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Executive Summary

As nation-wide efforts to certify all the existing flood control levees, FEMA has identified existing levee facilities within Ventura County. As part of this effort FEMA has requested the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (District) to evaluate the Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (ASR-2) and prepare documents for the certification process based on FEMA's regulatory requirements as identified in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 65.10 (44 CFR 65.10).

Certification Criteria are as follows:

- Design criteria (freeboard, closures, floodwall protection, floodwall and foundation stability, settlement, and interior drainage)
- Operation plans and criteria (for closures and interior drainage)
- Maintenance plans and criteria
- Actual certification requirements (i.e. as-builts, forms, documentation, and data)

As part of the Phase 1 process, Tetra Tech was contracted by the District to evaluate the ASR-2 floodwall system and to recommend a levee categorization to facilitate the levee certification.

Levee Categorizations are as follows:

- Category 1 – Levees meet 44 CFR 65.10 requirements and all data or complete documentation is available
- Category 2 – Levees may meet 44 CFR 65.10, but additional data or documentation is needed
- Category 3 – Levees do not currently meet 44 CFR 65.10
- Not a Levee – Based on physical conditions, low WSEL, no SFHA, and/or not providing flood protection

A levee that is assigned a Category 1 or 2 ratings will be further evaluated in the Phase 2 or 3 processes, respectively, in order to finalize its certification status. A levee that is assigned a Category 3 rating will require a Pre-Design Study in the Phase 4 process and implementation of the required improvements to achieve certification status.

Data collection efforts have been performed to determine what information is available in support of levee certification. Existing information collected and reviewed at the time of preparation of this report includes the following:

- Hydrologic Analysis
- LiDAR Topographic data
- As-built Plans
- Operation and Maintenance Manual
- Inspection/Maintenance Records

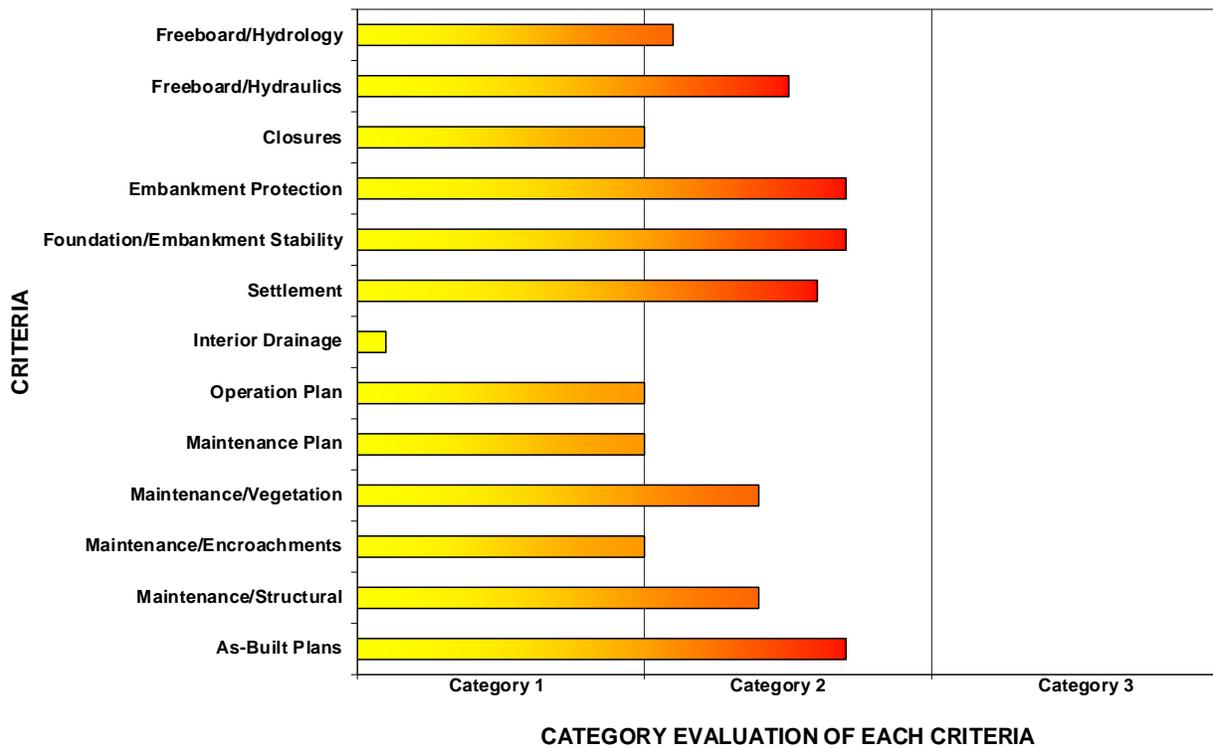
A field investigation conducted in early December identified several maintenance issues that will need to be addressed prior to levee certification. Additional field investigations to obtain



geotechnical data and additional engineering analyses to support certification requirements will be required to complete levee certification. The specifics of the work required are discussed in this report.

The graphic presented below identifies the extent of work to be accomplished related to each criterion for levee certification. The longer the task bar the more work required to complete certification. This is a subjective analysis that can be best used to compare the relative amount of work required for all the levees being considered as part of the Levee Certification program within Ventura County. The extent of work required can also be used to categorize the levee. The longest task bar determines the recommended categorization of the levee.

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Based on the review of existing data and observations from the field investigation, it is recommended that the ASR-2 floodwall system be classified as a Category 2 Levee. The suggested critical path to achieve levee certification for the ASR-2 floodwall system is outlined in Section F Recommendation.



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A) Introduction

The Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (VCWPD ID No: ASR-2) is located in the Santa Rosa Valley Community, Ventura County. The location of the floodwall system is at East Las Posas Road and is shown on Figure 1. The ASR-2 floodwall system is located along the left side of Arroyo Santa Rosa. The floodwall system consists of a reinforced concrete and masonry block floodwall with a stop-log structure in the floodwall at an equestrian crossing. The protective works of Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall were designed to provide protection from the 1-percent-annual-chance discharge (base flood) in conformance with FEMA required freeboard and other regulations. The floodwall system is intended to protect East Las Posas Road, and existing recreational facilities in low lying areas within the base flood floodplain of Arroyo Santa Rosa Watershed.

The floodwall system begins at East Las Posas Road in Ventura County and continues approximately 600 feet upstream. The height of the floodwall along Arroyo Santa Rosa varies between approximately 3.5 feet to 8 feet above natural ground on the landward side. There is a stop log structure approximately 400 feet upstream from East Las Posas Road. The stop log structure provides access to an equestrian trail that crosses Arroyo Santa Rosa. The riverward portion of the floodwall below the stop log structure is faced with articulated concrete blocks to prevent erosion along the riverward toe of the floodwall.

