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**SUBJECT: Geotechnical Design Memorandum  
Fresno BPMP Scour Countermeasure Project  
Los Gatos Road at Los Gatos Creek (Bridge No. 42C0455)  
Fresno County, California**

Dear Ms. Yates:

This letter presents the results of the geotechnical investigation for the proposed Fresno BPMP Scour Countermeasure project for the subject location in Fresno County, California. This letter describes the study, findings, conclusions, and recommendations for use in project design.

Kleinfelder appreciates the opportunity to provide geotechnical engineering services during the design phase of this project. If there are any questions concerning the information presented in this letter, please contact this office at your convenience.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Understanding of the project is based upon discussions with representatives of TRC Engineers Inc. It is understood the project will consist of a scour evaluation at the Los Gatos Road at Los Gatos Creek bridge (Bridge No. 42C0455) location.

## **FIELD EXPLORATION**

Field exploration included one (1) hand auger boring at the bridge site, which was performed on September 26, 2014. The boring was advanced to a depth of 1 foot below the existing creek bed.

The soil encountered in the hand auger boring was visually classified in the field and a continuous log was recorded. A bulk sample was obtained from the auger cuttings at the obtained depth. Upon completion, the exploration location was backfilled with soil cuttings. The bulk sample was transported back to our Fresno Lab for testing.

## **LABORATORY TESTING**

Kleinfelder performed laboratory tests on the selected sample to evaluate certain physical characteristics that will be necessary to assist TRC in their analysis. The laboratory test performed was a grain-size distribution. Results are shown on Figure 6.

## **SITE CONDITIONS AND SUBSURFACE SOILS ENCOUNTERED**

The banks of the creek supported sparse dry bushes, with gravel.

The following description provides a general summary of the subsurface soil conditions encountered during the field exploration and further verified by the laboratory testing program. For a more thorough description of the actual conditions encountered at the specific boring location, refer to the boring log presented in Figure 5. All soils have been classified in general accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (ASTM D2487).

The earth material at the site generally consists of silty sand with gravel (SM) to the maximum exploration depth of 1 foot. The boring was terminated at a final depth of 1 foot due to practical auger refusal.

## **SCOUR POTENTIAL**

The mean grain size ( $D_{50}$ ) and 90% passing grain size ( $D_{90}$ ) of the soil anticipated to be exposed in the channel is about 3.5 mm and 25.0 mm, respectively.

Should the scour exceed the expected limits, mitigation measures, such as rip rap, may be used.

## **LIMITATIONS**

Recommendations contained in this letter are based on the field observations and subsurface explorations, laboratory tests, and present knowledge of the proposed project. It is possible that soil conditions could vary between or beyond the points explored. Additional soil exploration may be necessary if better definition of any conditions is desired. If the scope of the proposed improvements changes from that described in this letter, the recommendations provided should also be reviewed.

This letter has been prepared in substantial accordance with the generally accepted geotechnical engineering practice, as it exists in the general area at the time of the study. No warranty, express or implied, is provided or intended. The preliminary recommendations provided in this letter are based on the assumption that Kleinfelder will conduct an adequate program of tests and observations during additional phases of the project in order to evaluate compliance with the recommendations.

