations basements, irrigation facilities, etc., should be excavated and filled with compacted fill.
- Subsequent to clearing and removals, areas to receive fill should be scarified to a depth of 10 to 12 inches, moisture conditioned and compacted
- The moisture condition of the processed ground should be at or slightly above the optimum moisture content as determined by the Geotechnical Engineer. Depending upon field conditions, this may require air drying or watering together with mixing and/or discing.

### **Compacted Fills**

- Soil materials imported to or excavated on the property may be utilized in the fill, provided each material has been determined to be suitable in the opinion of the Geotechnical Engineer. Unless otherwise approved by the Geotechnical Engineer, all fill materials shall be free of deleterious, organic, or frozen matter, shall contain no chemicals that may result in the material being classified as "contaminated," and shall be very low to non-expansive with a maximum expansion index (EI) of 50. The top 12 inches of the compacted fill should have a maximum particle size of 3 inches, and all underlying compacted fill material a maximum 6-inch particle size, except as noted below.
- All soils should be evaluated and tested by the Geotechnical Engineer. Materials with high
  expansion potential, low strength, poor gradation or containing organic materials may
  require removal from the site or selective placement and/or mixing to the satisfaction of the
  Geotechnical Engineer.
- Rock fragments or rocks less than 6 inches in their largest dimensions, or as otherwise
  determined by the Geotechnical Engineer, may be used in compacted fill, provided the
  distribution and placement is satisfactory in the opinion of the Geotechnical Engineer.
- Rock fragments or rocks greater than 12 inches should be taken off-site or placed in accordance with recommendations and in areas designated as suitable by the Geotechnical Engineer. These materials should be placed in accordance with Plate D-8 of these Grading Guide Specifications and in accordance with the following recommendations:
  - Rocks 12 inches or more in diameter should be placed in rows at least 15 feet apart, 15
    feet from the edge of the fill, and 10 feet or more below subgrade. Spaces should be
    left between each rock fragment to provide for placement and compaction of soil
    around the fragments.
  - Fill materials consisting of soil meeting the minimum moisture content requirements and free of oversize material should be placed between and over the rows of rock or

concrete. Ample water and compactive effort should be applied to the fill materials as they are placed in order that all of the voids between each of the fragments are filled and compacted to the specified density.

- Subsequent rows of rocks should be placed such that they are not directly above a row placed in the previous lift of fill. A minimum 5-foot offset between rows is recommended.
- To facilitate future trenching, oversized material should not be placed within the range of foundation excavations, future utilities or other underground construction unless specifically approved by the soil engineer and the developer/owner representative.
- Fill materials approved by the Geotechnical Engineer should be placed in areas previously prepared to receive fill and in evenly placed, near horizontal layers at about 6 to 8 inches in loose thickness, or as otherwise determined by the Geotechnical Engineer for the project.
- Each layer should be moisture conditioned to optimum moisture content, or slightly above, as directed by the Geotechnical Engineer. After proper mixing and/or drying, to evenly distribute the moisture, the layers should be compacted to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density in compliance with ASTM D-1557-78 unless otherwise indicated.
- Density and moisture content testing should be performed by the Geotechnical Engineer at random intervals and locations as determined by the Geotechnical Engineer. These tests are intended as an aid to the Earthwork Contractor, so he can evaluate his workmanship, equipment effectiveness and site conditions. The Earthwork Contractor is responsible for compaction as required by the Geotechnical Report(s) and governmental agencies.
- Fill areas unused for a period of time may require moisture conditioning, processing and recompaction prior to the start of additional filling. The Earthwork Contractor should notify the Geotechnical Engineer of his intent so that an evaluation can be made.
- Fill placed on ground sloping at a 5-to-1 inclination (horizontal-to-vertical) or steeper should be benched into bedrock or other suitable materials, as directed by the Geotechnical Engineer. Typical details of benching are illustrated on Plates D-2, D-4, and D-5.
- Cut/fill transition lots should have the cut portion overexcavated to a depth of at least 3 feet and rebuilt with fill (see Plate D-1), as determined by the Geotechnical Engineer.
- All cut lots should be inspected by the Geotechnical Engineer for fracturing and other bedrock conditions. If necessary, the pads should be overexcavated to a depth of 3 feet and rebuilt with a uniform, more cohesive soil type to impede moisture penetration.
- Cut portions of pad areas above buttresses or stabilizations should be overexcavated to a
  depth of 3 feet and rebuilt with uniform, more cohesive compacted fill to impede moisture
  penetration.
- Non-structural fill adjacent to structural fill should typically be placed in unison to provide lateral support. Backfill along walls must be placed and compacted with care to ensure that excessive unbalanced lateral pressures do not develop. The type of fill material placed adjacent to below grade walls must be properly tested and approved by the Geotechnical Engineer with consideration of the lateral earth pressure used in the design.

### **Foundations**

- The foundation influence zone is defined as extending one foot horizontally from the outside edge of a footing, and proceeding downward at a ½ horizontal to 1 vertical (0.5:1) inclination.
- Where overexcavation beneath a footing subgrade is necessary, it should be conducted so as to encompass the entire foundation influence zone, as described above.
- Compacted fill adjacent to exterior footings should extend at least 12 inches above foundation bearing grade. Compacted fill within the interior of structures should extend to the floor subgrade elevation.

### Fill Slopes

- The placement and compaction of fill described above applies to all fill slopes. Slope compaction should be accomplished by overfilling the slope, adequately compacting the fill in even layers, including the overfilled zone and cutting the slope back to expose the compacted core
- Slope compaction may also be achieved by backrolling the slope adequately every 2 to 4
  vertical feet during the filling process as well as requiring the earth moving and compaction
  equipment to work close to the top of the slope. Upon completion of slope construction,
  the slope face should be compacted with a sheepsfoot connected to a sideboom and then
  grid rolled. This method of slope compaction should only be used if approved by the
  Geotechnical Engineer.
- Sandy soils lacking in adequate cohesion may be unstable for a finished slope condition and therefore should not be placed within 15 horizontal feet of the slope face.
- All fill slopes should be keyed into bedrock or other suitable material. Fill keys should be at least 15 feet wide and inclined at 2 percent into the slope. For slopes higher than 30 feet, the fill key width should be equal to one-half the height of the slope (see Plate D-5).
- All fill keys should be cleared of loose slough material prior to geotechnical inspection and should be approved by the Geotechnical Engineer and governmental agencies prior to filling.
- The cut portion of fill over cut slopes should be made first and inspected by the Geotechnical Engineer for possible stabilization requirements. The fill portion should be adequately keyed through all surficial soils and into bedrock or suitable material. Soils should be removed from the transition zone between the cut and fill portions (see Plate D-2).

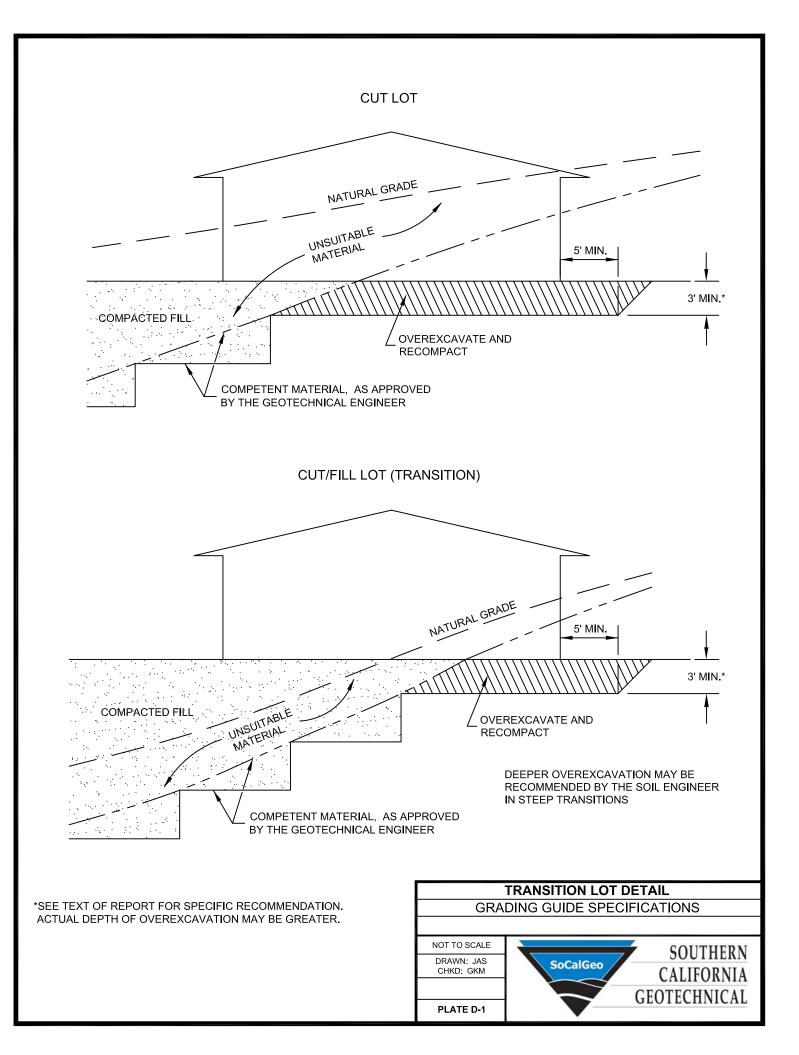
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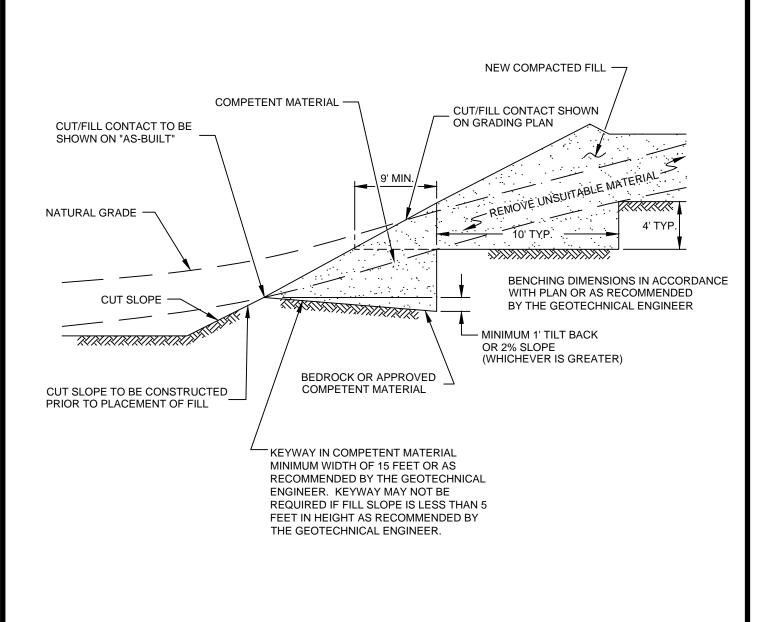
- All cut slopes should be inspected by the Geotechnical Engineer to determine the need for stabilization. The Earthwork Contractor should notify the Geotechnical Engineer when slope cutting is in progress at intervals of 10 vertical feet. Failure to notify may result in a delay in recommendations.
- Cut slopes exposing loose, cohesionless sands should be reported to the Geotechnical Engineer for possible stabilization recommendations.
- All stabilization excavations should be cleared of loose slough material prior to geotechnical inspection. Stakes should be provided by the Civil Engineer to verify the location and dimensions of the key. A typical stabilization fill detail is shown on Plate D-5.

