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Work Order: 2272-1-0-103

Agoura Hills Center Properties, LLC 2985 E Hillcrest Drive #107 Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Attention: Mr. Steve Rice

Subject: Geotechnical Response to City of Agoura Hills Review Sheet Dated September 91 2014, Senior Housing Community, Vesting Tentative Tract Number 71742 (APN# 2061-001-025), 30800 Agoura Road, Agoura Hills, California.

1. INTRODUCTION

This report was prepared to provide geotechnical engineering responses to the September 91 2014 City of Agoura Hills - Geotechnical Review Sheet. The geotechnical review was of the referenced report by this firm dated July 29, 2014 which was provided to address comments in the review letter dated April 18, 2014. The current review letter is attached for reference.

2. RESPONSES TO GEODYNAMICS REVIEW LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 91 2014

PLANNING/FEASIBILITY COMMENTS

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The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division (GMED) *Manual for Preparation of Geotechnical Reports* provides requirements for slope stability analyses and can be viewed at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/gmed/permits/docs/manual.pdf. Based the seismic analysis procedure outlined in the County guidelines, the requested analysis is presented in Appendix A, which resulted in a factor of safety above 1.1.

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RESPONSE

As previously stated, the contact between the Older Alluvium and the Calabasas Formation is variable. The following boring by boring responses are provided to further clarify our interpretations of encountered conditions and discuss ramifications with respect to slope stability and the proposed development.

<u>B-1</u> Residual clay zone @ 40-42 feet. This clay zone represents a weathered surface (Paleosol) at the top of the bedrock. Although laboratory testing indicated a high moisture content of 26% for the drive sample taken mid layer, a blow count of 7 blows for 12 inches utilizing the drill rig's 2050 pound inner kelly bar was recorded. This blow count for a clay along with the visual and tactile examination of the obtained sample clearly indicated the clay was hard and not soft.

<u>B-2</u> Contact @ 20 feet with abundant cobbles within the brown clayey fine to coarse sand Older Alluvium from 19 to 20 feet. The contact was observed down hole and is described as irregular and undulatory but generally horizontal. The increase in cobbles likely represents a basal lag deposited within a scoured bedrock zone at the base of the Older Alluvium. Materials of this type would likely have a high friction angle.

The underlying bedrock consists of generally massive claystone with occasional thin sandstone interbeds and is fractured but with secondary iron oxide/manganese staining. The plastic deformation refers to observed polished surfaces within the claystone, a result of tectonic deformation during folding and uplift as opposed to mass wasting (landslide) features. The bedrock was reported to be consistently moist and hard with 4 to 7 blows recorded for the 3450 pound to 2050 pound full and inner kelly bar.

<u>B-3</u> Contact @ 16.9 feet. From 15.3 to 16.9 feet, a silty fine to coarse sand and gravel layer at the base of the Older Alluvium sits on a basal contact described as clear, abrupt, and planar. This is clearly another scoured surface with lag deposit. Measured approximate attitude on contact / scoured surface at 16.9 feet recorded dip of 13° .

Within the upper 0.5 feet of bedrock below the contact, the bedrock is described as very weathered and sheared. Shearing likely again is tectonic in nature. Reported clay "seams" with rootlets subparallel to contact are translocated secondary infillings. Fracturing below the upper "sheared zone" becomes tight but secondary mineral deposits (calcium carbonate/limonite) further evidence of previous groundwater water presence.

The thin plastic clay bed @ 21 feet dips southwesterly into the hill with observed bedding (albeit generally poorly defined) becoming steeper with depth to near vertical and further evinces the complexly folded nature of the sedimentary bedrock in this area near the contact with the underlying Conejo Volcanics.

B-4 Contact @ 10.0 feet. The bedding inclinations of 15°-20° were based on observation of the drive samples. At this boring location and elevation (967±') the Older Alluvium/Calabasas Formation contact is at 10 feet (el. 957), well below proposed grades (both remedial undercut and finished) as shown on Cross Section F-F'. It is our opinion, the bedding is likely complexly folded/contorted, but even if it is dipping northward, the bedrock near this boring is too deep to be exposed.

B-5 No additional response.

B-6 Contact at 12 feet with abundant calcium carbonate @ 11-12 feet is in hard silty clay Older Alluvium. Similar to boring B-4 the bedding inclinations of 10°-20° were based on observation of the drive sample. Also like B-4, based on location and elevation of this boring, the observed basal contact of the Older Alluvium (el. 962°) is well below any proposed excavated grade (see Sections E-E' and F-F'. The recommended building undercuts shown on Section A-A' will also remove bedrock beyond the retaining walls under the building. Required in-grading geologic observation of removal and/or retaining wall backcut excavations will provide another opportunity to verify specific location conditions and expand removal limits if needed.