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## CLOSING


We appreciate the opportunity to provide geotechnical engineering services to TRC Engineers Inc. and Fresno County. We trust this information meets your current needs. If there are any questions concerning the information presented in this letter, please contact this office at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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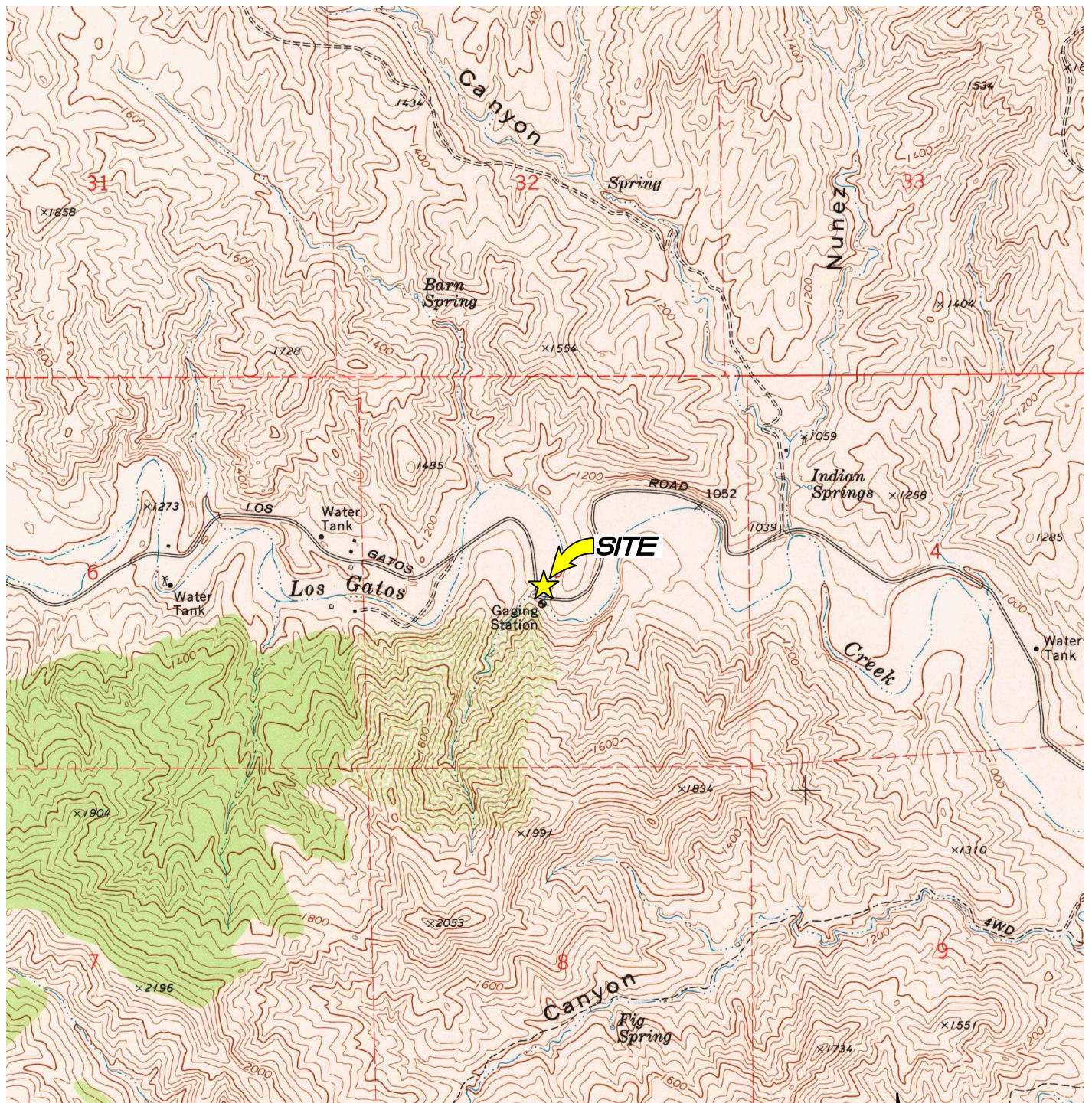
## Attachments

Figure 1	Site Vicinity Map
Figure 2	Boring Location Map
Figure 3	Graphics Key
Figure 4	Soil Description Key
Figure 5	Boring Log B-3
Figure 6	Grain-Size Distribution



# ATTACHMENTS





SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5' Topographic series, Alcalde Hills, California  
Quadrangle Dated, 1969.

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APPROXIMATE SCALE (feet)



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### SITE VICINITY MAP

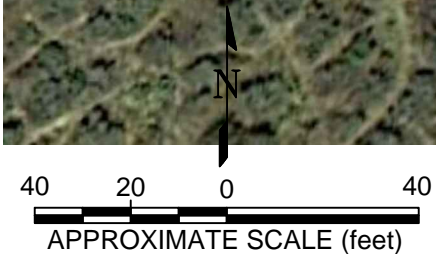
LOS GATOS ROAD AT LOS GATOS CREEK  
(BRIDGE NO. 42C0455)  
FRESNO COUNTY BRIDGE BPMP, PHASE 2  
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FIGURE

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EXPLANATION

B-3 APPROXIMATE BORING LOCATION

SOURCE: GOOGLE EARTH PRO 2015, IMAGE DATE 4/13/13.