 Stabilization key excavations should be provided with subdrains. Typical subdrain details are shown on Plates D-6.

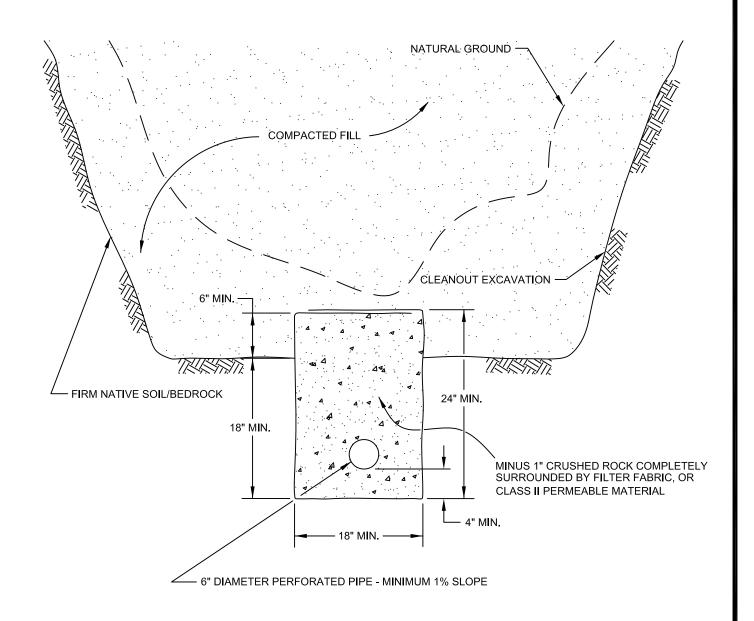
### Subdrains

- Subdrains may be required in canyons and swales where fill placement is proposed. Typical subdrain details for canyons are shown on Plate D-3. Subdrains should be installed after approval of removals and before filling, as determined by the Soils Engineer.
- Plastic pipe may be used for subdrains provided it is Schedule 40 or SDR 35 or equivalent.
   Pipe should be protected against breakage, typically by placement in a square-cut (backhoe) trench or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Filter material for subdrains should conform to CALTRANS Specification 68-1.025 or as approved by the Geotechnical Engineer for the specific site conditions. Clean ¾-inch crushed rock may be used provided it is wrapped in an acceptable filter cloth and approved by the Geotechnical Engineer. Pipe diameters should be 6 inches for runs up to 500 feet and 8 inches for the downstream continuations of longer runs. Four-inch diameter pipe may be used in buttress and stabilization fills.





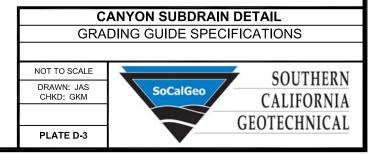


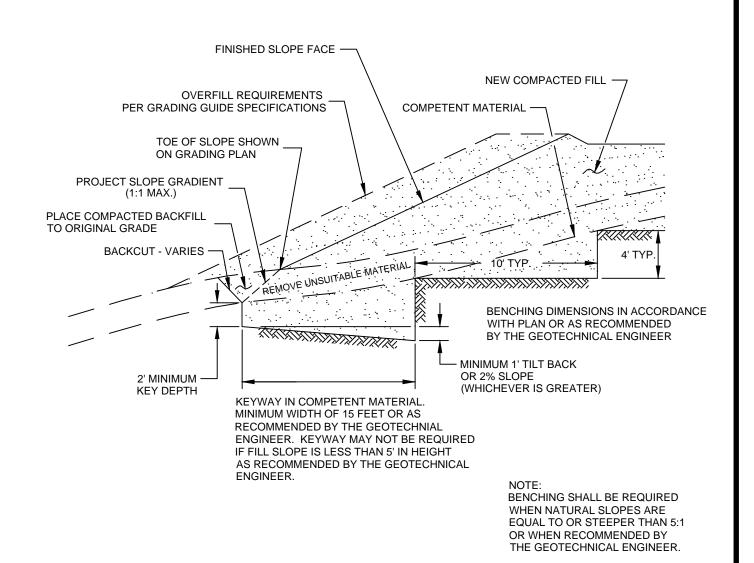


PIPE MATERIAL OVER SUBDRAIN

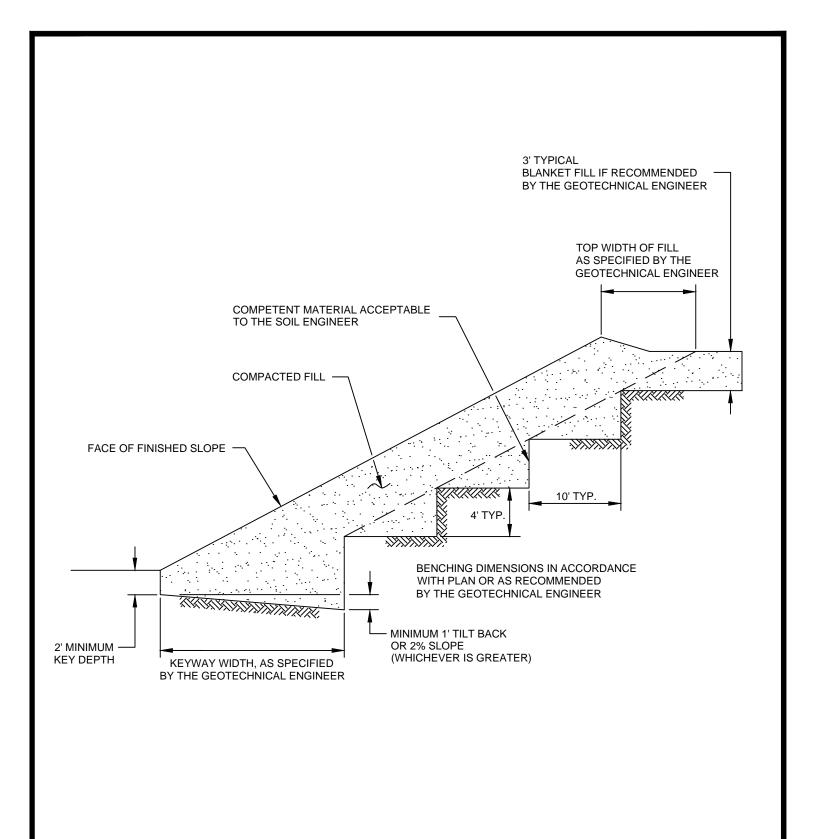
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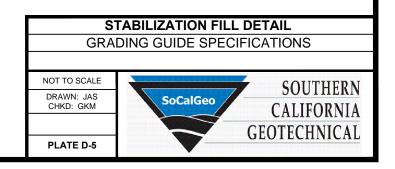
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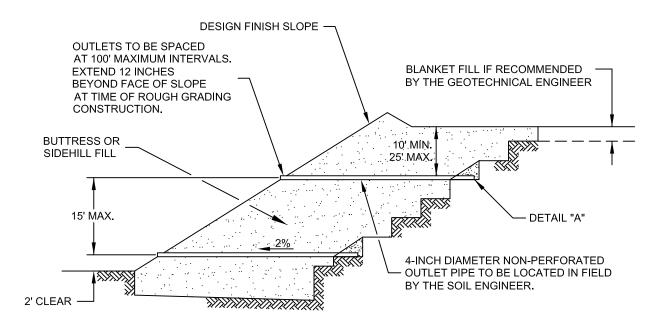










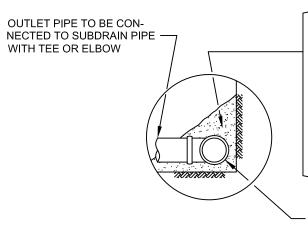


"FILTER MATERIAL" TO MEET FOLLOWING SPECIFICATION OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT: (CONFORMS TO EMA STD. PLAN 323)

"GRAVEL" TO MEET FOLLOWING SPECIFICATION OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT:

SIEV	PERCENTAGE PASSING	SIEVE SIZE
1	100	1"
N	90-100	3/4"
NO	40-100	3/8"
SAN	25-40	NO. 4
	18-33	NO. 8
	5-15	NO. 30
	0-7	NO. 50
	0-3	NO. 200

	MAXIMUM	
SIEVE SIZE	PERCENTAGE PASSING	
1 1/2"	100	
NO. 4	50	
NO. 200	8	
SAND EQUIVALENT = MINIMUM OF 50		



FILTER MATERIAL - MINIMUM OF FIVE CUBIC FEET PER FOOT OF PIPE. SEE ABOVE FOR FILTER MATERIAL SPECIFICATION.