For purposes of the NFIP, FEMA will only recognize in its flood hazard and risk mapping effort those floodwall systems that meet, and continue to meet, minimum design, operation, and maintenance standards that are consistent with the level of protection sought through the comprehensive floodplain management criteria established by Section 60.3 of the NFIP regulations. Section 65.10 of the NFIP regulations describes the types of information FEMA needs to recognize, on NFIP maps, that a floodwall system provides protection from the flood that has a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). This information must be supplied to FEMA by the community or other party seeking recognition of a floodwall system at the time a study or restudy is conducted, when a map revision under the provisions of Part 65 of the NFIP regulations is sought based on a floodwall system, and upon request by the Administrator during the review of previously recognized structures. The FEMA review is for the sole purpose of establishing appropriate risk zone determinations for NFIP maps and does not constitute a determination by FEMA as to how a structure or system will perform in a flood event. (FEMA, 2007a)

B) Design Criteria

For the purposes of the NFIP, FEMA has established levee design criteria for freeboard, closures, floodwall protection, floodwall and foundation stability, settlement, interior drainage, and other design criteria. These criteria are summarized in subsections below.

B.1) Freeboard

Section 65.10(b)(1) of the NFIP regulations identifies a minimum freeboard requirement of 3 feet along riverine levees with an additional 0.5 feet required at the upstream limit of the levee and an additional 1.0 foot on both sides of structures (such as bridges). Freeboard is determined by comparing the 100-year water surface elevation with the top of levee elevation. The water surface elevation is derived from hydrologic and hydraulic analyses.



Figure 1 – Location Map



Review of prior hydrology studies for Calleguas Creek yielded discharge frequency information and methodology developed by the Corps of Engineers and Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD), which are suitable for levee certification purposes. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Calleguas Creek Watershed Feasibility Study, Hydrology Appendix dated February 2003 provides discharge frequency values appropriate for levee certification along the Calleguas Creek mainstem, however, discharge frequency values for the ASR-2 floodwall will need to be computed using the Corps HEC-HMS rainfall-runoff model.

The HEC-HMS rainfall-runoff model generates 100-year hydrographs that can be used for baseflood hydrographs. Some additional volume-frequency analysis will be required to meet geotechnical analysis needs for levee long duration seepage and stability evaluation.

The current FEMA FIS hydraulic model for the Calleguas Creek Watershed is available. The current FEMA FIS hydraulic model will be useful as a base model to develop the freeboard analysis. In addition, the existing topographic information may need to be verified with a survey due to the dense vegetation that may have created inaccuracies in the LiDAR data.

The existing sediment study prepared by Howard H. Chang Consultants, Sediment Studies for Channel Improvements of Calleguas Creek, Conejo Creek and Revlon Slough, dated February 2004 will be useful as a reference, however, additional sedimentation and scour analyses will need to be performed to support the freeboard analysis and embankment stability analysis.

B.2) Closures

Section 65.10(b)(2) of the NFIP regulations requires that all openings be provided with closure devices that are structural parts of the system.

Review of the as-built plans and results from the field investigation (Field Investigation Report included as Exhibit 1) indicate that the system includes a stop log system that acts as a closure. The stop log structure includes two rows of 9 aluminum beams located at the site for installation during flooding conditions.

Documentation of this structure is required as part of the certification.

B.3) Floodwall Protection

Section 65.10(b)(3) of the NFIP regulations requires that engineering analyses be submitted that demonstrate that no appreciable erosion of the floodwall can be expected during the 100-year flood.

Data needed to perform this analysis includes results from the hydraulic analysis, scour analysis, as-built plans, and field verification of the existing floodwall protection. The hydraulic analysis and scour analysis would be developed as part of the freeboard assessment. As-built plans are available and field verification has been completed.

A preliminary evaluation of the floodwall system's current top, toe, toedown and creek thalweg has been prepared and is presented in Exhibit 2.

The field investigation identified erosion along the channel where a grade control structure is being undermined and requires restoration/mitigation.



B.4) Floodwall and Foundation Stability

Section 65.10(b)(4) of the NFIP regulations requires that engineering analyses be submitted that evaluate the floodwall stability. Borings of the levee are required to support this analysis.

As of January 22, 2009, no geotechnical design or construction information has been made available for review.

During the site visit, erosion at the toe of the floodwall was observed. Analysis of the stability of the floodwall with respect to the erosion should be evaluated.

Further analysis and evaluations would include the following:

- Geotechnical borings for determining existing geologic conditions, obtaining geologic samples, and performing in-situ permeability testing.
- Laboratory analysis to determine soil properties and strength parameters.
- Seepage and stability analysis for static and flood conditions.

B.5) Settlement

Section 65.10(b)(5) of the NFIP regulations requires that engineering analyses be submitted that assess the potential and magnitude of future losses of freeboard as a result of floodwall settlement.

As of January 22, 2009, no geotechnical design or construction information has been made available for review.

During field inspections, cracking of the pilasters of the floodwall were observed. It was not possible to determine if these cracks were associated with anticipated settlement or other design.

Further analysis and evaluations would include the following:

- Geotechnical borings for determining existing geologic conditions, obtaining geologic samples, and performing in-situ permeability testing.
- Laboratory analysis to determine soil properties and consolidation potential.
- Analysis of potential long term settlement and seismic deformation.

B.6) Interior Drainage

Section 65.10(b)(6) of the NFIP regulations requires that an analysis be submitted that identifies the sources, extent, and depth of interior flooding.

Interior drainage analyses would be required at all storm drain penetrations. Based on the field investigation and review of the as-built plans, there are no storm drain penetrations through the floodwall.

C) Operation Plans and Criteria

Section 65.10(c) of the NFIP regulations requires submittal of appropriate documentation of the operation of the system.



An operation plan exists that is in use for this floodwall. For certification this operation plan will need to be updated to meet the NFIP requirements including the attachment of the County's Flood Warning System and Emergency Response Plan. The operation plan will need to include the procedures for operating the entire system including the stop log structure.

D) Maintenance Plans and Criteria

Section 65.10(d) of the NFIP regulations requires submittal of appropriate documentation for the maintenance of the system.

A maintenance plan exists that is in use for this floodwall. For certification this maintenance plan will need to be updated to meet the NFIP requirements.

The field investigation report included as Exhibit 1 documents maintenance issues that were identified during the field investigation. Those issues are summarized in Table 2 of that report. The District has been unable to implement certain maintenance improvements due to permitting and environmental constraints. However, these locations need to be repaired or remediated in order for the floodwall system to meet the certification criteria set by USACE and FEMA and to be fully operational. Table 2 also provides possible repair or remediation actions for the locations along with the GPS points. Photos taken at the maintenance required locations are included in Appendix C of the report. Major maintenance issues are related to vegetation removal, scour/bank stability, and channel erosion.