As is documented, the Older Alluvium/bedrock contact is variable. It can consist of a surface of weathering and soil development (Paleosol) as in boring B-1 to a scoured erosional bedrock surfaces as in B-2 and B-3 to an unconformity with no soil profile as in Borings B-4 and B-6. However, based on the acquired data, the contact is not a unique continuous layer nor is it a weak horizon where the base of the Older Alluvium is a clay or silt. While it is evident the base of the Older Alluvium does have an overall northwesterly inclination based on the elevations at which the contact was observed in our borings. However, the 13° abrupt planar nature of the scoured contact measured in boring B-3 contrasts with the irregular, undulatory, but generally horizontal contact in B-2, versus the residual soil (hard Paleosol) of the contact in B-1. High blow counts even where the soil is very moist and common presence of calcium carbonates where the soil is dry support the finding the basal materials of the Older Alluvium are hard/dense. As shown on Sections A-A' and F-F', the overall inclination of the contact appears to approximately 7°-10°. In addition, the variable nature of the contact in terms of material types and orientation along with the lack of observed weak materials in the exploratory borings support the opinion the Older Alluvium/bedrock contact is not a potentially weak horizon that could contribute to translational failure.

Note: The landslide mentioned in our previous overall report (Gorian 2000) along Agoura Road northeast of the site was a rotational failure, purported to occur within saturated Older Alluvium near the contact. All slopes and wall backcuts will be observed and mapped during construction to verify actual conditions.

COMMENT 3

The consultant provides earthquake parameters (peak ground acceleration and earthquake magnitude) based on a seismic event that has a 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years. The consultant should revise these parameters to comply with the 2013 edition of the California Building Code (and by adoption, the City of Agoura Hills Building Code). Mitigation measures should be recommended as necessary.

Note: As per the 2103 CBC, peak ground acceleration should be based on a seismic event that has a 2% probability of exceedance in 50 years (2475 years return period).

RESPONSE

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division (GMED) document GS045.0 requires the potential for liquefaction be based on peak ground acceleration, utilizing a hazard level of 2 percent probability of exceedance over 50 years. The peak ground acceleration is determined using the United States Geological Survey (USGS) interactive web application, 2008 Interactive Deaggregations, <u>http://geohazards.usgs.gov/deaggint/2008/</u>.

Probabilistic seismic hazard analyses (PSHA) predict the peak horizontal ground acceleration will be on the order of 0.28g for an earthquake having a 2% chance of being exceeded in 50 years. The mean magnitude from this PSHA is 5.96 (Mw) with a mean distance of 18.4 km from the property and a modal magnitude of 5.2 (Mw) with a modal distance of 8.1 km from the property. The values are for the site

latitude 33.1442°N and longitude 118.7923°W assuming a shear wave velocity, V_s³⁰ of 350 meters/second.

REPORT REVIEW COMMENTS AND PLAN-CHECK COMMENTS

The Report Review Comments 1 through 4 as well as the Plan Check Comments 1 through 9 are acknowledged and will be complied with at the appropriate design stage and by the appropriate design professional as the entitlement process moves forward.

Note that for Report Review Comment No. 4, infiltration testing was performed within the Older Alluvium in the area of the proposed infiltration basin west of the driveway for Building B. As was described in our last response (Gorian 2014b), an infiltration rate less than the minimum requirement of 0.3 inch/hour was obtained.

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Please contact us if you have questions concerning this geotechnical report or require additional information.

Respectfully, Gorian and Associates, Inc.

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William F. Cavan, Jr., CEC1161 Principal Engineering Geologist



Attachment: Review Appen

Review Letter of April 18, 2014 Appendix A: Slope Stability Analyses Plate 1: Geotechnical Map Plate 2: Geotechnical Cross Sections

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CITY CLERK

CITY OF AGOURA HILLS - GEOTECHNICAL REVIEW SHEET

To:

Doug Hooper

Project Location: 30800 Agoura Road, Agoura Hills, California.

Building & Safety #: 08-CUP-001

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FINDINGS

Planning/Feasibility Issues	Geotechnical Report
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<u>REMARKS</u>

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The City of Agoura Hills – Planning Department reviewed the referenced report from a geotechnical perspective for compliance with applicable codes, guidelines, and standards of practice. GeoDynamics, Inc. (GDI) performed the geotechnical review on behalf of the City. Based upon a review of the submitted reports, the consultant shall adequately respond to the following Planning/Feasibility comments prior to consideration by the Planning Commission of approval of Case # 08-CUP-001. The Consultant should respond to the following Plan-Check Approval. Plan-Check comments should be addressed in Building & Safety Plan Check. A separate geotechnical submittal is not required for plan-check comments.