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BORING LOCATION MAP	
LOS GATOS ROAD AT LOS GATOS CREEK (BRIDGE NO. 42C0455) FRESNO COUNTY BRIDGE BPMP, PHASE 2 FRESNO COUNTY, CA	



**SAMPLE/SAMPLER TYPE GRAPHICS**

BULK SAMPLE

**GROUND WATER GRAPHICS**

WATER LEVEL (level where first observed)



WATER LEVEL (level after exploration completion)



WATER LEVEL (additional levels after exploration)



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**NOTES**

• The report and graphics key are an integral part of these logs. All data and interpretations in this log are subject to the explanations and limitations stated in the report.

• Lines separating strata on the logs represent approximate boundaries only. Actual transitions may be gradual or differ from those shown.

• No warranty is provided as to the continuity of soil or rock conditions between individual sample locations.

• Logs represent general soil or rock conditions observed at the point of exploration on the date indicated.

• In general, Unified Soil Classification System designations presented on the logs were based on visual classification in the field and were modified where appropriate based on gradation and index property testing.

• Fine grained soils that plot within the hatched area on the Plasticity Chart, and coarse grained soils with between 5% and 12% passing the No. 200 sieve require dual USCS symbols, i.e., GW-GM, GP-GM, GW-GC, GP-GC, GC-GM, SW-SM, SP-SM, SW-SC, SP-SC, SC-SM.

• If sampler is not able to be driven at least 6 inches then 50/X indicates number of blows required to drive the identified sampler X inches with a 140 pound hammer falling 30 inches.

**UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (ASTM D 2487)**

<b>GRAVELS</b> (More than half of coarse fraction is larger than the #200 sieve)	CLEAN GRAVEL WITH <5% FINES	$Cu \geq 4$ and $1 \leq Cc \leq 3$		<b>GW</b>	WELL-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES WITH LITTLE OR NO FINES
		$Cu < 4$ and/or $1 > Cc > 3$		<b>GP</b>	POORLY GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES WITH LITTLE OR NO FINES
	GRAVELS WITH 5% TO 12% FINES	$Cu \geq 4$ and $1 \leq Cc \leq 3$		<b>GW-GM</b>	WELL-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES WITH LITTLE FINES
		$Cu \geq 4$ and $1 \leq Cc \leq 3$		<b>GW-GC</b>	WELL-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES WITH LITTLE CLAY FINES
		$Cu < 4$ and/or $1 > Cc > 3$		<b>GP-GM</b>	POORLY GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES WITH LITTLE FINES
		$Cu < 4$ and/or $1 > Cc > 3$		<b>GP-GC</b>	POORLY GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES WITH LITTLE CLAY FINES
	GRAVELS WITH > 12% FINES			<b>GM</b>	SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SILT-SAND MIXTURES
				<b>GC</b>	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-CLAY MIXTURES
				<b>GC-GM</b>	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-CLAY-SILT MIXTURES
<b>COARSE GRAINED SOILS</b> (More than half of coarse fraction is smaller than the #4 sieve)	CLEAN SANDS WITH <5% FINES	$Cu \geq 6$ and $1 \leq Cc \leq 3$		<b>SW</b>	WELL-GRADED SANDS, SAND-GRAVEL MIXTURES WITH LITTLE OR NO FINES
		$Cu < 6$ and/or $1 > Cc > 3$		<b>SP</b>	POORLY GRADED SANDS, SAND-GRAVEL MIXTURES WITH LITTLE OR NO FINES
	SANDS WITH 5% TO 12% FINES	$Cu \geq 6$ and $1 \leq Cc \leq 3$		<b>SW-SM</b>	WELL-GRADED SANDS, SAND-GRAVEL MIXTURES WITH LITTLE FINES
		$Cu \geq 6$ and $1 \leq Cc \leq 3$		<b>SW-SC</b>	WELL-GRADED SANDS, SAND-GRAVEL MIXTURES WITH LITTLE CLAY FINES
		$Cu < 6$ and/or $1 > Cc > 3$		<b>SP-SM</b>	POORLY GRADED SANDS, SAND-GRAVEL MIXTURES WITH LITTLE FINES
		$Cu < 6$ and/or $1 > Cc > 3$		<b>SP-SC</b>	POORLY GRADED SANDS, SAND-GRAVEL MIXTURES WITH LITTLE CLAY FINES
	SANDS WITH > 12% FINES			<b>SM</b>	SILTY SANDS, SAND-GRAVEL-SILT MIXTURES
				<b>SC</b>	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND-GRAVEL-CLAY MIXTURES
				<b>SC-SM</b>	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND-SILT-CLAY MIXTURES
<b>FINE GRAINED SOILS</b> (More than half of material is smaller than the #200 sieve)	SILTS AND CLAYS (Liquid Limit less than 50)			<b>ML</b>	INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SANDS, SILTS WITH SLIGHT PLASTICITY
				<b>CL</b>	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY CLAYS, SANDY CLAYS, SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS
				<b>CL-ML</b>	INORGANIC CLAYS-SILTS OF LOW PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY CLAYS, SANDY CLAYS, SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS
	SILTS AND CLAYS (Liquid Limit greater than 50)			<b>OL</b>	ORGANIC SILTS & ORGANIC SILTY CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY
				<b>MH</b>	INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS FINE SAND OR SILT
				<b>CH</b>	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY, FAT CLAYS
				<b>OH</b>	ORGANIC CLAYS & ORGANIC SILTS OF MEDIUM-TO-HIGH PLASTICITY