ALTERNATIVE: IN LIEU OF FILTER MATERIAL FIVE CUBIC FEET OF GRAVEL PER FOOT OF PIPE MAY BE ENCASED IN FILTER FABRIC. SEE ABOVE FOR GRAVEL SPECIFICATION.

FILTER FABRIC SHALL BE MIRAFI 140 OR EQUIVALENT. FILTER FABRIC SHALL BE LAPPED A MINIMUM OF 12 INCHES ON ALL JOINTS.

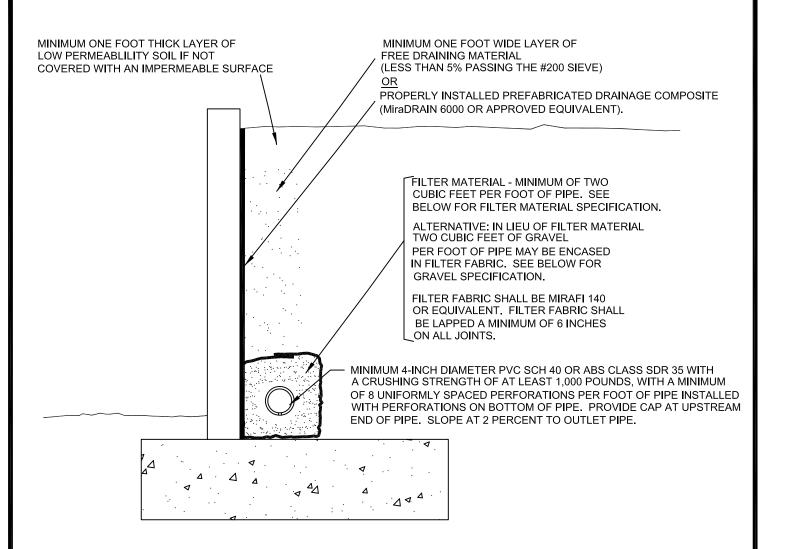
MINIMUM 4-INCH DIAMETER PVC SCH 40 OR ABS CLASS SDR 35 WITH A CRUSHING STRENGTH OF AT LEAST 1,000 POUNDS, WITH A MINIMUM OF 8 UNIFORMLY SPACED PERFORATIONS PER FOOT OF PIPE INSTALLED WITH PERFORATIONS ON BOTTOM OF PIPE. PROVIDE CAP AT UPSTREAM END OF PIPE. SLOPE AT 2 PERCENT TO OUTLET PIPE.

### NOTES:

1. TRENCH FOR OUTLET PIPES TO BE BACKFILLED WITH ON-SITE SOIL.

DETAIL "A"

### SLOPE FILL SUBDRAINS GRADING GUIDE SPECIFICATIONS NOT TO SCALE DRAWN: JAS CHKD: GKM PLATE D-6 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GEOTECHNICAL



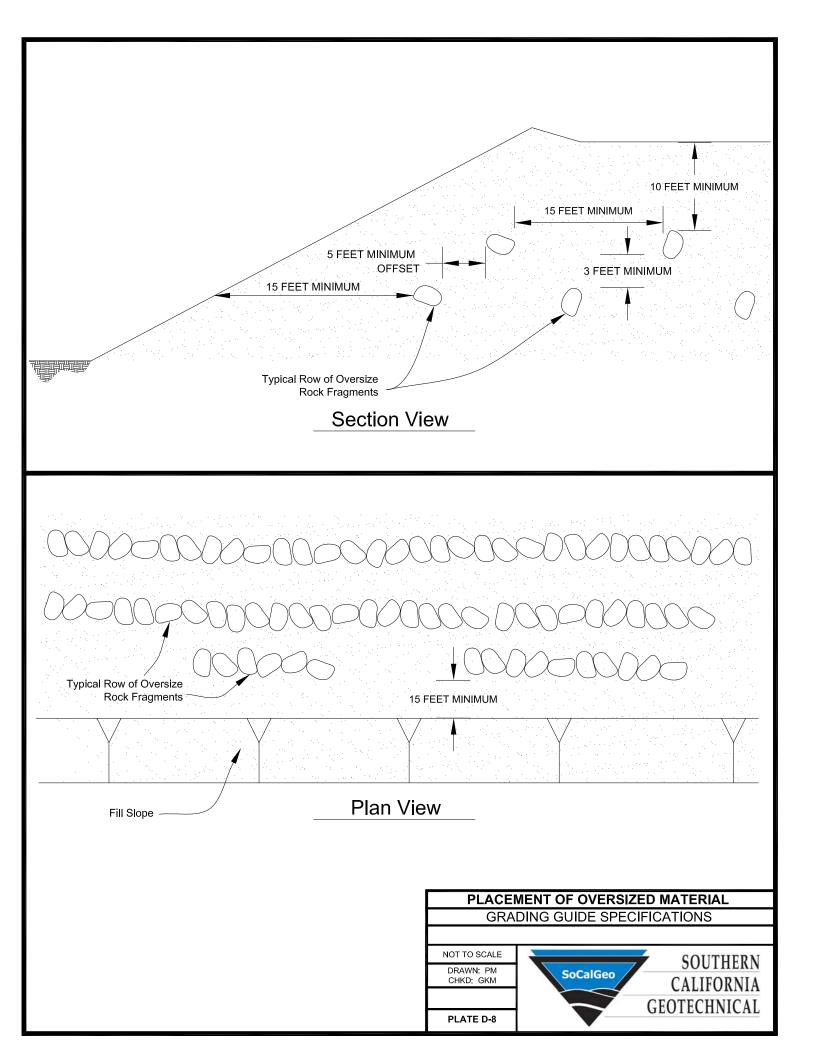
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"GRAVEL" TO MEET FOLLOWING SPECIFICATION OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT:

PERCENTAGE PASSING 100
90-100
40-100
25-40
18-33
5-15
0-7
0-3

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SAND EQUIVALENT =	MINIMUM OF 50



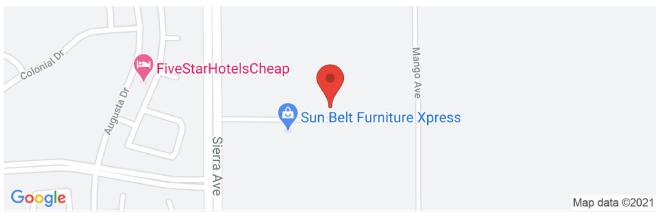


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 Site Class
 D - Stiff Soil

Туре	Value	Description
S <sub>S</sub>	2.262	MCE <sub>R</sub> ground motion. (for 0.2 second period)
S <sub>1</sub>	0.741	MCE <sub>R</sub> ground motion. (for 1.0s period)
S <sub>MS</sub>	2.262	Site-modified spectral acceleration value
S <sub>M1</sub>	null -See Section 11.4.8	Site-modified spectral acceleration value
S <sub>DS</sub>	1.508	Numeric seismic design value at 0.2 second SA
S <sub>D1</sub>	null -See Section 11.4.8	Numeric seismic design value at 1.0 second SA

Туре	Value	Description
SDC	null -See Section 11.4.8	Seismic design category
Fa	1	Site amplification factor at 0.2 second
F <sub>v</sub>	null -See Section 11.4.8	Site amplification factor at 1.0 second
PGA	0.925	MCE <sub>G</sub> peak ground acceleration
F <sub>PGA</sub>	1.1	Site amplification factor at PGA
PGA <sub>M</sub>	1.018	Site modified peak ground acceleration
TL	12	Long-period transition period in seconds
SsRT	2.371	Probabilistic risk-targeted ground motion. (0.2 second)
SsUH	2.599	Factored uniform-hazard (2% probability of exceedance in 50 years) spectral acceleration
SsD	2.262	Factored deterministic acceleration value. (0.2 second)
S1RT	0.94	Probabilistic risk-targeted ground motion. (1.0 second)
S1UH	1.056	Factored uniform-hazard (2% probability of exceedance in 50 years) spectral acceleration.
S1D	0.741	Factored deterministic acceleration value. (1.0 second)
PGAd	0.925	Factored deterministic acceleration value. (Peak Ground Acceleration)
C <sub>RS</sub>	0.912	Mapped value of the risk coefficient at short periods
C <sub>R1</sub>	0.89	Mapped value of the risk coefficient at a period of 1 s

SOURCE: SEAOC/OSHPD Seismic Design Maps Tool <a href="https://seismicmaps.org/">https://seismicmaps.org/</a>



### SEISMIC DESIGN PARAMETERS - 2019 CBC PROPOSED WAREHOUSE

FONTANA, CALIFORNIA

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SCG PROJECT 20G250-1 PLATE E-1



February 5, 2021

Seefried Industrial Properties, Inc. 2321 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 2220 El Segundo, California 90245



Attention: Mr. Scott Irwin

Senior Vice President – Southern California

Project No.: **20G250-2** 

Subject: **Results of Infiltration Testing** 

**Proposed Warehouse** 

NEC Sierra Avenue and Clubhouse Drive

Fontana, California

Reference: Geotechnical Investigation, Proposed Warehouse, NEC Sierra Avenue and Clubhouse

<u>Drive, Fontana, California,</u> prepared by Southern California Geotechnical, Inc. (SCG) for Seefried Industrial Properties, Inc., SCG Project No. 20G250-1, dated February 5,

2021.

Mr. Irwin:

In accordance with your request, we have conducted infiltration testing at the subject site. We are pleased to present this report summarizing the results of the infiltration testing and our design recommendations.

### **Scope of Services**

The scope of services performed for this project was in general accordance with our Proposal No. 20P444, dated December 16, 2020. The scope of services included site reconnaissance, subsurface exploration, field testing, and engineering analysis to determine the infiltration rates of the on-site soils. The infiltration testing was performed in general accordance with the guidelines published in Riverside County – Low Impact Development BMP Design Handbook – Section 2.3 of Appendix A, prepared for the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health (RCDEH), dated December, 2013. The San Bernardino County standards defer to the guidelines published by the RCDEH.

