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**GEOTECHNICAL REPORT
for the proposed
EQUESTRIAN CENTER
CARMEL VALLEY RANCH
CARMEL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
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In addition, we recommend that GRICE ENGINEERING, INC., be retained to review the project plans and provide the construction supervision and testing required to document compliance with these recommendations. Should any site condition not mentioned in this report be observed, this office should be notified so that additional recommendations can be made, if necessary.

This report and the recommendations herein are made expressly for the above referenced project and may not be utilized for any other site without written permission of GRICE ENGINEERING, INC.

Please feel free to call this office should you have any questions regarding this report.

Very truly yours,
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Currently the area is occupied by corrals and open riding areas. As proposed, a new horse barn, hay barn and improved corrals and paths are to be constructed. The barns are to be of common post and beam construction. The floor of the horse barn will be earth and that of the hay barn concrete. The posts will be supported by caissons. To allow for the shallow terrain some minor grading is proposed.

Field Investigation

Our field investigation consisted of a site inspection, along with digging and sampling 2 exploratory pits to establish the subsurface soil profile, and obtain sufficient soil specimens to determine the soil characteristics. Digging was accomplished by machine, with the spoil constantly examined, classified, and logged by field method in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification Chart¹ which is the basis of ASTM D2487-10. In the pits Penetration Resistance values were obtained through use of a dynamic cone penetrometer (ASTM Special Technical Publication #399). The blow count as measured in this method is Standard Penetration Resistance.

* *In-situ* refers to the in place state of soil. *In-situ* native soils are those which are in-place as deposited by nature and have not been disturbed by man's actions in the historic past.

¹ Adopted 1952 by Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation. ASTM D2487 was developed as based on the Uniform Soils Classification Chart and System. The methods are equivalent.

Seismic History

Although no fault traces are thought to directly cross the building site, Monterey County is traversed by a number of faults most of which are relatively minor hazards for the purposes of the site development. As such, this site will experience seismic activity of various magnitudes emanating from one or more of the numerous faults in the region.

Various maps presently exist, allowing observation on the site of distinctive geologic features. Some maps, such as that by Burkland and Associates (Reference No. 10) developed for Monterey County, are compilations from various sources detailing the locations of studied faults. Faults have inherent variances within their zones, and discoveries of new fault segments or entire faults is ongoing. There is also some difference in exact fault line location from source map to map, making precise location of said faults difficult. Therefore, relative to the information contained within this report, the following is considered to be as accurate as is currently possible from information made available to Grice Engineering Inc..

Regional Faults

Of most concern are active faults which have tectonic movement in the last 11,000 years and as such are called Holocene Faults and potentially active faults. The following are those nearest listed (Reference No. 12).

The most active is the San Andreas Rift System (Creeping Segment), located approximately 27.0 miles to the northeast. It has the greatest potential for seismic activity with estimated intensities of V-VI Mercalli in this location.

Other fault zones are the Monterey Bay-Tularcitos Fault Zone, the center of which is located approximately 0.8 miles to the northeast, the Rinconada Fault Zone, approximately 10.0 miles to the northeast, the San Gregorio-Palo Colorado (Sur) Fault Zone, approximately 9.3 miles to the southwest, and the Zayante-Vergeles Fault Zone, approximately 23.3 miles to the northeast. These zones are not as liable to rupture as the San Andreas and a seismic event at any of the above fault zones would likely produce earth movements of a lesser intensity at the site.

Hydro-Collapse and Subsidence

As observed the near surface soils to an approximate depth of two feet are loose. These soils possess some capacity to settle under hydraulic loading. However this effect is not common in the area. The recommendations given in this report were established to reduce the potential of this occurring.

The area is not within a known Subsidence Zone.

Slope Stability

Inspection of the site indicates that no landslides are located above or below the building area and the area is generally not susceptible to slope failure.

Slope Stability and Erosion

The parcel was evaluated for landslides located above or below the building area. The site evaluation included the method as delineated in "Special Publication 117A Guidelines for Evaluating and Mitigating Seismic Hazards in California" was reviewed as applicable to this site. The following summarizes the findings.

The following methods and publications were utilized to determine the presence of land movement or excessive erosion above and below the project site.

- A. On site evaluation of land features.
- B. Aerial photographs spanning the time frame from September 06, 1998 (previous to development of the area) to February 04, 2018.
- C. Open File Report 7-718, 1977, Green
- D. Geologic Map of California - Santa Cruz Sheet, 1958, Jennings etc.
- E. Ground Failures in the Monterey Bay Counties Region, Professional Paper 993, Dept. of the Interior.