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**GRAPHICS KEY**

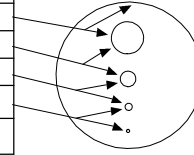
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FIGURE

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**GRAIN SIZE**

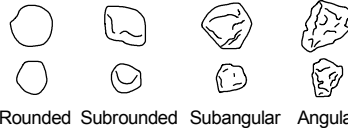
DESCRIPTION	SIEVE SIZE	GRAIN SIZE	APPROXIMATE SIZE
Boulders	>12 in. (304.8 mm.)	>12 in. (304.8 mm.)	Larger than basketball-sized
Cobbles	3 - 12 in. (76.2 - 304.8 mm.)	3 - 12 in. (76.2 - 304.8 mm.)	Fist-sized to basketball-sized
Gravel	coarse 3/4 - 3 in. (19 - 76.2 mm.)	3/4 - 3 in. (19 - 76.2 mm.)	Thumb-sized to fist-sized
	fine #4 - 3/4 in. (#4 - 19 mm.)	0.19 - 0.75 in. (4.8 - 19 mm.)	Pea-sized to thumb-sized
Sand	coarse #10 - #4	0.079 - 0.19 in. (2 - 4.9 mm.)	Rock salt-sized to pea-sized
	medium #40 - #10	0.017 - 0.079 in. (0.43 - 2 mm.)	Sugar-sized to rock salt-sized
	fine #200 - #10	0.0029 - 0.017 in. (0.07 - 0.43 mm.)	Flour-sized to sugar-sized
Fines	Passing #200	<0.0029 in. (<0.07 mm.)	Flour-sized and smaller

**Munsell Color**

NAME	ABBR
Red	R
Yellow Red	YR
Yellow	Y
Green Yellow	GY
Green	G
Blue Green	BG
Blue	B
Purple Blue	PB
Purple	P
Red Purple	RP
Black	N

**ANGULARITY**

DESCRIPTION	CRITERIA
Angular	Particles have sharp edges and relatively plane sides with unpolished surfaces
Subangular	Particles are similar to angular description but have rounded edges
Subrounded	Particles have nearly plane sides but have well-rounded corners and edges
Rounded	Particles have smoothly curved sides and no edges

**Particles Present**

Amount	Percentage
trace	<5
few	5-10
little	15-25
some	30-45
and	50
mostly	50-100

**PLASTICITY**

DESCRIPTION	LL	FIELD TEST
Non-plastic	NP	A 1/8-in. (3 mm.) thread cannot be rolled at any water content.
Low (L)	< 30	The thread can barely be rolled and the lump or thread cannot be formed when drier than the plastic limit.
Medium (M)	30 - 50	The thread is easy to roll and not much time is required to reach the plastic limit. The thread cannot be rerolled after reaching the plastic limit. The lump or thread crumbles when drier than the plastic limit.
High (H)	> 50	It takes considerable time rolling and kneading to reach the plastic limit. The thread can be rerolled several times after reaching the plastic limit. The lump or thread can be formed without crumbling when drier than the plastic limit.