E) Certification Requirements

Section 65.10(e) of the NFIP regulations requires that in addition to the above-described analyses, certified as-built plans of the floodwall must be submitted.

Most as-built plans obtained through data collection efforts have appropriate approvals to be used for certification; however, there are some outstanding as-built documents that still need to be obtained to complete the analysis and certification process. A list of the as-built plans and their status for this project is presented in Exhibit 3.

A complete system and structural evaluation should be performed as part of the certification. This analysis will address some concerns identified in the field investigation including cracking of the pilasters.

Additional work to complete this task includes preparation of a Levee Certification Report that includes all analyses to meet the Section 65.10 NFIP requirements as well as the FEMA MT-2 application package.

F) Recommendation

The field investigation identified several critical issues that must be resolved prior to certification. The most significant issue is the erosion of the channel invert downstream of the stop log opening. There are several portions along this reach where the channel invert elevation appears to be lower than the floodwall's toe elevation. Other issues that require major attention are vegetation and debris removal, and undercutting of the grade control structure's apron. Engineering analyses will also need to be performed to verify that this floodwall meets the NFIP Section 65.10 requirements. Based on the review of existing data and observations from the field investigation, it is recommended that the ASR-2 floodwall system be classified as a Category 2 Levee.



The suggested critical path to achieve levee certification for the ASR-2 levee system is outlined below and a tentative schedule of actions is shown on Figure 2.

- Vegetation Removal
- Maintenance Repairs
- Topographic Survey
- H&H Analyses/Interior Drainage
- Sediment/Scour Analyses
- Geotechnical Field Investigation and Analyses
- Title Search and Boundary Survey
- Public Outreach/Workshop
- Easement Acquisition (if needed)
- Environmental Documents/Permits
- Engineering Analysis and Design
- Plans, Specifications and Estimate
- Construction/As-builts
- Operation and Maintenance Manuals
- Levee Certification Report



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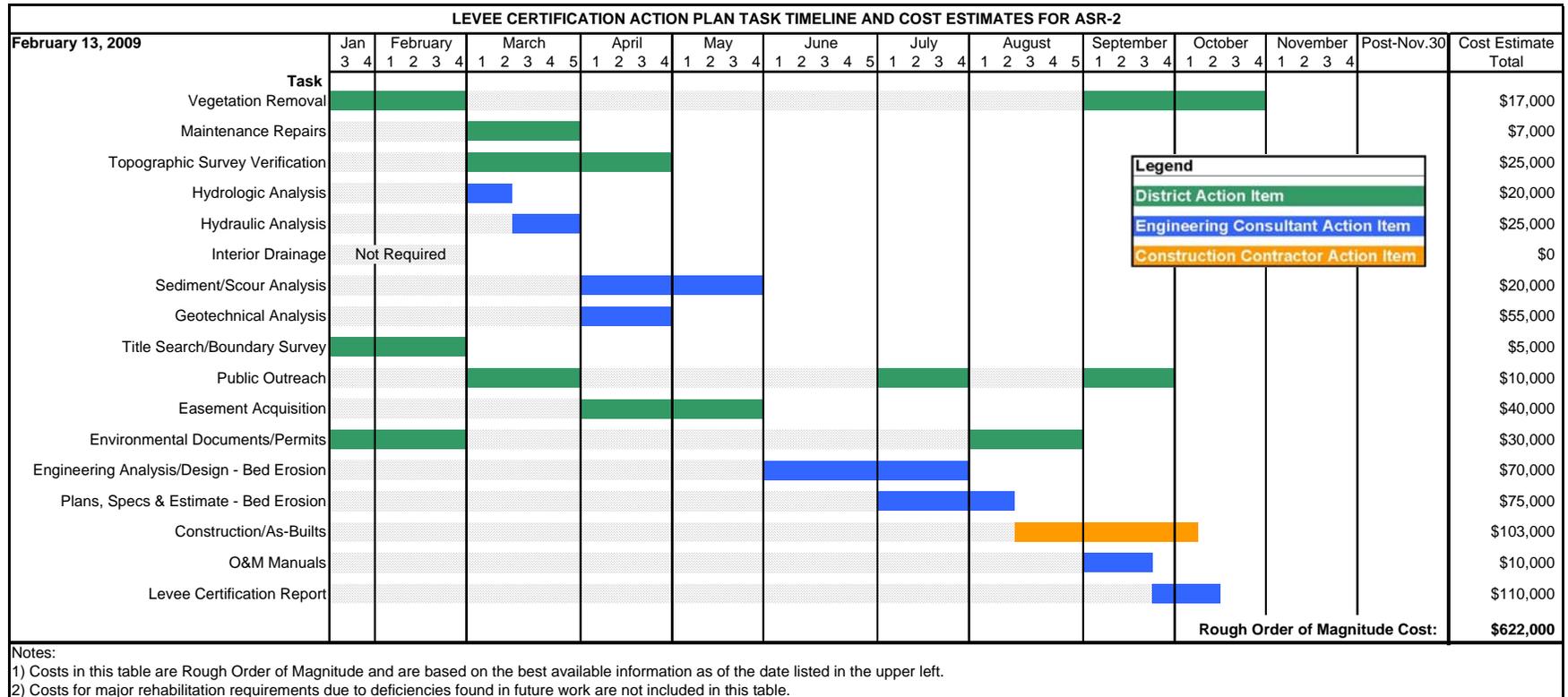


Figure 2 – Tentative Schedule of Actions



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Exhibit 1

Field Investigation Report



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Introduction

Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (VCWPD ID No: ASR-2) is located at East Las Posas Road in the Santa Rosa Valley community in Ventura County. The location of the levee system is shown on Figure 1.

As part of the FEMA levee certification process, field investigations of the Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (ASR-2) were conducted on December 9, 2008. The team included representatives from the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (District), Tetra Tech, and AMEC. The investigation was conducted by walking the entire length of the levee system while visually assessing the existing conditions of the flood protection elements. The visual assessment included thirteen (13) different evaluation items such as unwanted vegetation growth, signs of depression/rutting and erosion/bank caving, slope stabilities, penetration, etc. The description of these 13 items can be found in the Levee Inspection Log (Appendix A). Separate inspection logs were completed by Tetra Tech and AMEC at the end of the field visit. The log in Appendix A is a team log that comprises the assessments from the individual inspection logs.

Any notable findings and existing conditions of the levee during the walk were documented with photos and their geo-referenced locations were recorded with a GPS unit. Photos taken during the field investigation along with maps showing their location are presented in Appendix B and Appendix C.