Notes to City:

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Report Review Comments

- The consultant should review final development plans, including the grading plans when they become available. A copy of the grading plan should be used as a base map for an updated geotechnical map. Additional geotechnical recommendations should be provided as necessary to address the various aspects of the development/grading plans.
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- 3. The consultant should review the final design of soil nail wall. Soil nailing design should be provided for review by the City prior to approval.
- 4. No on-site infiltration systems are proposed at the site. If any are to be proposed, the consultant should perform additional on-site infiltration testing as per the County of Los Angeles requirements (see "Low Impact Development Best Management Practice, Guidelines for Design, Investigation, and reporting").

Plan-Check Comments

- 1. The name, address, and phone number of the Consultant and a list of all the applicable geotechnical reports shall be included on the building/grading plans.
- 2. The following note must appear on the grading and foundation plans: "All retaining wall excavations shall be reviewed by the project engineering geologist for the presence of adversely oriented joint surfaces. Adverse surfaces shall be evaluated and supported in accordance with recommendations of the project geotechnical engineer."
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- 4. The following note must appear on the grading and foundation plans: "Excavations shall be made in compliance with CAL/OSHA Regulations."
- 5. The following note must appear on the foundation plans: "All foundation excavations must be observed and approved, in writing, by the Project Geotechnical Consultant prior to placement of reinforcing steel."

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- 8. Final grading, drainage, and foundation plans shall be reviewed, signed, and wet stamped by the consultant.
- 9. Provide a note on the grading and foundation plans that states: "An as-built report shall be submitted to the City for review. This report prepared by the Geotechnical Consultant must include the results of all compaction tests as well as a map depicting the limits of fill, locations of all density tests, outline and elevations of all removal bottoms, keyway locations and bottom elevations, locations of all subdrains and flow line elevations, and location and elevation of all retaining wall backdrains and outlets. Geologic conditions exposed during grading must be depicted on an as-built geologic map."

If you have any questions regarding this review letter, please contact GDI at (805) 496-1222.

Respectfully Submitted, **GeoDynamics, INC.**

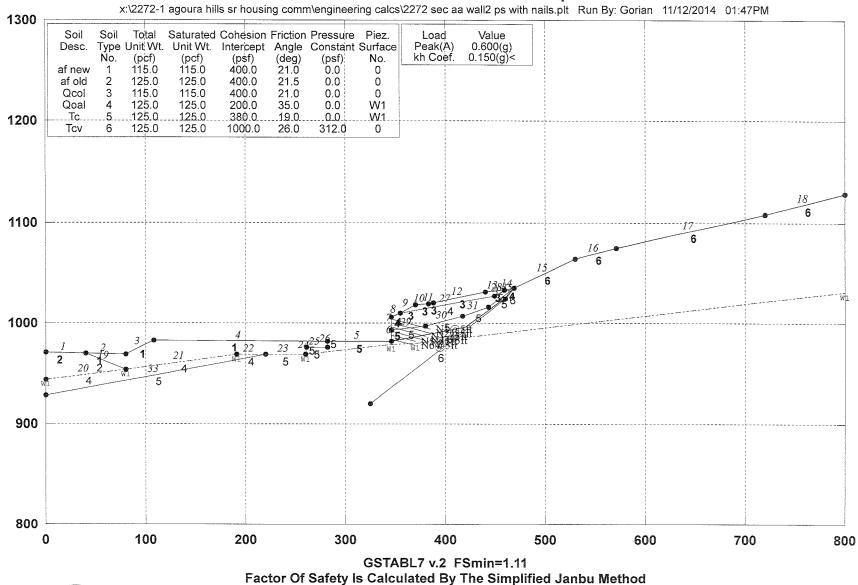
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APPENDIX A

SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSES



WO 2272-1-0-101 with nails Section A-A' pseudo-static

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			Strength,			
		•			ary Loads, Water	
					and Applied Forces.	
Analysis Ru	un Date:	11/12/	2014			
Time of Ru		01:471	M			
Run By:		Goriar				
Input Data			2-1 Agoura 1	Hills Sr Ho	ousing Comm\enginee	ering calcs\227
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PROBLEM DES	SCRIPTION:		0-101 with A' pseudo-s			
BOUNDARY CO	ORDINATES	Section A-	v heerro-	SLALIC		
18 Top	Boundaries	5				
	l Boundaries	5				
Boundary	X-Left	Y-Left	X-Right	Y-Right	Soil Type	
No.	(ft)	(ft) 971.00	(ft) 40.00	(ft) 970.00	Below Bnd	
1 2	$0.00 \\ 40.00$	970.00	80.00	969.00	2 1	
3	80.00	969.00	108.00	983.00	1	
4	108.00	983.00	282.00	982.00	1	
5	282.00	982.00	346.00	982.00	5	
6 7	346.00	982.00	346.20	993.00	5 4	
8	$346.20 \\ 346.50$	993.00 1006.00	346.50 355.00	1006.00 1010.00	4	
9	355.00	1010.00	370.00	1018.00	3	
10	370.00	1018.00	383.00	1019.00	. 3	
11	383.00	1019.00	388.00	1020.00	3	
12	388.00	1020.00	440.00	1031.00	3	
13 14	440.00 459.00	1031.00 1033.00	459.00 469.00	1033.00 1035.00	3 4	
15	469.00	1035.00	530.00	1064.00	6	
16	530.00	1064.00	571.00	1075.00	6	
17	571.00	1075.00	720.00	1108.00	6	
18	720.00	1108.00	800.00	1128.00	6	
19 20	$40.00 \\ 0.00$	970.00 944.00	80.00 80.00	954.00 954.00	2 4	
21	80.00	954.00	191.00	969.00	4	
22	191.00	969.00	220.00	969.00	4	
23	220.00	969.00	260.00	969.00	5	
24	260.00	969.00	261.00	976.00	5	
25 26	261.00 281.90	976.00 976.00	281.90 282.00	976.00 982.00	5 5	
27	355.00	1010.00	449.00	1027.00	4	
28	449.00	1027.00	459.00	1033.00	4	
29	346.20	993.00	380.00	997.00	5	
30	380.00	997.00	417.00	1007.00	5	
31 32	417.00	1007.00 1016.00	$443.00 \\ 469.00$	1016.00 1035.00	5 5	
32	443.00	928.00	220.00	969.00	5	
34	325.00	920.00	460.00	1024.00	6	
35	460.00	1024.00	469.00	1035.00	6	
User Specif			800.00(ft)			
Default X-F Default Y-F						
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ISOTROPIC SOIL PARAMETERS 6 Type(s) of Soil Soil Total Saturated Cohesion Friction Pore Piez. Pressure Type Unit Wt. Unit Wt. Intercept Angle Pressure Constant Surface (psf) (deg) Param. (psf) No. No. (pcf) (pcf) 1 115.0 115.0 400.0 21.0 0.00 0.0 0 0.0 0.00 0 2 125.0 125.0 400.0 21.5 115.0 0.00 3 115.0 400.0 21.0 0.0 0 125.0 125.0 200.0 35.0 0.00 0.0 1 4 125.0 19.0 5 125.0 380.0 0.00 0.0 1 125.0 125.0 1000.0 26.0 0.00 312.0 0 6 1 PIEZOMETRIC SURFACE(S) SPECIFIED Unit Weight of Water = 62.40 (pcf) Piezometric Surface No. 1 Specified by 7 Coordinate Points Pore Pressure Inclination Factor = 0.50 X-Water Y-Water Point No. (ft) (ft) 1 0.00 944.00 954.00 2 80.00 969.00 3 191.00 4 260.00 969.00 979.00 5 346.50 980.00 6 370.00 7 1031.00 800.00 Specified Peak Ground Acceleration Coefficient (A) = 0.600(g) Specified Horizontal Earthquake Coefficient (kh) = 0.150(g) Specified Vertical Earthquake Coefficient (kv) = 0.000(g) Specified Seismic Pore-Pressure Factor = 0.000 SOIL NAIL LOAD(S) 6 SOIL NAIL LOAD(S) SPECIFIED Nail X-Pos Y-Pos Nail Dia Tendon Dia Spacing Inclin. Length No. (ft) (ft) (in) (in) (ft) (deg) (ft) 346.45 1004.00 5.00 1.0 15.00 40.00 1 6.0 1.0 5.00 15.00 2 346.36 1000.00 6.0 40.00 5.00 15.00 3 346.27 996.00 6.0 1.0 35.00 992.00 6.0 5.00 15.00 35.00 346.18 1.0 4 5 346.11 988.00 6.0 1.0 5.00 15.00 25.00 5.00 15.00 25.00 6 346.04 984.00 6.0 1.0 SOIL NAIL LOAD DATA Soil Nail No. 1 4 Load Points Apply to This Nail Load Diagram Type = 1 POINT NO. X-COORD.(ft) Y-COORD.(ft) FORCE(lbs) 1004.00 1400.00 1 346.45 2 359.54 1000.61 5654.87 369.07 998.15 5654.87 3 385.09 993.65 0.00 4 1000.0(psf) Allowable Pullout Stress = Allowable Tendon Stress = 36000.0(psi) 7000.0(lbs) Allowable Nail Head Load = Soil Nail No. 2 4 Load Points Apply to This Nail Load Diagram Type = 1 POINT NO. X-COORD.(ft) Y-COORD.(ft) FORCE(lbs) 346.36 1000.00 1400.00 1 5654.87 2 359.44 996.61 5654.87 3 368.97 994.15 989.65 385.00 0.00 4 1000.0(psf) Allowable Pullout Stress = Allowable Tendon Stress = 36000.0(psi) Allowable Nail Head Load = 7000.0(lbs) Soil Nail No. 3 4 Load Points Apply to This Nail Load Diagram Type = 1 POINT NO. X-COORD.(ft) Y-COORD.(ft) FORCE(lbs) 1 346.27 996.00 1400.00 2 993.74 5654.87 354.99 5654.87 3 369.68 989.94 380.08 986.94 0.00 4 Allowable Pullout Stress = 1500.0(psf)