1. "Are existing landslides, active or inactive, present on, or adjacent (either uphill or downhill) to the project site?"

There are no existing landslides, active or inactive, present on, or adjacent to the project site.

The generally area is considered not susceptible to mass slope failure due to the

No excessively steep or erodible slopes are located above or below the site.

5. "Given the proposed development, could anticipated changes in the surface and subsurface hydrology (due to watering of lawns, on-site sewage disposal, concentrated runoff from impervious surfaces, etc.) increase the potential for future landsliding in some areas?"

The area is generally fully developed. Future construction within the area will most likely be widely located structures compatible with the land use. Further mass grading of land is unlikely. Future changes to land use (new septic, increase landscape, use of land) is unlikely. Any changes to drainage conditions will be minor. Only minor changes to drainage and landscaping are proposed for this project.

Seismic Strength Loss

The site soils are considered resistant to seismic strength loss and the resulting momentary liquefaction. The relatively short duration of earthquake loading will not provide a significant number of high amplitude stress cycles to alter the strain characteristics. Additionally the clay-silt fraction is not considered quick nor sensitive, as such it will not have the associated loss of strength.

Chemical Reactivity

The area is well developed with structures, generally found on Portland Cement products. Additionally these structures date back to the 1940's or earlier. Much of the concrete used in these structures has remained as cast. The area soils are not known for sulfate reaction with Portland cement products and as such chemical reactivity is not considered a problem in this area.

Expansive Soils

In general the site soils are silty clays of a low to medium plasticity. These soils are typical to the area. Expansivity has not been influential to the existing grades and nearby structures as no deformations attributable to expansive soils were observed. Additionally there are no known problems with expansive soils in the area.

CONCLUSIONS OF INVESTIGATION

In general, the suitable, *in-situ**, native soils and certified engineered fill are acceptable for foundation purposes and display engineering properties adequate for the anticipated soil pressures, providing the recommendations in this report are followed.

Special Recommendations

As noted in the exploratory bores, the near surface soils are soft to approximately two feet. The embedment depth of any new foundation should begin below these soft soils or any other unsuitable materials. On grade structures, eg. interior floor slabs, pavement, etc., should be provided with adequate support.

For on grade structure it is recommended that all soft or otherwise unsuitable materials be processed as engineered fill.

The base of all excavations and over-excavations are to be inspected by the Soils Engineer prior to further processing, steel or form placement.

Any further site activity, especially grading and foundation excavations, should be under the direction of a qualified Soils Engineer or their Representative.

Should the spectrum of development change, this office should be notified so that additional recommendations can be made, if necessary.

* Suitable, *in-situ*, native soils are those soils which are in-place as deposited by nature and have characteristics adequate for support of the intended load or application.

Slabs-on-Grade

All slabs should be constructed over a prepared sub-grade placed on suitable *in-situ** native material or certified engineered fill. The site exploration observed that the existing surficial soils are loose to depths of approximately 2 feet. These soils should not be relied upon for support of slabs on grade or other surficial structures.

As such where any unsuitable soils remain after excavation to subgrade they are to be processed as engineered fill prior to further fill placement or construction of the on grade structure. At a minimum the upper 6 inches of subgrade below all surficial structures should be processed as engineered fill in areas of on grade structures.

The native topsoil is a silty clay of low-medium to medium plasticity. This soil may change volume from variation in water content. Where new slabs are to be supported by these soils special consideration should be given to providing a properly prepared subgrade and pavement section. Further recommendations can be given during completion of the construction plans and during construction.

The sub-grade materials should be observed and accepted by a qualified Soils Engineer or their representative prior to placement of forms, reinforcing or concrete.

On-grade slabs should be placed over a moisture vapor barrier consisting of a waterproof membrane (Moist Stop, 10 mil Visqueen, or equal) with a 2 inch protective sand cover. The waterproof membrane should be placed over a capillarity break consisting of 4 inches of open graded rock; round and sub-round rock is recommended to prevent puncture of the membrane. Open graded crushed aggregate may be utilized, provided the vapor barrier is protected from puncture by a cushion of filter fabric (Mirafi 140N or equal) laid over the aggregate prior to placement of the membrane. Where such concerns are not warranted, alternative underlayment may be utilized at the owners discretion.

All care and practice required to prevent puncture of the membrane during placement and pouring of covering slabs should be utilized during construction. Unless otherwise required for structural purposes, all slabs should be reinforced with a minimum of No.4, Grade 40, deformed steel reinforcing bar, 24 inches o.c., each way, to prevent separation and displacement in cases of cracking.