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Figure 1 – Location Map



General Descriptions

- The floodwall was built in 1997 and is located along the left bank of Arroyo Santa Rosa. The floodwall system begins at the East Las Posas Road Bridge and ends 600-feet upstream. The floodwall varies in height from 10- to 15-feet.
- The protective works of the Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall were designed to provide protection from the 1-percent-annual-chance discharge (base flood) in conformance with FEMA required freeboard and other regulations.
- The FIRM dated January 5, 1989 shows non-containment of Zone A.
- The floodwall system is intended to protect existing residential, agricultural, and recreational land in low lying areas within the base flood floodplain of the Arroyo Santa Rosa Watershed.

General Field Observations

a) Riverward side of Floodwall:

1. Erosion on invert likely due to a steep invert slope, the creek has been experiencing degradation and channel incision. A concrete grade control structure has been installed to stabilize the degradation process, and concrete blocks were added on the side slope of the channel just in front of the floodwall to prevent bank erosion. A few field measurements during this field investigation found that the current invert elevation may be lower than or equal to the bottom of the floodwall footing which may affect the structural integrity of the floodwall.
2. The downstream end of the concrete grade control structure is being undermined by undercutting of riprap due to active degradation downstream.
3. Multiple cracks were observed on both sides of pilasters for the floodwall in the lower section.
4. A large amount of debris has accumulated along the channel which would not affect the structural integrity of the levee but would affect the hydraulic capacity of the channel. This debris needs to be removed.

b) Landward side of Floodwall:

1. Removal of vegetation (trees and shrubs) behind the floodwall may be required. This vegetation consists of landscaped trees, of diameters larger than 6-inches planted at a certain interval immediately behind the floodwall.



Levee Penetrations

Levee closure of the Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (ASR-2) system during storm events must consider the existing stop log structure. The stop log structure includes 18 aluminum beams at the site for installation during flooding conditions. A summary of levee system penetrations is presented in Table 1.

Table 1 – Summary of Levee Penetration

River Station	GPS		*Photo No.	Description
	Lat	Long		
<i>Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (ASR-2)</i>				
127+05	N34.24269	W118.89935	P1-P3	12' wide by 7' high opening for 18-beam stop log system

* Photos can be found in Appendix B.

Maintenance Required Locations

During the field inspection, locations where maintenance is required were documented and are summarized in Table 2. The District has been unable to implement certain maintenance improvements due to permitting and environmental constraints. However, these locations need to be repaired or remediated in order for the levee system to meet the levee certification criteria set by USACE and FEMA and to be fully operational. Table 2 also provides possible repair or remediation actions for the locations along with the GPS points. Photos taken at the maintenance required locations are included in Appendix C.

Inspection Conclusion

Once maintenance at the locations identified in Table 2 are complete, the field inspection of the levee system indicates that the Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (ASR-2) system may be certified as providing base flood protection if all other criteria are satisfied. Some maintenance improvements may require additional engineering analyses, design, construction and preparation of as-constructed documents.



Table 2 – Summary of Maintenance Required Locations

GPS		*Photo No.	Description	Action Required
Lat	Long			
<i>Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (ASR-2)</i>				
N34.24204	W118.89998	M1	Vegetation within 15' of floodwall face or 8' from foundation (Landward side).	Remove all vegetation and root balls, fill voids with impervious material and firmly compact.
N34.24243 to N34.24207	W118.89968 to W118.90018	M2	The channel invert downstream of the stop log opening is experiencing erosion. (Riverward side).	Further engineering analysis recommended.
N34.24228	W118.89977	M3	Undercutting below the grade control structure's concrete apron (Riverward side).	Repair the grade control structure. This repair will likely require design and engineering to construct the grade control structure. Certified as-built drawings need to be prepared.
N34.24294	W118.89899	M4	Debris (e.g. dead trees) along the earthen channel (Riverward side).	Remove debris from the channel.

* Photos can be found in Appendix C.



Appendix A

Levee Inspection Log



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Levee Inspection Log

Facility Name/ID: <u>Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (ASR-2)</u>	Date: <u>12/9/2008</u>
Watercourse: <u>Arroyo Santa Rosa</u>	By: <u>Jung Suh, Nathan Schreiner</u>
Reach: <u>Upstream of East Las Posas Road</u>	<u>(Tetra Tech), Daniel Costamagna,</u>
	<u>Chris Spitzer (AMEC), and Jim</u>
	<u>(Ventura Co. O&M personnel)</u>

RATED ITEM	A	M	U	N/A		EVALUATION	LOCATIONS / REMARKS / RECOMMENDATIONS
1. Unwanted Vegetation Growth					A	The levee has a good grass cover with little or no unwanted vegetation (trees, bushes, or undesirable weeds) and has been recently mowed. Except in those cases where a vegetation variance has been granted by the Corps, a 15' zone, free from all woody vegetation, is maintained adjacent to the landward/riverside toe of the FCW for maintenance and flood-fighting activities. Additionally, a 3' root free zone is maintained to protect the external limits of the levee cross section. Reference EM 110-2-301 and/or local Corps policy.	-Minor landscaping trees were planted inside the planter box behind the floodwall along the lower floodwall reach. -Several trees were observed within 15 feet of the floodwall on both riverward and landward sides.
		X			M	Minimal number of trees (2" diameter or smaller) and /or brush present on the levee or within the 15' zone, that will not threaten the integrity of the project but which need to be removed.	
					U	Tree, weed, and brush cover exists in the FCW requiring removal to reestablish or ascertain FCW integrity. (Note: if significant growth on levees exists, prohibiting the inspection of animal burrows or other inspection items, then the levee inspection should be ended until this item is corrected.)	
2. Depressions /Rutting	X				A	There are no ruts, pot holes, or other depressions on the levee. No evidence of levee settlement. The levee crown, embankments, and access road crowns are well established and drain properly without any ponded water.	
					M	Some minor depressions in the levee crown, embankment, or access roads that will not pond water and do not threaten the integrity of the levee.	
					U	There are depressions greater than 6 inches deep that will pond water, endangering the integrity of the levee.	
3. Erosion / Bank Caving					A	No active erosion, undermining, or bank caving due to riverbed degradation or flow impingement, observed on the landward or on the riverward side of the levee.	- Erosion along the channel invert was observed. Erosion protection was installed at the toe of the floodwall, and a grade control structure was also constructed along the channel invert.
		X			M	There are areas where active erosion is occurring or has occurred on or near the levee embankment, but levee integrity is not threatened.	
					U	Erosion, undermining, or caving is occurring or has occurred along the toes that threatens the stability and integrity of the levee. The erosion or caving has progressed into the levee section or into the extended footprint of the levee foundation and has compromised the levee foundation stability.	
4. Surficial Slope Stability	X				A	No slides present.	
					M	Minor superficial sliding that with deferred repairs will not pose an immediate threat to FCW integrity.	
					U	Surficial instabilities that will require more than typical or periodic repair and that threatens FCW integrity. Repairs are required to reestablish FCW integrity.	
5. Deep Seated Slope Stability					A	No slides present.	
		X			M	Signs of deep seated instability can not be determined from site assessment or evidence may or may not be an indicator of deep seated stability. .	
					U	Evidence of deep seated sliding that threatens FCW integrity. Repairs are required to reestablish FCW integrity.	
6. Cracking	X				A	No cracking observed on the levee greater than 6 inches deep.	- Minor crackings were observed on the surfaces of floodwall pilasters. The structural integrity of the floodwall does not appear to be impacted but should be evaluated.
					M	Longitudinal and/or transverse cracking greater than 6 inches deep. No evidence of vertical movement along the crack.	
					U	Longitudinal and/or transverse cracking present and exhibits signs of vertical movement.	
7. Animal Burrows					A	No animal burrows present on the levees.	
		X			M	Several animal burrows present which may lead to seepage or slope stability problems, and they require immediate attention.	