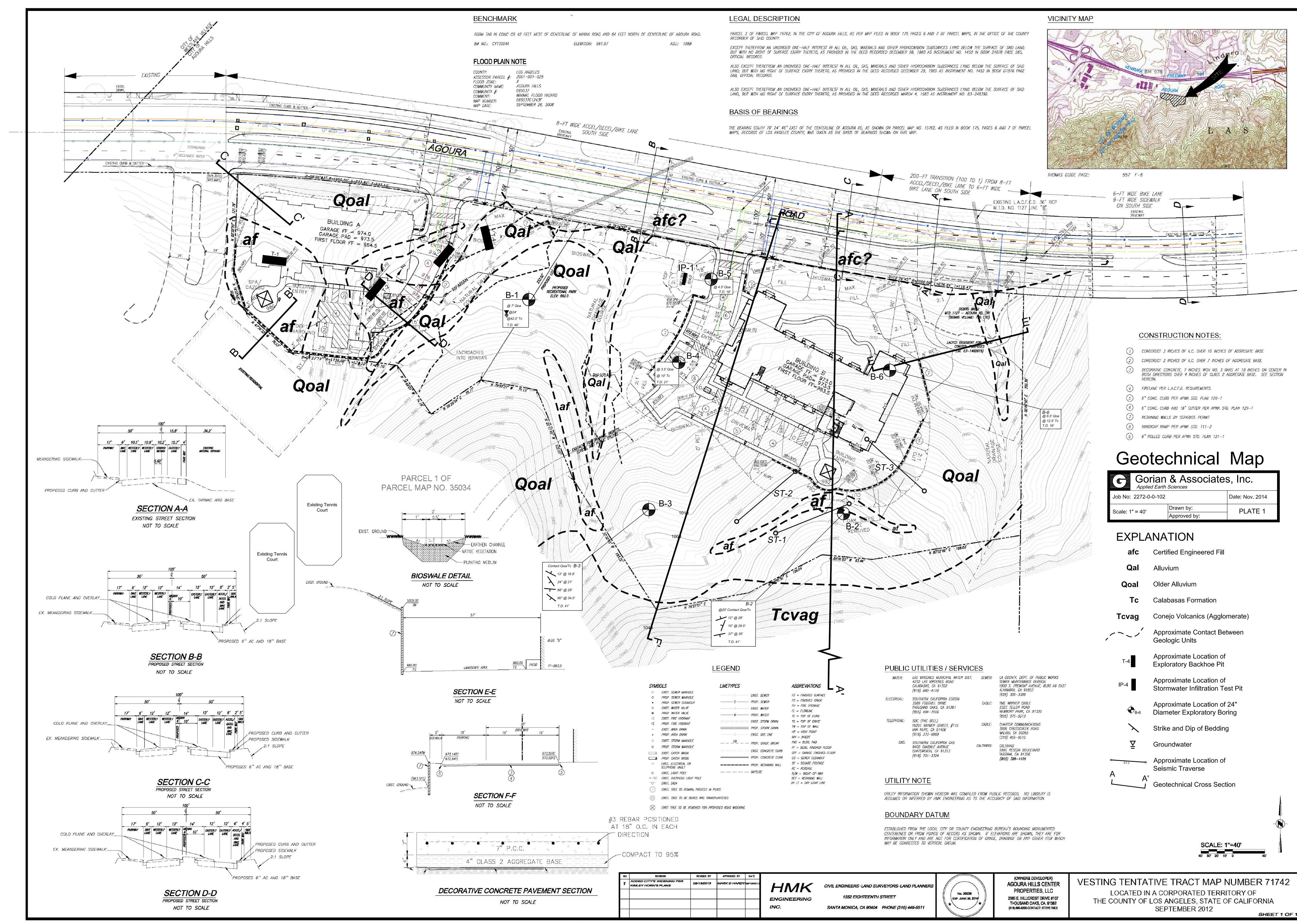
36000.0(psi) Allowable Tendon Stress = Allowable Nail Head Load = 7000.0(lbs) Soil Nail No. 4 4 Load Points Apply to This Nail Load Diagram Type = 1 Load Diagram Type = X-COORD.(ft) Y-COORD.(ft) FORCE(lbs) POINT NO. 1 346.18 992.00 1400.00 2 354.90 989.74 5654.87 3 369.59 985.94 5654.87 4 379.99 982.94 0.00 1500.0(psf) Allowable Pullout Stress = Allowable Tendon Stress = 36000.0(psi) Allowable Nail Head Load = 7000.0(lbs) Soil Nail No. 5 4 Load Points Apply to This Nail Load Diagram Type = 1 POINT NO. X-COORD. (ft) Y-COORD.(ft) FORCE(lbs) 346.11 988.00 1400.00 1 5654.87 2 352.65 986.31 5654.87 3 362.42 983.78 0.00 4 370.26 981.53 Allowable Pullout Stress = 2000.0(psf) Allowable Tendon Stress = 36000.0(psi) Allowable Nail Head Load = 7000.0(lbs) Soil Nail No. 6 4 Load Points Apply to This Nail Load Diagram Type = 1 POINT NO. X-COORD.(ft) Y-COORD.(ft) FORCE(lbs) 1400.00 1 346.04 984.00 5654.87 2 352,58 982.31 3 362.34 979.78 5654.87 370.18 977.53 0.00 4 2000.0(psf) Allowable Pullout Stress = Allowable Tendon Stress = 36000.0(psi) Allowable Nail Head Load = 7000.0(lbs) NOTE - An Equivalent Line Load Is Calculated For Each Row Of Soil Nails Assuming A Uniform Distribution Of Load Horizontally Between Individual Nails. Trial Failure Surface Specified By 4 Coordinate Points Point X-Surf Y-Surf No. (ft) (ft) 346.000 982.000 1 996.400 2 420.000 1025.000 3 460.000 468.000 4 1034.800 * * Factor Of Safety Is Calculated By The Simplified Janbu Method * * Sum of Soil Nail Forces on Failure Surface = 16606.99 (lbs) Factor Of Safety