**MOISTURE CONTENT**

DESCRIPTION	FIELD TEST
Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
Moist	Damp but no visible water
Wet	Visible free water, usually soil is below water table

**REACTION WITH HYDROCHLORIC ACID**

DESCRIPTION	FIELD TEST
None	No visible reaction
Weak	Some reaction, with bubbles forming slowly
Strong	Violent reaction, with bubbles forming immediately

**APPARENT / RELATIVE DENSITY - COARSE-GRAINED SOIL**

APPARENT DENSITY	SPT-N <sub>60</sub> (# blows/ft)	MODIFIED CA SAMPLER (# blows/ft)	CALIFORNIA SAMPLER (# blows/ft)	RELATIVE DENSITY (%)
Very Loose	<4	<4	<5	0 - 15
Loose	4 - 10	5 - 12	5 - 15	15 - 35
Medium Dense	10 - 30	12 - 35	15 - 40	35 - 65
Dense	30 - 50	35 - 60	40 - 70	65 - 85
Very Dense	>50	>60	>70	85 - 100

**CONSISTENCY - FINE-GRAINED SOIL**

CONSISTENCY	UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (q <sub>u</sub> )(psf)	CRITERIA
Very Soft	< 1000	Thumb will penetrate soil more than 1 in. (25 mm.)
Soft	1000 - 2000	Thumb will penetrate soil about 1 in. (25 mm.)
Firm	2000 - 4000	Thumb will indent soil about 1/4-in. (6 mm.)
Hard	4000 - 8000	Thumb will not indent soil but readily indented with thumbnail
Very Hard	> 8000	Thumbnail will not indent soil

NOTE: AFTER TERZAGHI AND PECK, 1948

**STRUCTURE**

DESCRIPTION	CRITERIA
Stratified	Alternating layers of varying material or color with layers at least 1/4-in. thick, note thickness
Laminated	Alternating layers of varying material or color with the layer less than 1/4-in. thick, note thickness
Fissured	Breaks along definite planes of fracture with little resistance to fracturing
Slickensided	Fracture planes appear polished or glossy, sometimes striated
Blocky	Cohesive soil that can be broken down into small angular lumps which resist further breakdown
Lensed	Inclusion of small pockets of different soils, such as small lenses of sand scattered through a mass of clay; note thickness
Homogeneous	Same color and appearance throughout

**CEMENTATION**

DESCRIPTION	FIELD TEST
Weakly	Crumbles or breaks with handling or slight finger pressure
Moderately	Crumbles or breaks with considerable finger pressure
Strongly	Will not crumble or break with finger pressure



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**SOIL DESCRIPTION KEY**

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FIGURE



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**Date Begin - End:** 9/26/2014  
**Logged By:** T. DeSouza  
**Hor.-Vert. Datum:** Not Available  
**Plunge:** -90 degrees  
**Weather:** Sunny/warm

**Drilling Company:** Kleinfelder  
**Drill Crew:** T. DeSouza  
**Drilling Equipment:** Hand Auger  
**Drilling Method:** Hand Auger  
**Exploration Diameter:** 4 in. O.D.