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Surface Drainage and Erosion Control

Design and construction of the project should fit the topographic and hydrologic features of the site. It is important to minimize unnecessary grading of or near steep slopes. Disturbing native vegetation and natural soil structure allows runoff velocity and transport of sediments to increase.

General surface drainage should be retained at low velocity by slope, sod or other energy reducing features sufficient to prevent erosion, with concentrated over-slope drainage carried in lined channels, flumes, pipe or other erosion-preventing installations.

Runoff flows should be directed into pipes or lined ditches and then onto an energy dissipater before discharging into streams or drainage ways. De-silting should be provided as necessary and may take form of stilling basins, gravel berms, forested/vegetated screens, etc.

All concentrated roof and area drainage should be conveyed and released to the lower portions of the site as divided and dispersed as possible.

Storm runoff should never be directed to septic tank system leachfields and no collected or concentrated drainage should be allowed to discharge to adjacent steep slopes in an uncontrolled manner.

A sub-surface dispersal system **MAY NOT** be used on this site.

During construction, never store cut and fill material where it may wash into streams or drainage ways. Keep all culverts and drainage facilities free of silt and debris. Keep emergency erosion control materials such as straw mulch, plastic sheeting, and sandbags on-site and install these at the end of each day as necessary.

Re-vegetate and protect exposed soils by October 15. Use appropriate grass/legume seed mixes and/or straw mulch for temporary cover. Plan permanent vegetation to include native and drought tolerant plants. Seeding and re-vegetation may require special soil preparation, fertilizing, irrigation, and mulching.

General Grading Recommendations

For those items not directly addressed, it is recommended that all earthwork be performed in accordance with the following.

General: This item shall consist of all clearing and grubbing; preparation of land to be filled; excavation and fill of the land; spreading, compaction and control of the fill; and all subsidiary work necessary to complete the graded area to conform with the lines, grades and slopes as shown on the approved plans.

The Contractor shall provide all equipment and labor necessary to complete the work as specified herein, as shown on the approved plans as stated in the project specifications.

Preparation: Site preparation will consist of clearing and grubbing any existing structures and deleterious materials from the site, and the earthwork required to shape the site to receive the intended improvements, in accordance with the recommended grading specifications and the recommendations as provided above.

All vegetable matter, irreducible material greater than 4 inches and other deleterious materials shall be removed from the areas in which grading is to be done. Such materials not suitable for reuse shall be disposed of as directed.

After the foundation for fill has been cleared, it shall be brought to the proper moisture content by adding water or aerating and compacting to a Relative Compaction of not less than 90% or as specified. The soils shall be tested to a depth sufficient to determine quality and shall be approved by the Soils Engineer for foundation purposes prior to placing engineered fill.

General Fill: General fill shall be placed only on approved surfaces, as engineered fill, and shall be compacted to 90% Relative Compaction. Native soils accepted for fill or existing aggregate fill may be used for fill purposes provided all aggregate larger than 6 inches are removed. The material for engineered fill shall be approved by the Soils Engineer before commencement of grading operations.

Each layer shall be compacted to a Relative Compaction of not less than 90% or as specified in the soils report and on the accepted plans. Compaction shall be continuous over the entire area of each layer.

The selected fill material shall be placed in layers which, when compacted, shall not exceed 6 inches in thickness. Each layer shall be spread evenly and shall

that particular layer or portion shall be reworked until the required density has been obtained.

Moisture: During compaction moisture content of native soils should be that consistent with the moisture relative to 95% Relative Compaction and in no case should these materials be placed at less than 3 percent above the specific optimum moisture content for the soil in question. The engineer may elect to accept high moisture compacted soils provided the materials are at 95% Relative Wet Density at that moisture content.

The moisture content of the fill material shall be maintained in a suitable range to permit efficient compaction. The Soils Engineer may require adding moisture, aerating, or blending of wet and dry soils.

All earth moving and work operations shall be controlled to prevent water from running into and pooling in excavated areas. All such water shall be promptly removed and the site kept drained.

Tests: All materials placed should be tested in accordance with the Compaction Control Tests: "Density of Soil In-Place by Sand Cone Method" (ASTM D-1556-07), "Moisture-Density Relationship of Soils" (ASTM D-1557-09), and "Density of Soils In-Place by Nuclear Method" (ASTM D-6938-10).