For The Preceding Specified Surface = 1.112 The calculated factor of safety for the specified surface without piers/piles, reinforcement, soil nails, or applied forces = 1.010 ***Table 1 - Individual Data on the 16 Slices*** Water Water Earthquake Tie Tie Force Force Force Force Force Surcharge Ver Slice Width Weight Top Bot Norm Tan Hor Load (lbs) (lbs) (1bs) (lbs) (lbs) (lbs) (lbs) (lbs) No. (ft) 0.0 0.0 0.0 20.6 0.2 137.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1 0.0 0.0 98.1 2 0.3 653.7 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 3996.4 3 8.5 26642.9 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 8037.5 53583.2 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 4 15.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 5692.5 5 10.0 37950.0 0.0 0.0 6 3.0 11118.4 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1667.8 0.0 0.0 7 18434.2 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 2765.1 0.0 5.0 0.0 8 29.0 107715.2 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 16157.3 0.0 0.0 0.0 1684.5 0.0 0.0 0.0 9 3.0 11229.9 0.0 0.0 62272.3 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 9340.8 0.0 10 20.0 0.0 3.0 7104.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1065.6 0.0 11 0.0 0.0 0.0 1825.6 12170.8 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 12 6.0 13 10.0 14457.2 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 2168.6 0.0 0.0 1.0 1057.2 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 158.6 0.0 0.0 14 15 6.9 4026.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 603.9 0.0 0.0