## BORING LOG B-3

Depth (feet)	Graphical Log	FIELD EXPLORATION				LABORATORY RESULTS							
		Surface Condition: Stream bed	Sample Type	Blow Counts(BC)= Uncorr. Blows/6 in.	Recovery (NR=No Recovery)	USCS Symbol	Water Content (%)	Dry Unit Wt. (pcf)	Passing #4 (%)	Passing #200 (%)	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index (NP=NonPlastic)	Additional Tests/ Remarks
		Lithologic Description											
		<b>Silty SAND with Gravel (SM):</b> non-plastic, brownish gray, moist, subangular gravel up to 3 inches, subrounded cobbles up to 6 inches, with sand							53	25			
<p>The boring was terminated because of practical auger refusal (↑) at approximately 1 ft. below ground surface. The exploration was backfilled with auger cuttings on September 26, 2014.</p> <p><u>GROUNDWATER LEVEL INFORMATION:</u> Groundwater was not encountered during drilling or after completion.</p> <p><u>GENERAL NOTES:</u></p>													
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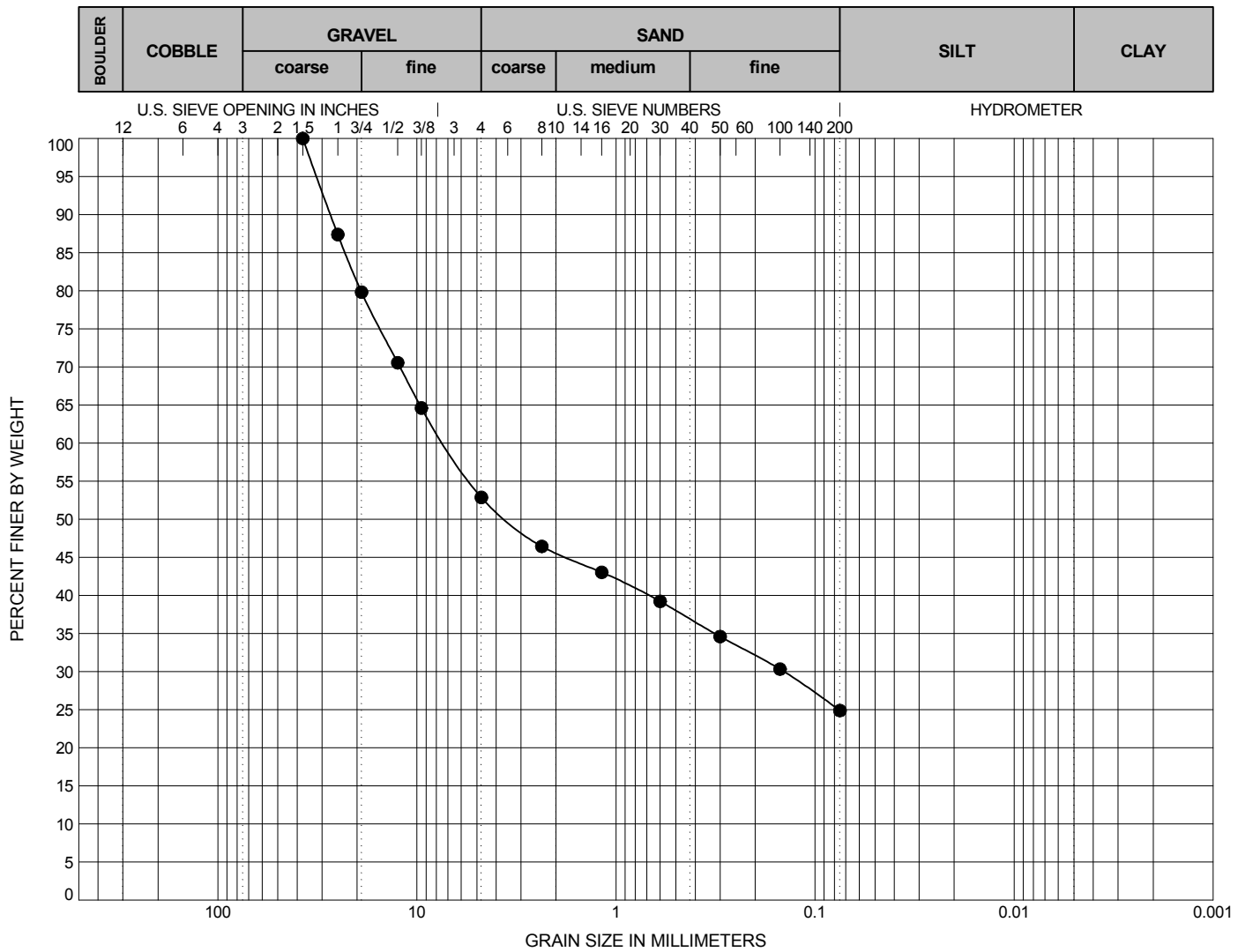
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FIGURE

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Exploration ID		Depth (ft.)	Sample Description								LL	PL	PI
●	B-3	0 - 1	SILTY SAND WITH GRAVEL (SM)								NM	NM	NM
Exploration ID		Depth (ft.)	D <sub>100</sub>	D <sub>60</sub>	D <sub>30</sub>	D <sub>10</sub>	Cc	Cu	Passing 3/4"	Passing #4	Passing #200	%Silt	%Clay
●	B-3	0 - 1	37.5	7.237	0.144	NM	NM	NM	80	53	25	NM	NM

Sieve Analysis and Hydrometer Analysis testing performed in general accordance with ASTM D422.  
 NP = Nonplastic  
 NM = Not Measured

Coefficients of Uniformity -  $C_u = D_{60} / D_{10}$   
 Coefficients of Curvature -  $C_c = (D_{30})^2 / D_{60} D_{10}$   
 $D_{60}$  = Grain diameter at 60% passing  
 $D_{30}$  = Grain diameter at 30% passing  
 $D_{10}$  = Grain diameter at 10% passing

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