The standard test used to define maximum densities of all compaction work shall be the A.S.T.M. D-1557-09, Moisture Density of Soils, using a 10-pound ram and 18-inch drop. All densities shall be expressed as a relative density in terms of the maximum density obtained in the laboratory by the foregoing standard procedure.

Deleterious Materials: Materials containing an excess of 5% (by weight) of vegetative or other deleterious matter may be utilized in areas of landscaping or other non-structural fills. Deleterious material includes all vegetative and non-mineral material, and all non-reducible stone, rubble and/or mineral matter of greater than 6 inches.

Over-Excavations: Over-excavations, when required, should include the foundation and pavement envelopes. Such excavations should extend beyond edge of development a minimum of 5 feet and to an imaginary line extending away and downward at a slope of 45 degrees from the edge of development. The process shall include the complete removal of the required soils and subsequent placement of engineered fill. After removal of the soils to the required depth, the base of the excavation shall be inspected and approved by the Soils Engineer or his representative prior to further soils processing or

LIMITATIONS AND UNIFORMITY OF CONDITIONS

The recommendations of this report are based on our understanding of the project as represented by the plans, and the assumption that the soil conditions do not deviate from those represented in this site soils investigation. Therefore, should any variations or undesirable conditions be encountered during construction, or if the actual project will differ from that planned at this time, GRICE ENGINEERING INC. should be notified and provided the opportunity to make addendum recommendations if required.

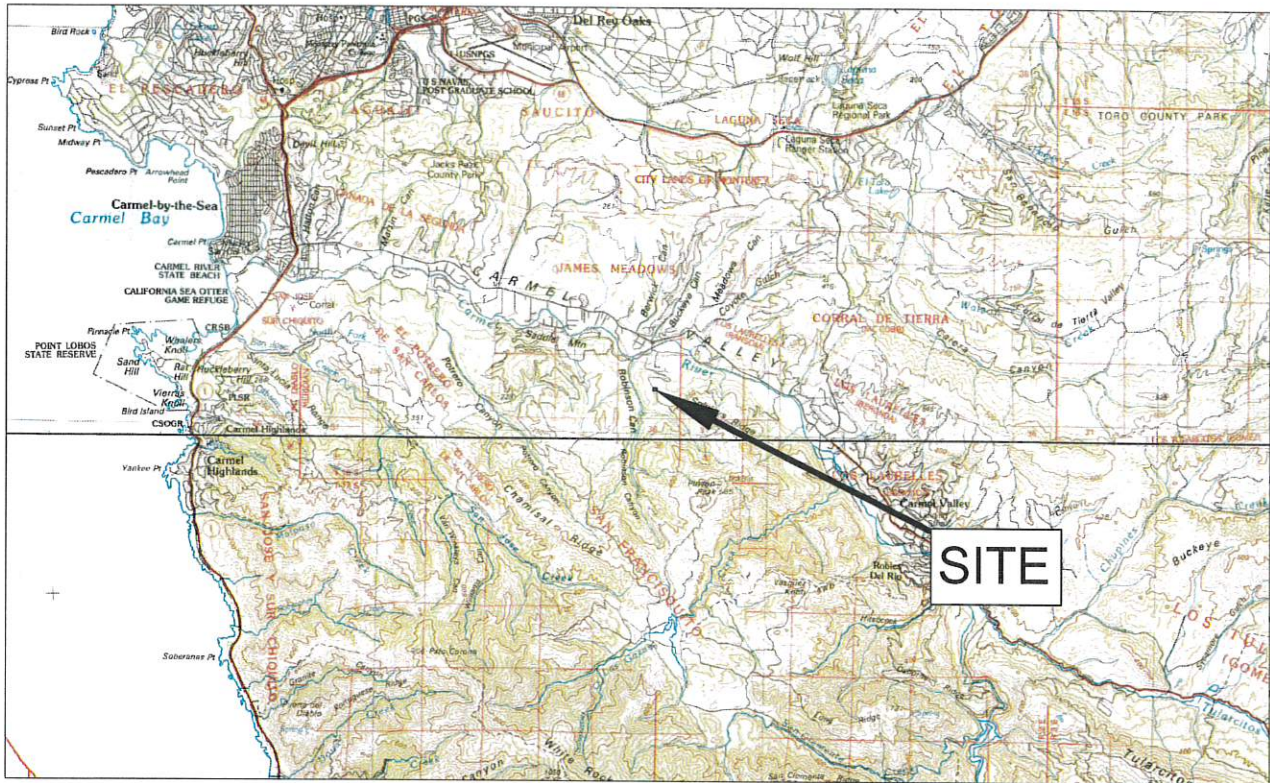
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This report is issued with admonishment to the Owner and to his representative(s), that the information contained herein should be made available to the responsible project personnel including the architects, engineers, and contractors for the project. The recommendations contained herein should be incorporated into the plans, the specifications, and the final work.