### **Site and Project Description**

The subject site is located at the northeast corner of Sierra Avenue and Clubhouse Drive in Fontana, California. The site is bounded to the north and south by existing commercial/industrial buildings, to the west by Sierra Avenue, and to the east by Mango Avenue. The general location of the site is illustrated on the Site Location Map, enclosed as Plate 1 of this report.

The site consists of a rectangular-shaped property, 18.44± acres in size. The overall site is presently developed with four (4) commercial/industrial buildings ranging from 5,000 to 25,000± ft² in size. The northwestern quadrant is developed with one building and is utilized as a wooden pallet facility. The northeastern quadrant is developed with one building and is utilized as a carnival attraction repair facility with truck trailer parking. The southwestern quadrant is developed with one building and open-graded gravel pavements and is utilized for truck trailer storage. The southeastern quadrant is developed with one building and is utilized as a storage facility. The existing buildings

are single-story metal-framed structures and are assumed to be supported on conventional shallow foundations with concrete slab-on-grade floors. Ground surface cover consists mainly of open graded gravel and exposed soil, with asphaltic concrete (AC) or Portland cement concrete (PCC) pavements surrounding the buildings. Little to no vegetation was encountered throughout the overall site. Few large trees are present between the northwest and northeast quadrants.

Topographic information was obtained from a conceptual site plan prepared by Huitt-Zollars, Inc. Based on our review of this plan, the existing site topography generally slopes downward to the south at a gradient of  $3\pm$  percent. The elevation at the subject site ranges from  $1630\pm$  feet mean sea level (msl) in the northern region of the site to  $1612\pm$  feet msl in the southern region.

### **Proposed Development**

Based on the conceptual plan provided to our office by the client, the subject site will be developed with a 389,140± ft² warehouse, located in the north-central region of the site. Dock-high doors will be constructed along a portion of the south building wall. The proposed building is expected to be surrounded by AC pavements in the parking and drive areas, PCC pavements in the loading dock area, and concrete flatwork and landscaped planters throughout the site.

We understand that the proposed development will include on-site stormwater infiltration. The infiltration system will consist of a below-grade chamber system located in the south to southwestern region of the site.

### **Concurrent Study**

Southern California Geotechnical, Inc. (SCG) concurrently conducted a geotechnical investigation at the subject site, referenced above. As a part of this study, six (6) borings (identified as Boring Nos. B-1 through B-6) were advanced to depths of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $15\frac{1}{2}$  feet below existing site grades. In addition, four (4) exploratory trenches (identified as Trench Nos. T-1 through T-4) were excavated using a rubber-tire backhoe to depths of 8½ to 10± feet. Artificial fill soils were encountered at the ground surface at Boring Nos. B-3, B-5, and B-6, and at all of the trench locations, extending to depths of 1 to 3± feet. The fill soils consist of loose to dense silty fine to coarse sands, fine to coarse sands, and silty fine sands. Occasional cobbles and variable gravel content were encountered throughout the artificial fill. Boring No. B-6 was terminated within the artificial fill at a depth of 21/2± feet due to very dense materials and extensive cobble content. Native alluvium was encountered at the ground surface or below the fill soils at all of the boring and trench locations, extending to at least the maximum depth explored of 15½ feet, with the exception of Boring No. B-6. The alluvium generally consists of medium dense to very dense fine to coarse sands and gravelly fine to coarse sands. Extensive cobble content and variable silt content were encountered throughout the alluvial strata. In addition, occasional boulder content was encountered in Trench Nos. T-3 and T-4 as shallow as 21/2± feet from the ground surface.

### Groundwater

Free water was not encountered during drilling or trenching at any location. Based on the moisture contents of the recovered soil samples, the static groundwater table is considered to have existed at a depth in excess of  $15\frac{1}{2}$ ± feet below existing site grades, at the time of the subsurface investigation.



As a part of our research, we reviewed available groundwater data in order to determine groundwater levels for the site. Recent water level data was obtained from the California Department of Water Resources Water Data Library website, <a href="https://wdl.water.ca.gov/waterdatalibrary/">https://wdl.water.ca.gov/waterdatalibrary/</a>. The nearest monitoring well on record is located 3,180± feet southeast of the site. Water level readings within this monitoring well indicate a groundwater level of 320± feet below the ground surface in March 1994.

As part of our research, we reviewed available groundwater data in order to determine the historic high groundwater level for the site. The primary reference used to determine the historic groundwater depths in area of the subject site is Watermaster Support Services, Western Municipal Water District and the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Cooperative Well Measuring Program, dated Fall 2015. A well titled Mid-Valley (Fontana) F-07 exists 1,500± feet southeast of the site and indicates a high groundwater level of 330± feet below the ground surface in April 2000.

### **Subsurface Exploration**

### Scope of Exploration

The subsurface exploration conducted for the infiltration testing consisted of two (2) infiltration test borings, advanced to a depth of 7± feet below the existing site grades. The infiltration borings were advanced using a truck-mounted drilling rig, equipped with 8-inch-diameter hollow-stem augers and were logged during drilling by a member of our staff. The approximate locations of the infiltration test borings (identified as I-1 and I-2) are indicated on the Infiltration Test Location Plan, enclosed as Plate 2 of this report.

Upon the completion of the infiltration borings, the bottom of each test boring was covered with  $2\pm$  inches of clean 34-inch gravel. A sufficient length of 3-inch-diameter perforated PVC casing was then placed into each test hole so that the PVC casing extended from the bottom of the test hole to the ground surface. Clean 34-inch gravel was then installed in the annulus surrounding the PVC casing.

### **Geotechnical Conditions**

### Artificial Fill

Artificial fill soils were encountered at the ground surface of both infiltration boring locations, extending to depths of  $3\pm$  below existing site grades. The fill soils consist of medium dense silty fine sands with some fine to coarse gravel content and extensive cobbles. The fill soils contained a disturbed appearance, resulting in the classification of artificial fill.

### Alluvium

Native alluvial soils were encountered beneath the fill soils surface at both of the infiltration boring locations, extending to at least the maximum depth explored of  $7\pm$  feet below existing site grades. The alluvial soils consisted of medium dense to very dense gravelly fine to coarse sands to fine to coarse sandy gravels. The Boring Logs, which illustrate the conditions encountered at the boring locations, are included with this report.



### **Infiltration Testing**

As previously mentioned, the infiltration testing was performed in general accordance with the guidelines published in <u>Riverside County – Low Impact Development BMP Design Handbook –</u> Section 2.3 of Appendix A, which apply to San Bernardino County.

### Pre-soaking

In accordance with the county infiltration standards for sandy soils, all infiltration test borings were pre-soaked 2 hours prior to the infiltration testing or until all of the water had percolated through the test holes. The pre-soaking process consisted of filling test borings by inverting a full 5-gallon bottle of clear water supported over each hole so that the water flow into the hole holds constant at a level at least 5 times the hole's radius above the gravel at the bottom of each hole. Pre-soaking was completed after all of the water had percolated through the test holes.

### **Infiltration Testing**

Following the pre-soaking process of the infiltration test borings, SCG performed the infiltration testing. Each test hole was filled with water to a depth of at least 5 times the hole's radius above the gravel at the bottom of the test holes. In accordance with the San Bernardino County guidelines, since "sandy soils" were encountered at the bottom of both of the infiltration test borings (where 6 inches of water infiltrated into the surrounding soils for two consecutive 25-minute readings), readings were taken at 5-minute and 10-minute intervals for a total of 1 hour. After each reading, water was added to the borings so that the depth of the water was at least 5 times the radius of the hole. The water level readings are presented on the spreadsheets enclosed with this report. The infiltration rates for each of the timed intervals are also tabulated on the spreadsheets.

The infiltration rates from the test are tabulated in inches per hour. In accordance with the typically accepted practice, it is recommended that the most conservative reading from the latter part of the infiltration tests be used as the design infiltration rate. The rates are summarized below:

Infiltration Test No.	<u>Depth</u> (feet)	Soil Description	Infiltration Rate (inches/hour)
I-1	7	Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, trace Silt	8.6
I-2	7	Gravelly fine to coarse Sand to fine to coarse Sandy Gravel, trace Silt	14.6

### **Laboratory Testing**

### **Moisture Content**

The moisture contents for the recovered soil samples within the borings were determined in accordance with ASTM D-2216 and are expressed as a percentage of the dry weight. These test results are presented on the Boring Logs.

### **Grain Size Analysis**

The grain size distribution of selected soils collected from the base of each infiltration test boring



have been determined using a range of wire mesh screens. These tests were performed in general accordance with ASTM D-422 and/or ASTM D-1140. The weight of the portion of the sample retained on each screen is recorded and the percentage finer or coarser of the total weight is calculated. The results of these tests are presented on Plates C-1 through C-2 of this report.

### **Design Recommendations**

Two (2) infiltration tests were performed at the subject site. As noted above, the infiltration rates at these locations vary from 8.6 to 14.6 inches per hour. **Based on the infiltration test results, we recommend an infiltration rate of 8.6 inches per hour to be used for the proposed below-grade chamber system in the south-southwestern area of the site.** 

We recommend that a representative from the geotechnical engineer be on-site during the construction of the proposed infiltration systems to identify the soil classification at the base of each system. It should be confirmed that the soils at the base of the proposed infiltration systems correspond with those presented in this report to ensure that the performance of the systems will be consistent with the rates reported herein.

The design of the storm water infiltration system should be performed by the project civil engineer, in accordance with the City of Fontana and/or County of San Bernardino guidelines. It is recommended that the system be constructed so as to facilitate removal of silt and clay, or other deleterious materials from any water that may enter the systems. The presence of such materials would decrease the effective infiltration rates. It is recommended that the project civil engineer apply an appropriate factor of safety. The infiltration rate recommended above is based on the assumption that only clean water will be introduced to the subsurface profile. Any fines, debris, or organic materials could significantly impact the infiltration rate. It should be noted that the recommended infiltration rates are based on infiltration testing at two (2) discrete locations and that the overall infiltration rates of the proposed infiltration systems could vary considerably.