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16	1.1	73.9 0	.0 0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0
	Table	2 - Base St:	ress Data on	the 16	Slices			
Slice	Alpha	X-Coord.	Base	Avaj	llable		Mobiliz	zed
No.	(deg)	Slice Cntr	Leng.	Shear S	Strength		Shear Sti	cess
*		(ft)	(ft)	(ps	sf)		(psf)	
1	11.01	346.10	0.20		647.80		231.	.72
2	11.01	346.35	0.31	1	188.86		737.	.04
3	11.01	350.75	8.66	1	534.91		1060.	.23
4	11.01	362.50	15.28	1	.693.45		1208.	.30
4 5	11.01	375.00	10.19	1	.774.14		1283.	.66
6	11.01	381.50	3.06	1	741.95		1253.	.60
7	11.01	385.50	5.09	1	734.96		1247.	.08
8	11.01	402.50	29.54	1	744.92		1256.	.37
9	11.01	418.50	3.06	1	755.41		1266.	.17
10	35.56	430.00	24.59	1	580.18		2190.	.87
11	35.56	441.50	3.69	1	.300.81		1666.	.24
12	35.56	446.00	7.38	1	.173.57		1427.	.31
13	35.56	454.00	12.29		955.22		1017.	.26
14	35.56	459.50	1.23		809.64		743.	.88
15	50.77	463.46	10.95		712.52		505.	.45
16	50.77	467.46	1.70		233.66		59.	. 82
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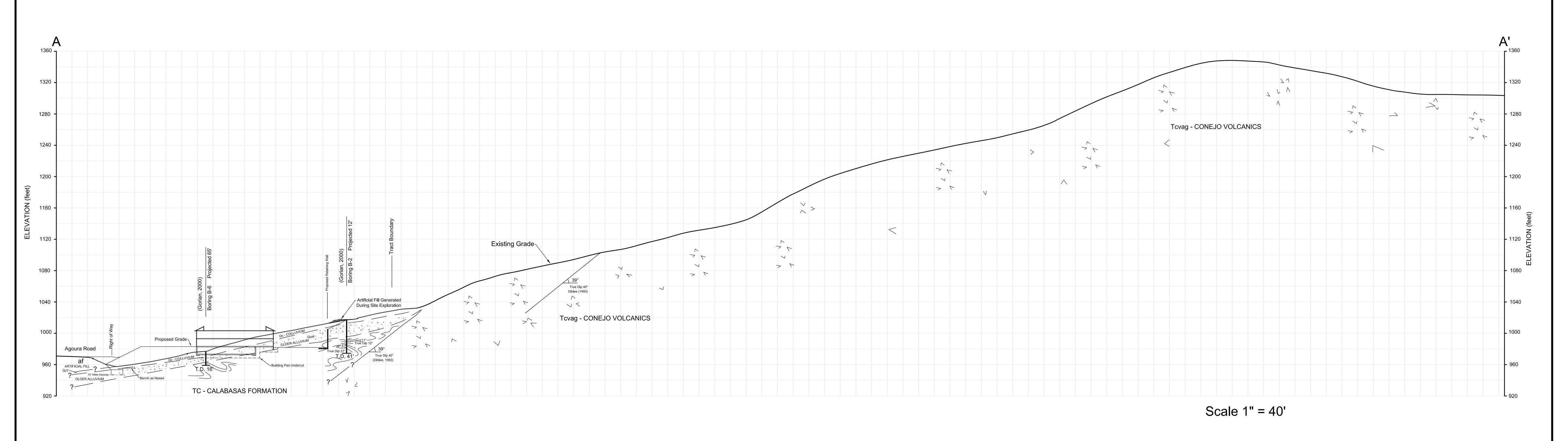
(Note: kv is set = zero for displacement calculations) Seismic Yield Coefficient (ky) = 0.1993(g) Calculated Newmark Seismic Displacement = 0.528(ft) Non-Symmetrical Sliding Resistance Has Been Specified for Downhill Sliding.

