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Subject:

Drummond Property
2295 Rolling Hills Road
Morgan Hill, California
LEACH FIELD INVESTIGATION

Mr. and Mrs. Drummond:

This report has been prepared to address the geotechnical aspects of the proposed leach field construction on your property off 2295 Rolling Hills Road (approximate location as shown on Figure 3). We understand that the new leach field is proposed on the nose of a roughly east-west trending ridge line to the northwest of Chesbro Reservoir. As the grades in the area of the proposed leach field range from 17 to 24 percent, Santa Clara County requires a geotechnical investigation to assess the potential slope stability hazards for the proposed leachfield area.

Investigation

In order for us to address the potential stability of the slopes, we have performed the following scope of investigation:

- 1 visited the site to observe the geotechnically relevant site conditions;
- 2 reviewed published geologic maps;
- 3 reviewed historical photographic images;
- 4 observed several percolation pits excavated in the leach field area; and,
- 5 reviewed logs of test pits excavated on the level pad above the leach field.

The findings of this work are discussed in the following sections of this report.

Site Description

The proposed leach field will be constructed off the end of an ovular graded pad on a secondary crest of a generally southwest-northeast trending ridge line. The graded pad has a couple of moderately aged oak trees and a sparse covering of native grasses.

The leach field is to be located off the southwestern end of the pad where the ridge line continues down towards the reservoir. The dispersal trenches will consist of infiltrator chambers embedded roughly 5.5 feet below existing grades across the nose of the ridgeline (as indicated on Figure 1). The axis of the ridge (where the field is proposed) has a slope gradient ranging from 17 to 24 percent. However, the side slopes of the ridge line are steeper, with gradients ranging from 50 percent (southeast face) to 68 percent (northwest face).

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The ground surface in the area of the leach field is covered by low scrub bushes and native grasses. There were no signs of water loving plans in the vicinity of the leach field or graded pad to suggest significant sources of ground water.

Geologic Map Review

We reviewed the Geologic Map of the Mount Maddona Quadrangle, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties, California: Dibblee Geological Foundation, Dibblee Foundation Map DF-178, scale 1:24,000, by T.W. Dibblee and J.A. Minch (2005), and the State of California Earthquake Zones of Required Investigation; Mt. Madonna Quadrangle. The relevant portion of the Dibblee & Minch map is reproduced in Figure 4. The Earthquake Zone of Required Investigation map indicated that the site area has not yet been mapped.

The Dibblee and Minch map indicates that the site is underlain by Franciscan Greenstone, map symbol "fg". These materials are described as "greenish black, weathered dark brown, massive, amorphous, contains calcite veinlets locally, includes lenses of light gray limestone".

Aerial Photographs

We reviewed several aerial images from Google Earth spanning the period between 1993 and 2020. While the site vicinity appears generally to have remained unchanged during this time frame, the 2017 photo indicates that there was some localized surface sloughing of the slope materials approximately 250 feet downslope of the proposed leachfield area. The roughly 30 by 50 foot swath of mobilized soils is located in a secondary swale area above a cut for a graded roadway (dirt) which runs across the hillside.

Investigatory Pits

As noted above, we have observed the pits for the percolation testing recently completed at the site, along with reviewing logs of borings from a 2010 investigation of the site area by Friar Associates.

Our observations of the percolation pits indicated that the ridge line area is underlain by about a foot of silty gravelly sand in a medium dense condition, underlain by either weathered Greenstone bedrock. The bedrock took the form of fractured rock pieces with some sands between the hard fractured rock pieces. The materials looked to be intact and unaffected by previous slope movements.

The test pits by Friar generally encountered thin veneers of gravelly silty sand over sandstone or greenstone bedrock. At the edges of the graded pads, these materials had been used to extend the pads as non-engineered fills in some locations. The fills were less than 5 feet thick where encountered.

Conclusions

The proposed leachfield will be located across the nose of a resistant ridgeline underlain at shallow depth by permeable fractured bedrock. As demonstrated by the high percolation rates, these materials should provide a good location in which to dispose of effluent.

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Although the leachfield will be located in an area with very gentle slope gradients (17 to 24%), the leach field will be proximate to slopes with gradients between 50 and 68 percent. Therefore, we recommend that the leach lines be set back a minimum of 15 feet from slopes in excess of 50%.