### **Construction Considerations**

The infiltration rates presented in this report are specific to the tested locations and tested depths. Infiltration rates can be significantly reduced if the soils are exposed to excessive disturbance or compaction during construction. Therefore, the subgrade soils within proposed infiltration system areas should not be over-excavated, undercut or compacted in any significant manner. It is recommended that a note to this effect be added to the project plans and/or specifications.

### **Infiltration versus Permeability**

Infiltration rates are based on unsaturated flow. As water is introduced into soils by infiltration, the soils become saturated and the wetting front advances from the unsaturated zone to the saturated zone. Once the soils become saturated, infiltration rates become zero, and water can only move through soils by hydraulic conductivity at a rate determined by pressure head and soil permeability. The infiltration rate presented herein was determined in accordance with the San Bernardino County guidelines and is considered valid for the time and place of the actual test. Changes in soil moisture content will affect the infiltration rate. Infiltration rates should be expected to decrease until the soils become saturated. Soil permeability values will then govern groundwater movement. Permeability values may be on the order of 10 to 20 times less than infiltration rates. The system



designer should incorporate adequate factors of safety and allow for overflow design into appropriate traditional storm drain systems, which would transport storm water off-site.

#### **Location of Infiltration System**

The use of on-site storm water infiltration systems carries a risk of creating adverse geotechnical conditions. Increasing the moisture content of the soil can cause the soil to lose internal shear strength and increase its compressibility, resulting in a change in the designed engineering properties. Overlying structures and pavements in the infiltration area could potentially be damaged due to saturation of subgrade soils. **The proposed infiltration system for this site should be located at least 25 feet away from any descending slopes and structures, including retaining walls.** Even with this provision of locating the infiltration system at least 25 feet from the building, it is possible that infiltrating water into the subsurface soils could have an adverse effect on the proposed or existing structures. It should also be noted that utility trenches which happen to collect storm water can also serve as conduits to transmit storm water toward the structure, depending on the slope of the utility trench. Therefore, consideration should also be given to the proposed locations of underground utilities which may pass near the proposed infiltration system.

#### **General Comments**

This report has been prepared as an instrument of service for use by the client in order to aid in the evaluation of this property and to assist the architects and engineers in the design and preparation of the project plans and specifications. This report may be provided to the contractor(s) and other design consultants to disclose information relative to the project. However, this report is not intended to be utilized as a specification in and of itself, without appropriate interpretation by the project architect, structural engineer, and/or civil engineer. The design of the proposed storm water infiltration system is the responsibility of the civil engineer. The role of the geotechnical engineer is limited to determination of infiltration rate only. By using the design infiltration rate contained herein, the civil engineer agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the geotechnical engineer for all aspects of the design and performance of the proposed storm water infiltration system. The reproduction and distribution of this report must be authorized by the client and Southern California Geotechnical, Inc. Furthermore, any reliance on this report by an unauthorized third party is at such party's sole risk, and we accept no responsibility for damage or loss which may occur.

The analysis of this site was based on a subsurface profile interpolated from limited discrete soil samples. While the materials encountered in the project area are considered to be representative of the total area, some variations should be expected between boring locations and testing depths. If the conditions encountered during construction vary significantly from those detailed herein, we should be contacted immediately to determine if the conditions alter the recommendations contained herein.

This report has been based on assumed or provided characteristics of the proposed development. It is recommended that the owner, client, architect, structural engineer, and civil engineer carefully review these assumptions to ensure that they are consistent with the characteristics of the proposed development. If discrepancies exist, they should be brought to our attention to verify that they do not affect the conclusions and recommendations contained herein. We also recommend that the project plans and specifications be submitted to our office for review to verify that our recommendations have been correctly interpreted. The analysis, conclusions, and recommendations contained within this report have been promulgated in accordance with generally accepted professional geotechnical engineering practice. No other warranty is implied or expressed.



#### **Closure**

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to be of service on this project. We look forward to providing additional consulting services during the course of the project. If we may be of further assistance in any manner, please contact our office.

Respectfully Submitted,

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GEOTECHNICAL, INC.

Ryan Bremer Staff Engineer

Robert G. Trazo, GE 2655 Principal Engineer

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Enclosures: Plate 1 - Site Location Map

Plate 2: Infiltration Test Location Plan Boring Log Legend and Logs (4 pages)

Infiltration Test Results Spreadsheets (2 pages)

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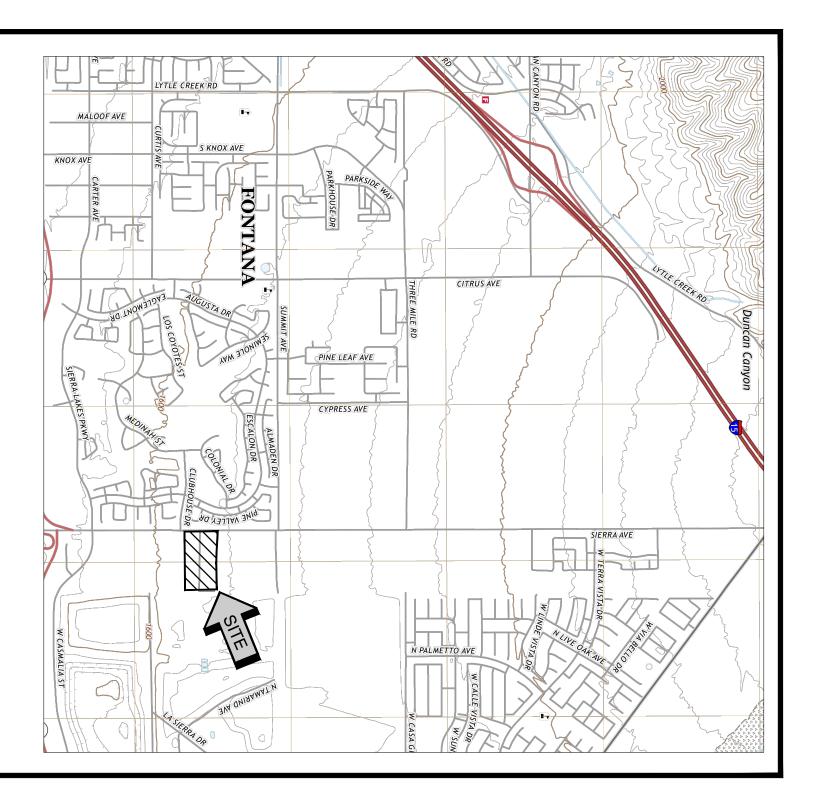
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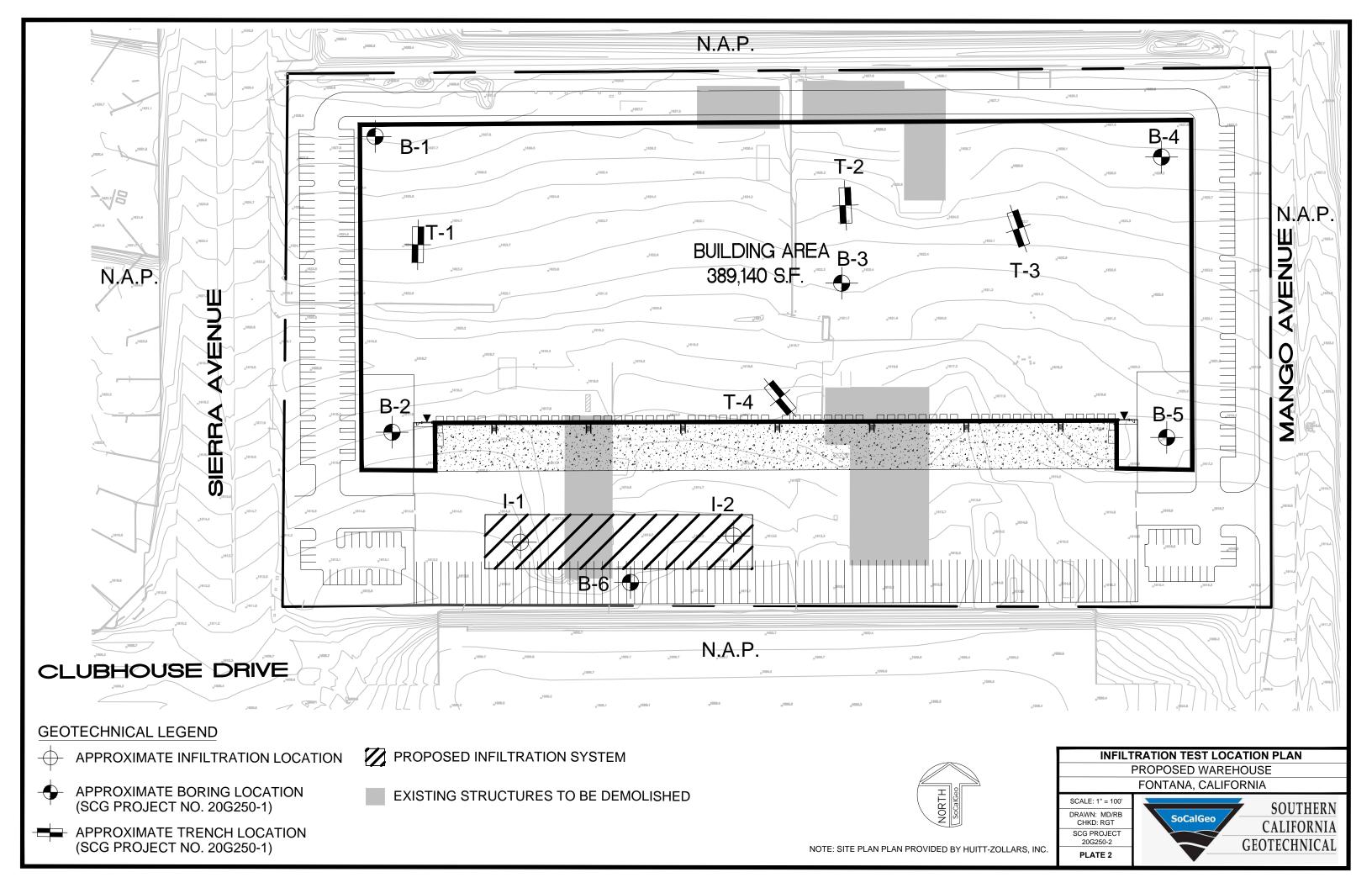
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PLATE 1