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RATED ITEM	RATING				EVALUATION	LOCATIONS / REMARKS / RECOMMENDATIONS
	A	M	U	N/A		
					U Significant maintenance is required to fill existing burrows, and the levee will not provide reliable flood protection until this maintenance is complete.	
8. Encroachments					A No trash, debris, excavations, structures, adverse sediment accumulation, or other obstructions present within the project easement area.	- A significant amount of debris and vegetation was observed in the channel and could impact the flow capacity of channel.
					M Trash, debris, excavations, structures, adverse sediment accumulation, or other obstructions present, or inappropriate activities that will not inhibit project operations and maintenance or emergency operations.	
			X		U Trash, debris, excavations, structures, adverse sediment accumulation, or other obstructions present, or inappropriate activities that will inhibit project operations and maintenance or emergency operations.	
9. Revetments & Banks					A Existing revetment protection is properly maintained and is undamaged. Revetment protection clearly visible and revetment materials are of sound quality.	- The revetment was appeared to be in a good condition. The impact of the channel invert scour to the wall footing should be further analyzed.
		X			M No revetment displacement or scouring activity that could undercut banks, erode embankments, or restrict desired flow. Unwanted vegetation must be cleared and sprayed with an appropriate herbicide.	
					U Dense brush, trees, or grasses hide the revetment protection or meandering and/or scour activity is undercutting banks, eroding embankments, or impairing channel flows by causing turbulence or shoaling.	
					N/A There is no revetment protecting the levee.	
10. Closure Structures (Stop Log, Earthen Closures, or Gates)	X				A Closure structure in good repair. Placing equipment, stoplogs, and other materials are readily available at all times. Components of closure clearly marked and installation instructions/procedures readily available.	18-beam stop log system was located at Sta.127+05. The stop logs were stored inside the locked chain link fence with barbed wire.
					U Closure structure in poor condition. Parts missing or corroded. Placing equipment may not be available within normal warning time.	
					N/A There are no closure structures along the levee.	
11. Underseepage Relief Wells / Toe Drainage Systems					A Toe drainage systems and pressure relief wells necessary for maintaining FCW stability during flood events functioned properly during the last flood event and no sediment is observed in horizontal system (if applicable). No signs of adverse seepage conditions adjacent to or within the levees. Nothing is observed which would indicate that the system won't function properly during the next flood.	
					M Toe drainage systems or pressure relief wells are damaged and may become clogged if they are not repaired. Signs of adverse seepage such as sand boils, spring lines, vegetation change or other seepage indicators are present but do not directly affect the stability of the levee.	
					U Toe drainage systems or pressure relief wells necessary for maintaining FCW stability during flood events have fallen into disrepair or have become clogged. Signs of adverse seepage such as sand boils, spring lines, vegetation change or other seepage indicators are present and directly affect the stability of the levee.	
				X	N/A There are no relief wells/toe drainage systems along the levee.	
12. Maintenance and Emergency Access					A Maintenance/emergency accesses are clear of obstructions and in good condition.	- The debris noted in the Item No.8 may affect the accessibility of the channel.
		X			M Minor obstructions and/or damages to the maintenance/emergency access are present, but would not directly affect the accessibility of the levee..	
					U Numerous obstructions and/or damages to the maintenance/emergency access are present that would directly affect the accessibility of the levee.	
13. Deviation from As-Built Plans	X				A There are no deviations from the as-built plans.	
					M There are minor deviations from the as-built plans that would not affect the functionality of the levee.	
					U There are major deviations from the as-built plans that could affect the functionality of the levee. Additional engineering analyses are recommended.	

Key: A = Acceptable. M = Minimally Acceptable; Maintenance is required. U = Unacceptable. N/A = Not Applicable. RODI =Requires Operation during Inspection.



Appendix B

Photos of Penetrations and Typical Levee Features



Appendix B – Penetration and Site Feature Photograph Locations along Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (ASR-2)



ARROYO SANTA ROSA FLOODWALL (ASR-2) FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT



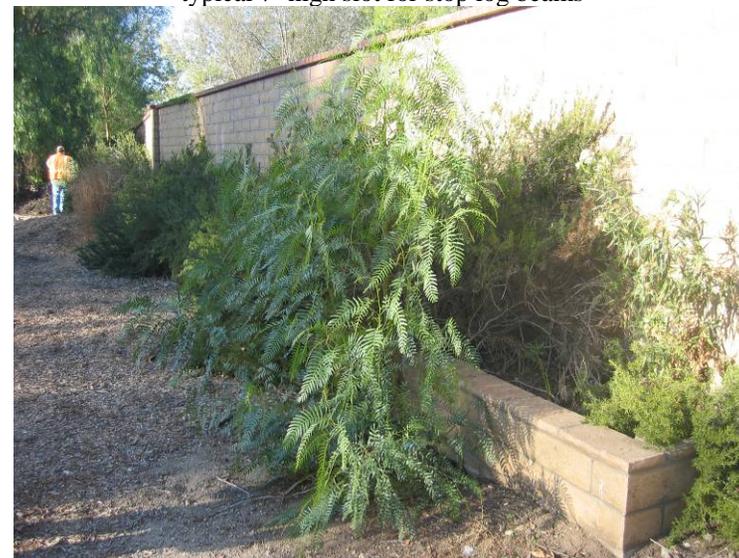
Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall, at E Las Posas Road (Photo No. P1) – 12' wide, 7' high opening for 18-beam stop log system



Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall, at E Las Posas Road (Photo No. P3) – A typical 7' high slot for stop log beams



Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall, at E Las Posas Road (Photo No. P2) – A stock pile of 18 aluminum stop log beams locked inside chain link fence



Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall, at E Las Posas Road (Photo No. F1) – Planter box behind floodwall with landscaping trees (Landward side)



Appendix C

Photos of Maintenance Required Locations



Appendix C – Photograph Locations of Maintenance Required Areas along Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (ASR-2)