Based upon our investigation, it is our opinion that the proposed leachfield constructed in conformance with the project REHS design and the above setbacks, is unlikely to destabilize the hillside slopes, degrade water quality, create a public nuisance, allow effluent to surface downslope, or present a threat to the public health or safety.

Should you have any questions please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted;

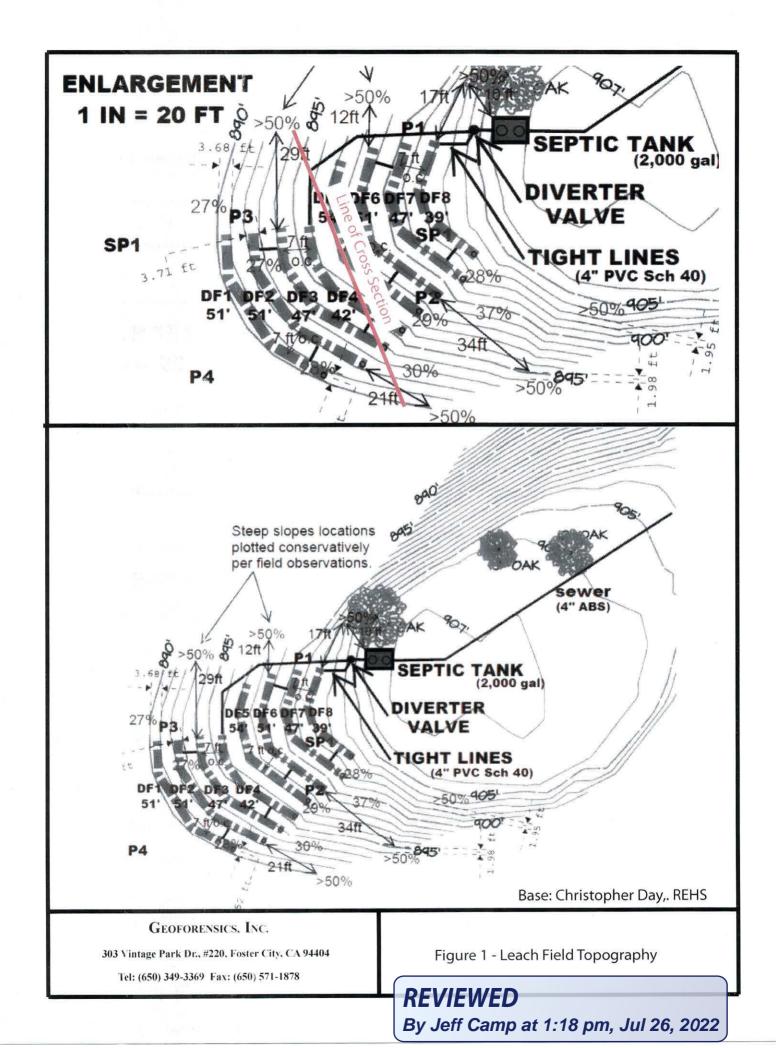
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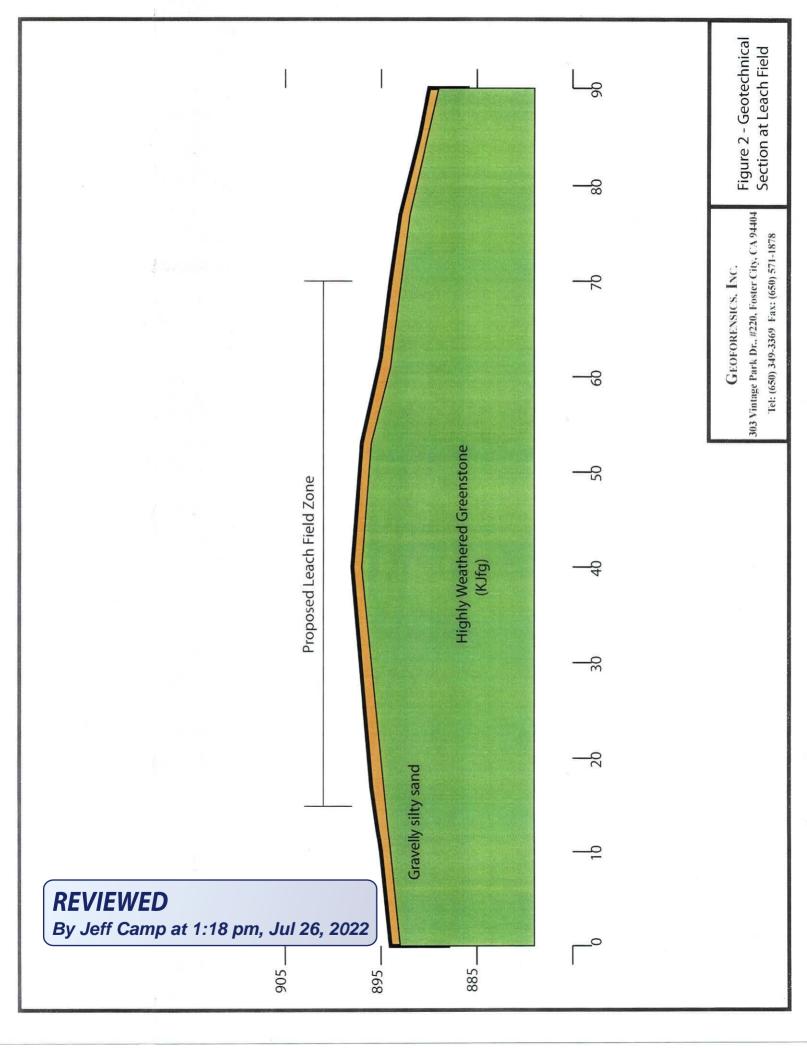
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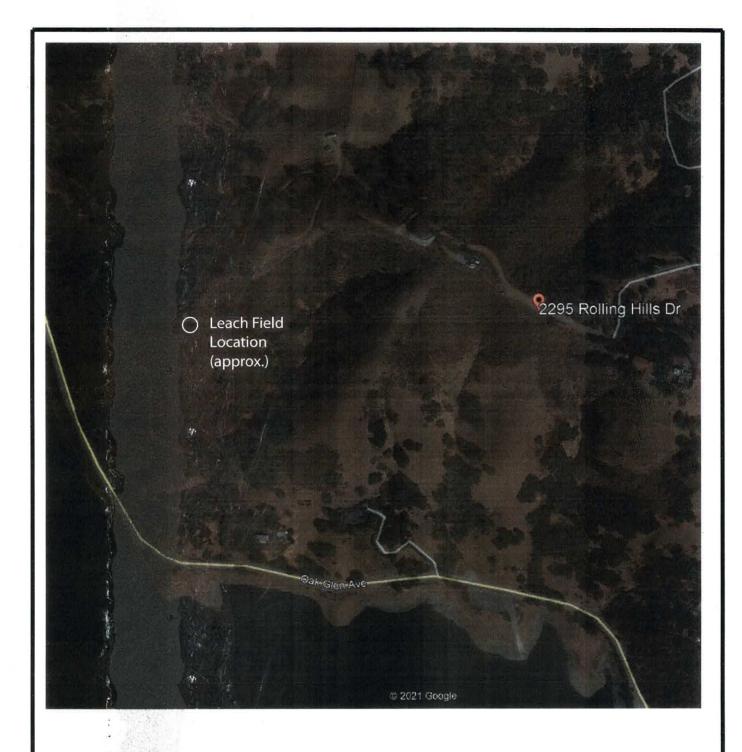
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FRANCISCAN ASSEMBLAGE

Submetamorphosed eugeosynclinal sedimentary and mafic igneous rocks, marine clastic, lithified; age late Jurassic and Cretaceous

fm Melange (mixture) of mostly dark gray claystone, pervasively sheared, and graywacke or metagraywacke, gray, massive, fine grained, hard but fractured, brecciated and sheared, contains numerous tectonic fragments of mostly graywacke (fs) and others of chert or metachert (fc), greenstone (fg) and limestone (fl)

is Graywacke or metagraywacke sandstone, gray, fine grained, massive to bedded, hard but fractured, locally includes gray claystone

ig Greenstone (metabasait), greenish black, weathered dark brown, massive, amorphous, contains calcite veinlets locally, includes lenses of light gray limestone (fl), mostly massive, fine grained

Source: Geologic Map of the Mt. Maddona Quadrangle - Dibblee & Minch 2005

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Figure 4 - Geologic Map