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SOURCE: USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP OF THE DEVORE QUADRANGLE, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 2018





# **BORING LOG LEGEND**

SAMPLE TYPE	GRAPHICAL SYMBOL	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION
AUGER		SAMPLE COLLECTED FROM AUGER CUTTINGS, NO FIELD MEASUREMENT OF SOIL STRENGTH. (DISTURBED)
CORE		ROCK CORE SAMPLE: TYPICALLY TAKEN WITH A DIAMOND-TIPPED CORE BARREL. TYPICALLY USED ONLY IN HIGHLY CONSOLIDATED BEDROCK.
GRAB	My	SOIL SAMPLE TAKEN WITH NO SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS FROM A STOCKPILE OR THE GROUND SURFACE. (DISTURBED)
CS		CALIFORNIA SAMPLER: 2-1/2 INCH I.D. SPLIT BARREL SAMPLER, LINED WITH 1-INCH HIGH BRASS RINGS. DRIVEN WITH SPT HAMMER. (RELATIVELY UNDISTURBED)
NSR		NO RECOVERY: THE SAMPLING ATTEMPT DID NOT RESULT IN RECOVERY OF ANY SIGNIFICANT SOIL OR ROCK MATERIAL.
SPT		STANDARD PENETRATION TEST: SAMPLER IS A 1.4 INCH INSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT BARREL, DRIVEN 18 INCHES WITH THE SPT HAMMER. (DISTURBED)
SH		SHELBY TUBE: TAKEN WITH A THIN WALL SAMPLE TUBE, PUSHED INTO THE SOIL AND THEN EXTRACTED. (UNDISTURBED)
VANE		VANE SHEAR TEST: SOIL STRENGTH OBTAINED USING A 4 BLADED SHEAR DEVICE. TYPICALLY USED IN SOFT CLAYS-NO SAMPLE RECOVERED.

#### **COLUMN DESCRIPTIONS**

**DEPTH:** Distance in feet below the ground surface.

**SAMPLE**: Sample Type as depicted above.

**BLOW COUNT**: Number of blows required to advance the sampler 12 inches using a 140 lb

hammer with a 30-inch drop. 50/3" indicates penetration refusal (>50 blows) at 3 inches. WH indicates that the weight of the hammer was sufficient to

push the sampler 6 inches or more.

**POCKET PEN.**: Approximate shear strength of a cohesive soil sample as measured by pocket

penetrometer.

**GRAPHIC LOG**: Graphic Soil Symbol as depicted on the following page.

**DRY DENSITY**: Dry density of an undisturbed or relatively undisturbed sample in lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>.

**MOISTURE CONTENT**: Moisture content of a soil sample, expressed as a percentage of the dry weight.

**LIQUID LIMIT**: The moisture content above which a soil behaves as a liquid.

**PLASTIC LIMIT**: The moisture content above which a soil behaves as a plastic.

**PASSING #200 SIEVE**: The percentage of the sample finer than the #200 standard sieve.

**UNCONFINED SHEAR**: The shear strength of a cohesive soil sample, as measured in the unconfined state.

# SOIL CLASSIFICATION CHART

	 	1	SYM	SYMBOLS	TYPICAL
<b>S</b>	MAJOR DIVISIONS	ONS	GRAPH	LETTER	DESCRIPTIONS
	GRAVEL AND	CLEAN GRAVELS		GW	WELL-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
	GRAVELLY SOILS	(LITTLE OR NO FINES)		GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
COARSE GRAINED SOILS	MORE THAN 50%	GRAVELS WITH FINES		GM	SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND - SILT MIXTURES
	RETAINED ON NO. 4 SIEVE	(APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		GC	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND - CLAY MIXTURES
MORE THAN 50%	SAND	CLEAN SANDS		WS	WELL-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES
LARGER THAN NO. 200 SIEVE SIZE	SANDY SOILS	(LITTLE OR NO FINES)		SP	POORLY-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SAND, LITTLE OR NO FINES
	MORE THAN 50%	SANDS WITH FINES		SM	SILTY SANDS, SAND - SILT MIXTURES
	PASSING ON NO. 4 SIEVE	(APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		SC	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND - CLAY MIXTURES
				ML	INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SANDS OR CLAYEY SILTS WITH SLIGHT PLASTICITY
FINE GRAINED SOILS	SILTS AND CLAYS	LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 50		CL	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY CLAYS, SANDY CLAYS, SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS
				Q <sub>L</sub>	ORGANIC SILTS AND ORGANIC SILTY CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY
MORE THAN 50% OF MATERIAL IS SMALLER THAN NO. 200 SIEVE				HM	INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS FINE SAND OR SILTY SOILS
SIZE	SILTS AND CLAYS	LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50		СН	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY
				우	ORGANIC CLAYS OF MEDIUM TO HIGH PLASTICITY, ORGANIC SILTS
王	HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	30ILS	77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77	PT	PEAT, HUMUS, SWAMP SOILS WITH HIGH ORGANIC CONTENTS



JOB NO.: 20G250-2 DRILLING DATE: 1/15/21 WATER DEPTH: ---PROJECT: Proposed Warehouse DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger CAVE DEPTH: ---LOCATION: Fontana, California LOGGED BY: Jose Zuniga READING TAKEN: At Completion FIELD RESULTS LABORATORY RESULTS **GRAPHIC LOG** DRY DENSITY (PCF) POCKET PEN. (TSF) DEPTH (FEET) **BLOW COUNT** % PASSING #200 SIEVE ( COMMENTS **DESCRIPTION** MOISTURE CONTENT ( ORGANIC CONTENT ( PLASTIC LIMIT SAMPLE LIQUID SURFACE ELEVATION: 1614.5 feet MSL FILL: Brown Silty fine to coarse Sand, some fine to coarse Gravel, extensive Cobbles, medium dense-dry 32 3 ALLUVIUM: Brown Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, trace Silt, 2 26 medium dense to very dense-dry to damp 50/5" 2 Boring Terminated at 7' due to refusal on dense Cobbles 20G250-2.GPJ SOCALGEO.GDT 2/5/2



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#### **INFILTRATION CALCULATIONS**

Project Name Proposed Warehouse
Project Location Fontana, California
Project Number 20G250-2
Engineer Joseph Lozano Leon

Test Hole Radius 4 (in)
Test Depth 7 (ft)

Infiltration Test Hole I-I

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PS1	Initial	10:05 AM	3.5	5.00	0.50	1.75	8.94
FST	Final	10:08 AM	5.5	5.50	0.50	1.75	0.94
PS2	Initial	10:10 AM	3.6	5.00	0.50	1.75	8.74
F32	Final	10:13 AM	3.0	5.50	0.50	1.75	0.74
1	Initial	10:16 AM	10.0	5.00	1.15	1.43	8.67
'	Final	10:26 AM	10.0	6.15	1.13	1.43	0.07
2	Initial	10:28 AM	10.0	5.00	1.15	1.43	8.67
	Final	10:38 AM	10.0	6.15	1.13	1.45	0.07
3	Initial	10:40 AM	10.0	5.00	1.15	1.43	8.67
3	Final	10:50 AM	10.0	6.15	1.13	1.43	0.07
4	Initial	10:52 AM	10.0	5.00	1.12	1.44	8.37
-	Final	11:02 AM	10.0	6.12	1.12	1.77	0.37
5	Initial	11:04 AM	10.0	5.00	1.16	1.42	8.77
	Final	11:14 AM	10.0	6.16	1.10	1.42	0.77
6	Initial	11:16 AM	10.0	5.00	1.14	1.43	8.57
0	Final	11:26 AM	10.0	6.14	1.14	1.43	0.57

Per County Standards, Infiltration Rate calculated as follows:

$$Q = \frac{\Delta H(60r)}{\Delta t(r + 2H_{avg})}$$

Where: Q = Infiltration Rate (in inches per hour)

 $\Delta H$  = Change in Height (Water Level) over the time interval

r = Test Hole (Borehole) Radius

 $\Delta t$  = Time Interval

 $H_{avg}$  = Average Head Height over the time interval

#### **INFILTRATION CALCULATIONS**

Project Name Proposed Warehouse
Project Location Fontana, California
Project Number 20G250-2
Engineer Joseph Lozano Leon

Test Hole Radius 4 (in)
Test Depth 7 (ft)

Infiltration Test Hole I-2

Interval Number		Time	Time Interval (min)	Water Depth (ft)	Change in Water Level (ft)	Average Head Height (ft)	Infiltration Rate Q (in/hr)
PS1	Initial	11:45 AM	1.8	4.85	0.50	1.90	16.59
PSI	Final	11:46 AM	1.0	5.35	0.50	1.90	16.59
PS2	Initial	11:49 AM	2.0	5.05	0.50	1.70	16.07
F32	Final	11:51 AM	2.0	5.55	0.50	1.70	10.07
1	Initial	11:53 AM	5.0	4.90	1.11	1.55	15.56
'	Final	11:58 AM	5.0	6.01	1.11	1.55	13.30
2	Initial	12:00 PM	5.0	5.00	1.01	1.50	14.59
	Final	12:05 PM	5.0	6.01	1.01	1.50	14.59
3	Initial	12:07 PM	5.0	5.00	1.03	1.49	14.97
	Final	12:12 PM	5.0	6.03	1.00	1.49	14.57
4	Initial	12:14 PM	5.0	5.00	1.02	1.49	14.78
	Final	12:19 PM	5.0	6.02	1.02	1.43	14.70
5	Initial	12:21 PM	5.0	5.00	1.04	1.48	15.16
	Final	12:26 PM	0.0	6.04	1.04	1.40	10.10
6	Initial	12:28 PM	5.0	5.00	1.02	1.49	14.78
	Final	12:33 PM	0.0	6.02	1.02	1.40	17.70
7	Initial	12:35 PM	5.0	5.00	1.01	1.50	14.59
I '	Final	12:40 PM	0.0	6.01	1.01	1.50	17.55