ARROYO SANTA ROSA FLOODWALL (ASR-2) FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT



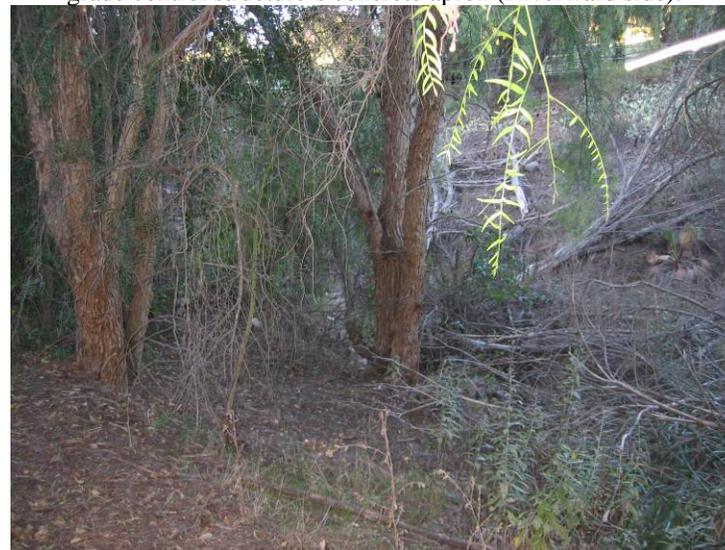
Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (Photo No. M1) – Vegetation (a pepper tree) within 15' of floodwall face (Landward side).



Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (Photo No. M3) – Undercutting below the grade control structure's concrete apron (Riverward side).



Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (Photo No. M2) – The current channel invert elevation may be lower than the floodwall footing (Riverward side).



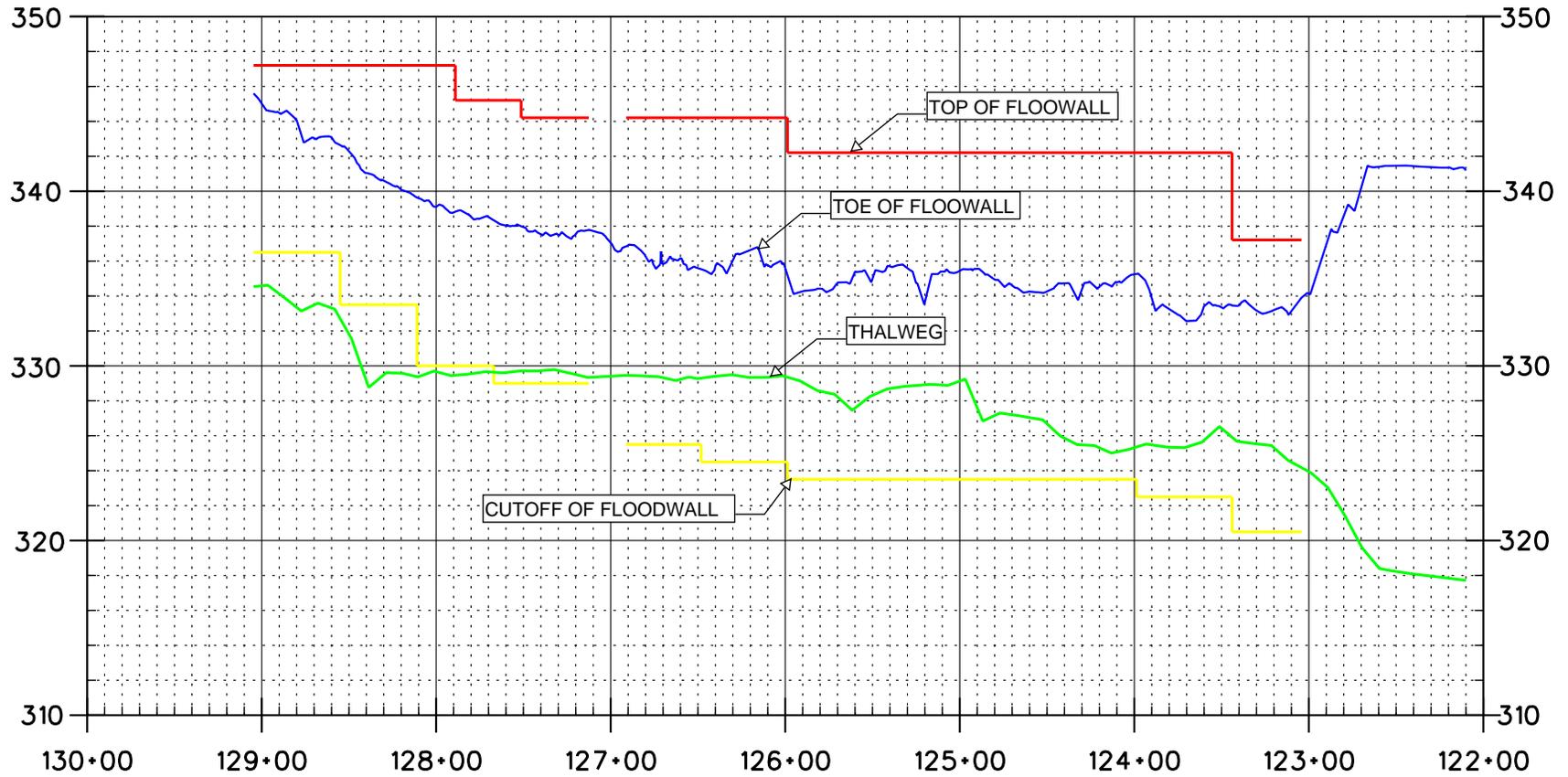
Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (Photo No. M4) – Debris (e.g. dead trees) along the earthen channel (Riverward side)



Exhibit 2

Preliminary Evaluation of Levee System Profiles

ARROYO SANTA ROSA (ASR-2)
STATION 120+00 TO 130+00



- LEGEND:
- TOP OF FLOODWALL
 - TOE OF FLOODWALL
 - THALWEG
 - KEY OF FLOODWALL

SCALE:
HORIZONTAL: 1" = 100'
VERTICAL: 1" = 10'



Exhibit 3

As-Built Plans Status List

Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (ASR-2) at East Las Posas Road

Floodwall System	As-Builts Provided to Consultant by County	County Dwg. No.	Date*	Sta.	Action
Floodwall System	Yes	Y-3-3549 to 3559	1996	122+10 to 129+13.21	
Stop log Structure	Yes	Y-3-3554 & 3559	1996		
Drop Structure	No				Request from County.
Toe Protection	No				Request from County.

*Date indicates as-built date. Design plan dates were used if the plans were available, but were not stamped and/or signed as-built.