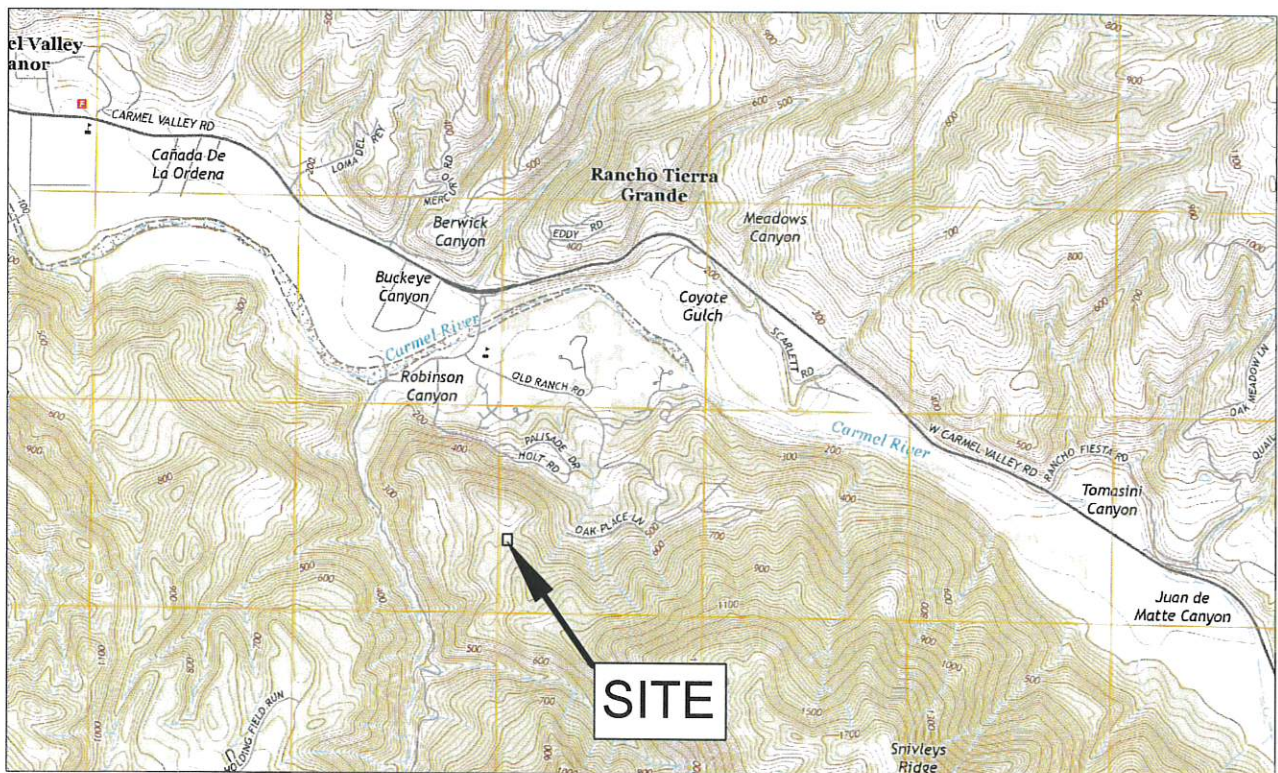
It is requested that GRICE ENGINEERING INC. be retained to review the project grading and foundation plans to ensure compliance with these recommendations. Further, it is the position of GRICE ENGINEERING INC. that work performed without our knowledge and supervision, or the direction and supervision of a project responsible professional soils engineer renders this report invalid.

It is our opinion the findings of this report are **valid** as of the **present date**, **however**, changes in the **Codes and Requirements** can occur and change the recommendations given within this report concerning the property. In addition changes in the conditions of a property can occur with the passage of time, due either to natural processes or to the works of man and may effect this property. In addition, changes in **standards** may occur as a result of legislation, or the broadening of knowledge, and these changes may require re-evaluation of the conditions stated herein. Accordingly, the findings of this report may be invalidated wholly, or partially, by changes beyond our control. Therefore, this report is subject to review and should not be relied upon after a period of **three years**.

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Vicinity Map



Location Map

APPENDIX B

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