Per County Standards, Infiltration Rate calculated as follows:

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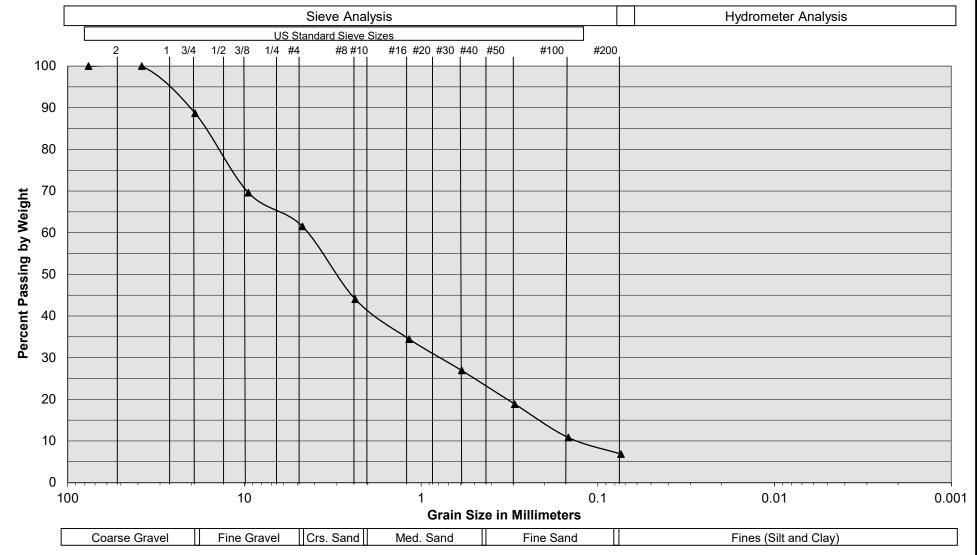
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# **Grain Size Distribution**

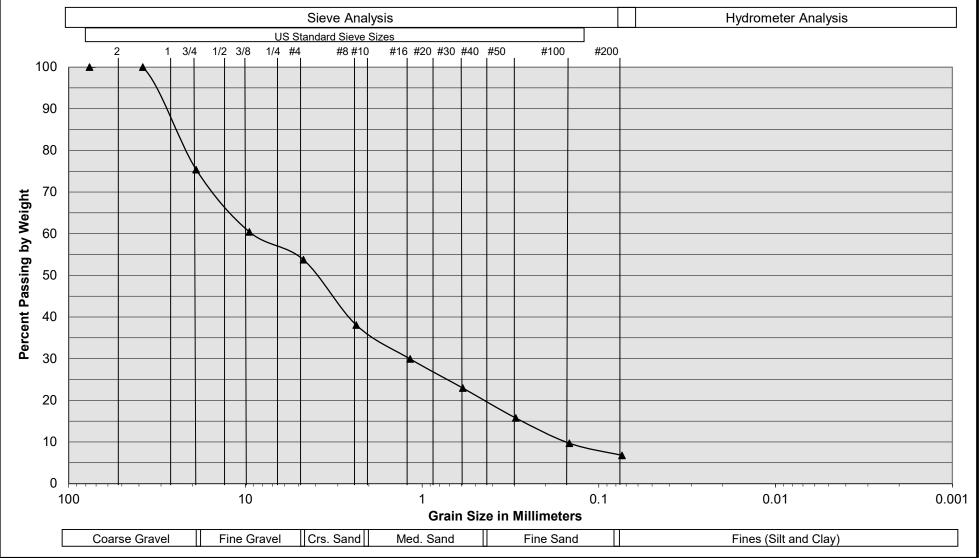


Sample Description	I-1 @ 6'
Soil Classification	Brown Gravelly fine to coarse Sand, trace Silt

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# **Grain Size Distribution**



Sample Description	I-2 @ 6'
Soil Classification	Brown Gravelly fine to coarse Sand to fine to coarse Sandy Gravel, trace Silt

Proposed Warehouse Fontana, California Project No. 20G250-2 PLATE C-2





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RE: Paleontological Resource Assessment for the Sierra Distribution Facility Project, City of Fontana, San Bernardino County, California

Dear Candyce Burnett,

At the request of Kimley-Horn, PaleoWest, LLC (PaleoWest) conducted a paleontological resource assessment for the Sierra Distribution Facility Project (Project) in the city of Fontana, San Bernardino County, California. The goal of the assessment is to identify the geologic units that may be impacted by development of the Project, determine the paleontological sensitivity of geologic units within the Project area, assess potential for impacts to paleontological resources from development of the Project, and recommend mitigation measures to avoid or mitigate impacts to scientifically significant paleontological resources, as necessary.

This paleontological resource assessment included a fossil locality records search conducted by the San Bernardino County Museum (SBCM) in Redlands, California. The records search was supplemented by a review of existing geologic maps and primary literature regarding fossiliferous geologic units within the proposed Project vicinity and region. This technical memorandum, which was written in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP) (2010), has been prepared to support environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); the City of Fontana is the Lead Agency for CEQA compliance.

# PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The proposed Project involves the development of a warehouse distribution facility and support facilities in the city of Fontana, San Bernardino County, California (Figure 1). The proposed Project would encompass approximately 18 acres of land (Assessor Parcel Number: 1119-241-10, -13, -18, -25, -26, -27) at the northeast corner of the intersection of Sierra Avenue and Clubhouse Drive in the northern portion of the city. As shown in Figure 2, the Project area is within Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian, as depicted on the Devore, CA 7.5' U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic quadrangle.



Figure 1. Project vicinity map.

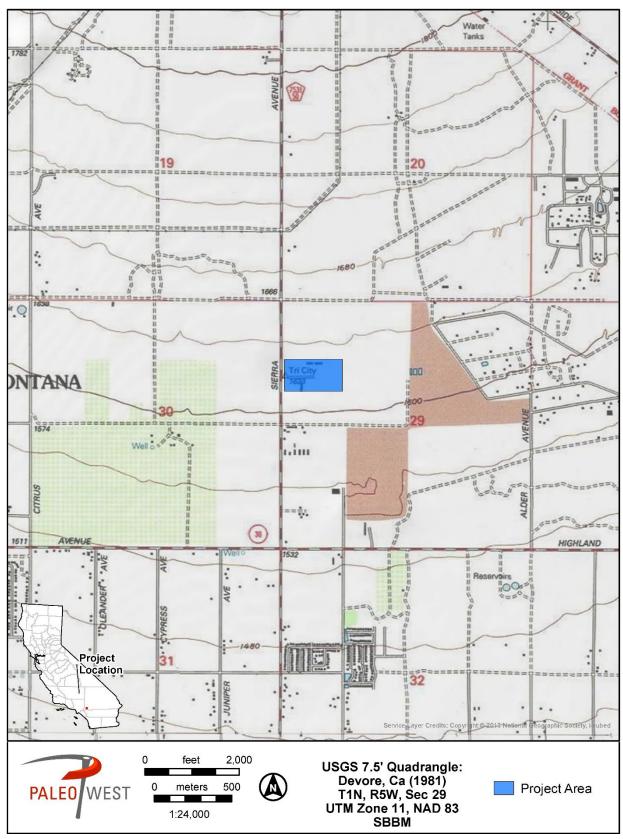


Figure 2. Project location map.

# REGULATORY CONTEXT

Paleontological resources (i.e., fossils) are considered nonrenewable scientific resources because once destroyed, they cannot be replaced. As such, paleontological resources are afforded protection under various federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Laws pertinent to this Project are discussed below.

# STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

# California Environmental Quality Act

CEQA requires that public agencies and private interests identify the potential environmental consequences of their projects on any object or site of significance to the scientific annals of California (Division I, California Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 5020.1 [b]). Appendix G in Section 15023 provides an Environmental Checklist of questions (PRC 15023, Appendix G, Section VII, Part f) that includes the following: "Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature?"

CEQA does not define "a unique paleontological resource or site." However, the SVP has provided guidance specifically designed to support state and Federal environmental review. The SVP broadly defines significant paleontological resources as follows (SVP, 2010:11):

"Fossils and fossiliferous deposits consisting of identifiable vertebrate fossils, large or small, uncommon invertebrate, plant, and trace fossils, and other data that provide taphonomic, taxonomic, phylogenetic, paleoecologic, stratigraphic, and/or biochronologic information. Paleontological resources are considered to be older than recorded human history and/or older than middle Holocene (i.e., older than about 5,000 radiocarbon years)."

Significant paleontological resources are determined to be fossils or assemblages of fossils that are unique, unusual, rare, diagnostically important, or are common but have the potential to provide valuable scientific information for evaluating evolutionary patterns and processes, or which could improve our understanding of paleochronology, paleoecology, paleophylogeography, or depositional histories. New or unique specimens can provide new insights into evolutionary history; however, additional specimens of even well represented lineages can be equally important for studying evolutionary pattern and process, evolutionary rates, and paleophylogeography. Even unidentifiable material can provide useful data for dating geologic units if radiometric dating is possible. As such, common fossils (especially vertebrates) may be scientifically important, and therefore considered significant.

#### California Public Resources Code

Section 5097.5 of the Public Resources Code (PRC) states:

"No person shall knowingly and willfully excavate upon, or remove, destroy, injure or deface any historic or prehistoric ruins, burial grounds, archaeological or vertebrate paleontological site, including fossilized footprints, inscriptions made by human agency, or any other archaeological, paleontological or historical feature, situated on public lands, except with the express permission of the

public agency having jurisdiction over such lands. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor."