Exhibit 4

Responses to Comments on Draft Evaluation Report

FEMA Levee Certification -VCWPD
Project Team Comments on Tetra Tech's Draft Evaluation Reports
January 2009

Maint. Defect	Description	Recommended Action by Tetra-Tech	Recommended Response by O&M Division	Environ. Permit Codes	Environmental Services Section Comments	R.O.W. Issue*	Levee Certification Project Team's Comments to Draft Evaluation Reports	Tetra Tech's Response
Arroyo Santa Rosa Floodwall (ASR-2) Category 2								
M1	Vegetation within 15' of floodwall face or 8' from foundation (Landward side).	Remove vegetation and root ball, fill voids with impervious material and firmly compact.	C5 - PR issue with landowner.	E1	Landward veg removal not regulated	X	O&M will remove the peppertree, but the other vegetation may be more difficult.	Vegetation within 15' of floodwall face or 8' from foundation must be removed.
M2	The channel invert downstream of the stop log opening is experiencing erosion. (Riverward side).	Further engineering analysis recommended.	C5 - Obtain direction from D&C, will Hydrology studies be required for this repair?.	E2	Depends on type of repair: new or in kind			
M3	Undercutting below the grade control structure's concrete apron (Riverward side).	Repair the grade control structure. Further engineering analysis recommended.	C5 - Obtain direction from D&C, will Hydrology studies be required for this repair?.	E2	Depends on type of repair: new or in kind			This repair will likely require design and engineering to construct the grade control structure. Certified As-builts drawings need to be prepared.
M4	Debris (e.g. dead trees) along the earthen channel (Riverward side).	Remove debris from the channel.	C1	E1	Removal of downed material ok w/o permits			

*Right of Way column reflects the Operation and Maintenance Division's preliminary opinion based on their field inspections. That opinion will be vetted through the Real Estate Services Division of the Public Works Agency.

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VR-3	Zia	i	Change 'for' to 'in'. Data collection efforts have been performed to determine what information is available for support of levee certification.	Change made.
		i	Under LiDAR Topographic data, reviewer requests addition of 1. Compare the river bed vertical elevation and cross section changes by topo & survey. 2. There are some areas always need repair by records. Point out the areas need re-study.	This entire levee was severely damaged in the 2005 flood. This levee is being re-designed by the Corps of Engineers from Santa Ana Blvd to the Live Oaks Diversion. Tetra Tech would need to review the Corps design to see if new topographic data was used.
		1	Change 'give year' to 'given year'. "... or exceeded in any give year (base flood).	Change made.
		3*	Change 'addition' to 'additional'. "...however addition sedimentation and scour analyses..."	Change made.
		3	Change 'the' to 'that'. "...NFIP regulations requires the engineering analyses..."	Change made.
		4	Question: Are interior flooding and interior drainage the same? Please clarify the use of these terms. Are they to be used interchangeably?	Interior flooding is caused from impeded interior drainage.
		4	To the Levee Penetration portion, add: 1. Is the flap gate work fine? 2. Sediment deposition in the gate area? 3. Describe existing condition and pictures.	The flap gate is in working order unless it is listed in Table 2 where its condition is described and associated photos are referenced in Appendix C.
	Jaques	General Comment	The middle section of this reach is not a levee. Does it make sense to split this into two separate levees? 1. Near Santa Ana Blvd and 2. Live Oak Creek Diversion to where the levee terminates?	A determination of segmenting this levee system would have to be made during the hydraulic analysis which is the next phase of work.
		ii	Why is as-built plan show as Category 3?	The construction of the Corps' proposed design is not expected to happen with in the PAL time schedule (Nov.30,2009) therefore as-builts would not be prepared.
		3	Why is a hydrograph needed for levee certification?	For geotechnical seepage analyses which requires the baseflood stage duration.
		3	See the Bureau of Reclamation report "Hydrology, Hydraulics, and Sediment Studies for the Meiners Oaks and Live Oak Levees-Draft Report (July 2007) for the information on scour analysis, toe down and rock size requirements.	Noted, Tetra Tech has obtained this document and will be used during the next phase of work.
		4	Check with Corps of Engineers on geotechnical available for the levees.	Noted, all available Corps of Engineers' design work will be obtained for use in the next phase of work.
		6	Since the levee and floodwall up to Live Oak Creek Diversion will be improved by the Corps with the Matilija project, should we pursue improvements required on the Diversion portion in anticipation of the Corps certifying this entire levee once their work is complete?	This work needs to be done to certify the entire system however the schedule of this Category 3 levee is to be determined.
		6	Should we ask Tetra Tech to review Corps construction documents as part of their contract?	Yes we will need to review design for certification.
		4	Check with the Corps of Engineers on geotechnical information available for the levees.	Noted, all available Corps of Engineers' design work will be obtained for use in the next phase of work.
		6	Table 2-Summary of Maintenance Required, add the River Stations to the table.	There are many different as-built drawings with different stationing. It was determined the best way to convey the location of the required maintenance was with a Lat. Long. GPS point.

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VR-1	Jaques	3*	Change 'addition' to 'additional'. "...however addition sedimentation and scour analyses..."	Change made.
		field investigation report, page 3	Remove "Show desktop.scf"	Change made.
		Appendix B, photos of penetrations	P6 (Stanley Drain) missing from map. Please include.	P6 is shown on pages B-1 and B-2.
		B-4	per Sec. 2.16 USACE levee Owner Manual, Aluminum stop logs should be supported along entire length where stored.	Noted this will be evaluated in the structural analysis.
		Exhibit 2, Preliminary Evaluation of levee system profiles	Station 90+00 to 140+00, is there an additional toe down for green and yellow lines between 140+ and 130+?	We do not have any additional available information showing additional toe down.
SC-1	Jaques	3	Add 'to' between 'used' and 'shape'. "...flood even would be used shape the base flood..."	Change made.
		4	Remove 'it'. Their findings are that only 5% of the rock is breaking down and they do not anticipate it the break down to continue at ..."	Change made.
		field investigation report, page 1	Insert 'County' between Ventura and Watershed. "The team included representatives from the Ventura Watershed Protection District..."	Change made.
		B-2	per Sec. 2.16 USACE levee Owner Manual, Aluminum stop logs should be supported along entire length where stored.	Noted, this will be evaluated in the structural analysis.
AS-6	Jaques	3	Insert commas as follows: "reference, however, additional sedimentation and scour..." "...dated February 2004 will be useful as a reference however addition sedimentation and scour analyses..."	Change made.
		Field investigation report page 3	Change "borrows" to "burrows" throughout.	Change made.
		Levee Inspection Log, A-1	Change "borrows" to "burrows" throughout.	Change made.
		B-5	per Sec. 2.16 USACE levee Owner Manual, Aluminum stop logs should be supported along entire length where stored.	Noted, this will be evaluated in the structural analysis.
		Appendix C, Photos of Maintenance Required Locations	M22R Photo Caption, revise borrow to read "burrow"	Change made.
	Joe Lampara	General Comment	Similar to AS-7, this levee system is identified as extending along Arroyo Simi from f ^l . Street to Erringer Road. In actuality this reach is a combination of a series of levees, including a floodwall located immediately upstream of f ^l Street, and levees located in the immediately vicinity of the channel drop structures, and along one reach of low land at the upstream end adjacent to the channel. Between these locations there are reaches of incised channel which do not meet the definition of a levee or levee system.	Determination of the levee situation on certain lengths of the levee system will require a hydraulic analysis. This analysis will be performed during the next phase of work.