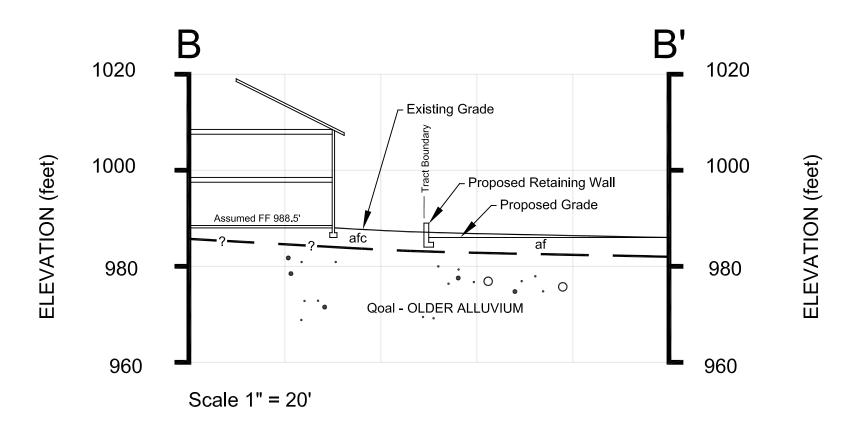
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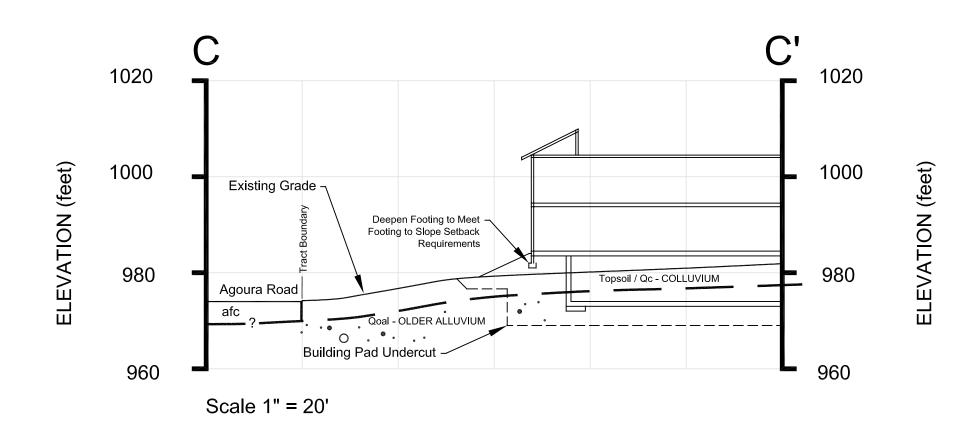
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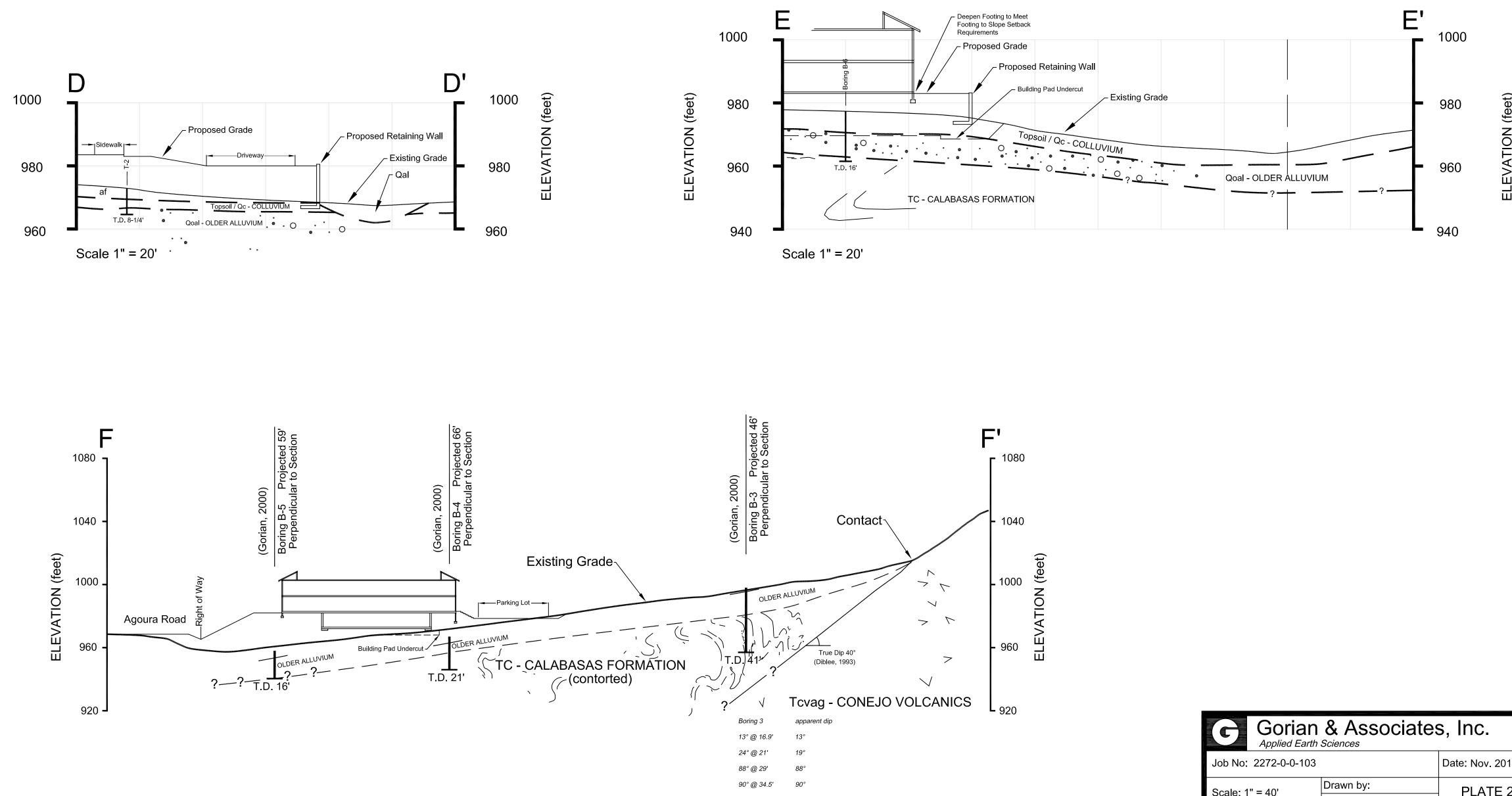
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