As used in this PRC section, "public lands" means lands owned by, or under the jurisdiction of, the state or any city, county, district, authority, or public corporation, or any agency thereof. Consequently, public agencies are required to comply with PRC 5097.5 for their own activities, including construction and maintenance, as well as for permit actions (e.g., encroachment permits) undertaken by others.

#### LOCAL

The Final Environmental Impact Report for the City's General Plan Update 2015-2035 (City of Fontana, 2017) identifies two mitigation measures related to paleontological resources to be implemented by the City. These include:

MM-CUL-4 A qualified paleontologist shall conduct a pre-construction field survey of any project site within the Specific Plan Update area that is underlain by older alluvium.

 The paleontologist shall submit a report of findings that provides specific recommendations regarding further mitigation measures (i.e., paleontological monitoring) that may be appropriate.

MM-CUL-5 Should mitigation monitoring of paleontological resources be recommended for a specific project within the project site, the program shall include, but not be limited to, the following measures:

- Assign a paleontological monitor, trained and equipped to allow the rapid removal of fossils with minimal construction delay, to the site full-time during the interval of earth-disturbing activities.
- Should fossils be found within an area being cleared or graded, earth-disturbing
  activities shall be diverted elsewhere until the monitor has completed salvage. If
  construction personnel make the discovery, the grading contractor shalt immediately
  divert construction and notify the monitor of the find.
- All recovered fossils shall be prepared, identified, and curated for documentation in the summary report and transferred to an appropriate depository (i.e., San Bernardino County Museum).
- A summary report shall be submitted to City of Fontana. Collected specimens shall be transferred with copy of report to San Bernardino County Museum.

# PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL

Absent specific agency guidelines, most professional paleontologists in California adhere to the guidelines set forth by SVP (2010) to determine the course of paleontological mitigation for a given project. These guidelines establish protocols for the assessment of the paleontological resource potential of underlying geologic units and outline measures to mitigate adverse impacts that could result from project development. Using baseline information gathered during a paleontological resource assessment, the paleontological resource potential of the geologic unit(s) (or members thereof) underlying a project area can be assigned to one of four categories

defined by SVP (2010). Although these standards were written specifically to protect vertebrate paleontological resources, all fields of paleontology have adopted the following guidelines:

### HIGH POTENTIAL (SENSITIVITY)

Rock units from which significant vertebrate or significant invertebrate fossils or significant suites of plant fossils have been recovered have a high potential for containing significant non-renewable fossiliferous resources. These units include but are not limited to, sedimentary formations and some volcanic formations which contain significant nonrenewable.

## LOW POTENTIAL (SENSITIVITY)

Sedimentary rock units that are potentially fossiliferous but have not yielded fossils in the past or contain common and/or widespread invertebrate fossils of well documented and understood taphonomic, phylogenetic species and habitat ecology. Reports in the paleontological literature or field surveys by a qualified vertebrate paleontologist may allow determination that some areas or units have low potentials for yielding significant fossils prior to the start of construction. Generally, these units will be poorly represented by specimens in institutional collections and will not require protection or salvage operations. However, as excavation for construction gets underway it is possible that significant and unanticipated paleontological resources might be encountered and require a change of classification from Low to High Potential and, thus, require monitoring and mitigation if the resources are found to be significant.

# UNDETERMINED POTENTIAL (SENSITIVITY)

Specific areas underlain by sedimentary rock units for which little information is available have undetermined fossiliferous potentials. Field surveys by a qualified vertebrate paleontologist to specifically determine the potentials of the rock units are required before programs of impact mitigation for such areas may be developed.

#### NO POTENTIAL

Rock units of metamorphic or igneous origin are commonly classified as having no potential for containing significant paleontological resources.

# **METHODS**

To assess whether or not a particular area has the potential to contain significant fossil resources at the subsurface, it is necessary to review published geologic mapping to determine the geology and stratigraphy of the area. Geologic units are considered to be "sensitive" for paleontological resources if they are known to contain significant fossils anywhere in their extent. Therefore, a search of pertinent local and regional museum repositories for paleontological localities within and nearby the project area is necessary to determine whether fossil localities have been previously discovered within a particular rock unit. For this Project, a formal museum records search was conducted at the SBCM, and informal records searches were conducted of the online University of California Museum of Paleontology Collections

(UCMP) and other published and unpublished geological and paleontological literature of the area.

# RESOURCE CONTEXT

# **GEOLOGIC SETTING**

The Project area is south of the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, which are part of the Transverse Ranges geomorphic province of Southern California. The San Gabriel Mountains extend approximately 60 miles (mi) west to the Verdugo Hills, San Fernando Valley, and Soledad Basin. Active uplift and erosion in the San Gabriel Mountains have produced steep canyons, rugged topography, numerous landslides, and extensive alluvial sedimentation (Morton and Miller, 2006). Late Cenozoic uplift of the San Gabriel Mountains is largely due to vertical slip along several influential faults, including the Sierra Madre Fault Zone just south of the Project area. The highest peak in the San Gabriel Mountains is Mount San Antonio (Old Baldy) at 10,080 feet (ft), and much of the range displays large relief with deep narrow canyons and peaks above 7000 ft (Norris and Webb, 1976). The San Gabriel Mountains are predominantly crystalline and consist of Proterozoic to Mesozoic intrusive igneous (plutonic) and metamorphic rocks as well as Cenozoic volcanic, marine, and terrestrial sedimentary deposits, including extensive alluvial fan and terrace deposits (Morton et al., 2003). The Project area is underlain by Quaternary alluvial fan deposits eroded from the San Gabriel Mountains to the north.

# SITE SPECIFIC GEOLOGY AND PALEONTOLOGY

According to Morton and Matti (2001), the Project area is underlain by alluvial fan deposits (Qyf<sub>5</sub>) from the Holocene Epoch. The source material for these alluvial fan deposits originates from the eastern San Gabriel Mountains, north of the Project area. The young alluvial fan deposits consist of unconsolidated to moderately consolidated, boulder to coarse-grained sand, with slightly dissected surfaces. The Holocene alluvium likely grades into older high sensitivity Pleistocene deposits at depth. Pleistocene deposits in San Bernardino County are highly fossiliferous and have yielded preserved remains of deer, mammoth, camel, horse, bison, badger, mole, rabbit, gray fox, and coyote (Jefferson, 1991a, 1991b; Miller, 1971). However, fossil localities have not been identified in the immediate vicinity of the Project area.

# RECORDS SEARCH RESULTS

The SBCM records search did not produce any fossil localities from within the Project area or from the same geologic unit within 5 mi (Kottkamp, 2022). Searches of online databases and other literature did not produce any additional fossil localities within 1 mi.

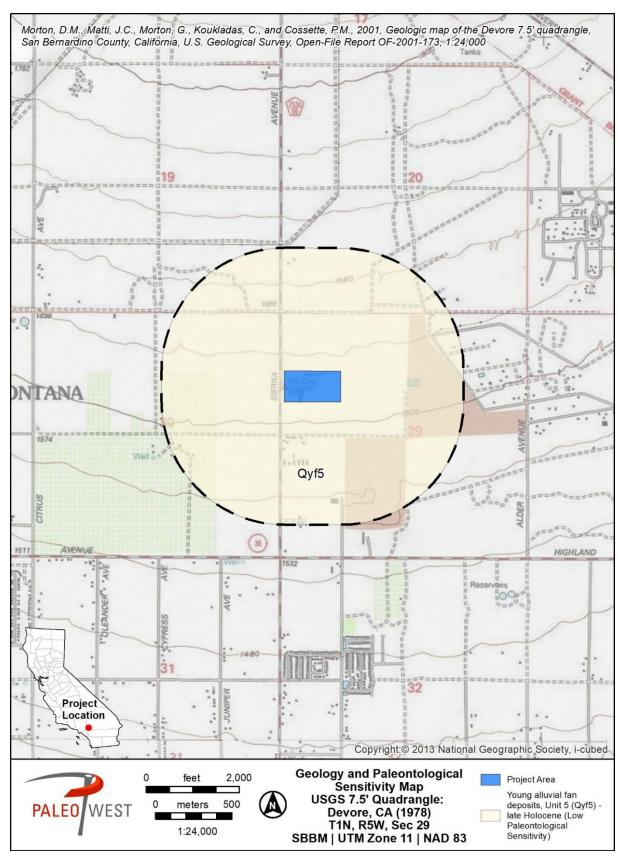


Figure 3. Geologic map.

# **FINDINGS**

This memorandum uses the classification system of SVP (2010) to assess paleontological sensitivity and the level of effort required to manage potential impacts to significant fossil resources. Using this system, the sensitivity of geologic units was determined on the basis of the relative abundance and risk of adverse impacts to vertebrate fossils and significant invertebrates and plants.

Young alluvial-fan deposits mapped in the Project area are Holocene-age at the surface but may transition into Pleistocene-age deposits with depth. According to SVP (2010), the Holocene-age deposits have a low paleontological sensitivity, but the deeper Pleistocene-age sediments would have a high sensitivity. However, the absence of nearby Pleistocene localities suggests the Holocene sediments in the Project area extend to a significant depth, and Pleistocene sediments are unlikely to be encountered through routine ground disturbance. Consequently, Project related ground disturbance is unlikely to impact paleontological resources. RECOMMENDATIONS

In general, the potential for a given project to result in negative impacts to paleontological resources is directly proportional to the amount of ground disturbance associated with the project; thus, the higher the amount of ground disturbances within geological deposits with a known paleontological sensitivity, the greater the potential for negative impacts to paleontological resources. Since this Project entails the excavation for a building, new ground disturbances are anticipated; however, the underlying sediment is likely to be Holocene in age to a significant depth, and ground disturbances are not anticipated to impact paleontological resources. PaleoWest does not recommend paleontological monitoring for this Project.

Thank you for contacting PaleoWest for this Project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. **PALEOWEST** 

Sincerely,

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