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AS-7	Jaques	General Comment	A LOMR was accepted FEMA on March 4, 2003.	All Current LOMRs have been requested from FEMA, if the County has a copy Tetra Tech would like to obtain a copy.
		6	Application of 44 CFR65.10 criteria should be applied only to the reaches of the channel between 1 st and Erringer that meet the definition of a levee.	Determination of the levee situation on certain lengths of the levee system will require a hydraulic analysis. This analysis will be performed during the next phase of work.
		field investigation report, page 1	Insert 'County' between Ventura and Watershed. "The team included representatives from the Ventura Watershed Protection District..."	Change made.
		field investigation report, page 4	Table 1-Summary of Penetrations. River Station 120+72 and 125+66.1, reviewer indicates the WSL is below the existing ground.	Noted
CC-3	Jaques	General Comment	If this levee is 2' above adjacent ground (page 1) and FEMA requires 3' minimum levee height above the 100 yr flood, how is this a levee? It looks like this should be re-categorized as Not a Levee.	The 2' height is based on a visual inspection. Determination of the levee situation will require a hydraulic analysis to compare the 100-yr WS to adjacent ground. This analysis will be performed during the next phase of work. If the analysis shows the 100-yr WS is below adjacent ground then de-listing this stretch of channel as a levee will be pursued.
		Field Investigation Report, 1	Has the Kasraie Report and Draft D-Firm maps been reviewed? I believe that they show breakout to the east in this reach of Calleguas Creek.	They have not been reviewed. Tetra Tech has requested all current D-Firm analyses and Appeals from FEMA. If the County has a copy Tetra Tech would like a copy.
	Joe Lampara	General Comment	The efforts under Phase 1 involve the categorization of the nine Provisionally Accredited Levees in Ventura County. Levee categories include: Category 1 – levee meets 44CFR65.10 requirements and all data or complete documentation is available, Category 2 – levee may meet 44CFR65.10 criteria , but additional data or documentation is needed, Category 3 – levee does not currently meet 44CFR65.10 criteria, Not a levee – Based on physical conditions, low WSEL, no SFHA, and/or not providing flood protection. This levee system, which extends along Calleguas Creek from Pleasant Valley Road to Hwy 101, may not be a levee in the sense as a levee is defined. Phase 1 efforts must include this determination prior to the final categorizing of this "levee system." Determination under Phase 3 efforts that Phase 1 efforts were incomplete.	The 2' height is based on a visual inspection. Determination of the levee situation will require a hydraulic analysis to compare the 100-yr WS to adjacent ground. This analysis will be performed during the next phase of work. If the analysis shows the 100-yr WS is below adjacent ground then de-listing this stretch of channel as a levee will be pursued.
CC-2	Joe Lampara	General Comment The reach between Mission Oaks and this point no longer meet the definition of a levee.	This levee system is identified as extending along Calleguas Creek from Mission Oaks Blvd. upstream to Adolfo Road. It includes the reach of Somis Drain from Calleguas Creek up to The reach upstream of Somis Drain along Calleguas Creek to Adolfo Road is not a levee in that the surface of the ground landward of the Calleguas Creek Channel is higher than the streambank protection placed along the channel bank. As originally constructed the levee did extend from Mission Oaks Blvd to Somis Drain. Subsequent to the completion of construction of this levee developers were granted permits to fill in portions of the land behind the levee to allow for industrial development. As a result there is a reach of the original levee extending from Mission Oaks Blvd. upstream for approximately 1500 feet that no longer meets the definition of a levee. The surface of the ground landward of the levee now exceeds base flood elevation in the channel, or is at or above the top of levee elevation. Suggest revising the downstream terminus of CC-2 from Mission Oaks Blvd. to the point upstream where the permitted fill placed behind the original levee alignment ends.	Determination of the levee situation on certain lengths of the levee system will require a hydraulic analysis and verification of the higher adjacent ground due to recent improvements. This analysis will be performed during the next phase of work.

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ASR-2	Jaques	Field investigation report, A-2	Number 8, Encroachments, remarks are included, but no rating is given. Please add an A, M or a U.	Change made to reflect a U.
		B-2	per Sec. 2.16 USACE levee Owner Manual, Aluminum stop logs should be supported along entire length where stored.	Noted, this will be evaluated in the structural analysis.
		Exhibit 2, Preliminary Evaluation of levee system profiles	Station 120+00 and 130+00, is there an additional toe down for green and yellow lines between 129+ and 128+?	We do not have any additional available information showing additional toe down.
All Levee Reports	Tony Chen	General Comment		
			Please extend the tree removal to a flexible limit. For some trees, the 15' buffer belt is not enough. We need to remove the vegetation and trees within 15' buffer belt. As I learned from FMA classes. I understand some of the special kinds of the tree roots can extend and penetrate the levee. These trees shall be cleaned within a certain distance. I suggest to ask the Environmental Section set up a list of trees need to install an underground buffer wall or remove the special trees within a defined distance.	The Corps guidelines in EM 1110-2-301 are the current standard for vegetation on levees.
			There are power poles in the defined levee area. Do we need to relocate them?	Utility poles within the embankment prism (only 1 on SCR-1) must be relocated.
			A new aero-photo map is necessary to get for study, planning, design and construction purposes. Please put some budget for survey purposes.	Noted
			How to get rid of small animals like gofers.	According to O&M the WPD currently has a plan to control burrowing animals
			A levee Certification Work Team is necessary. It could be consisted by Advanced Planning, O&M, Design and Construction, Environmental Section, and Real Estate Section.	Noted
			There are many small lateral storm drain pipes, how to prevent the backup water?	An interior drainage analysis will be performed on each drain to determine if a flap gate is required.
			There are some developed areas behind the levee. How to get the required land from the land owners?	This is a County Real Estate issue.
			The flood control annually budget is limited. How to get the required money to finish the work?	This is a County Budget issue.

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All Levee Reports	Joe Lampara	General Comment		
		All levees categorized as Category 2	Include in the work to be done as noted in Figure 2 for each levee a Right of Way survey to establish in the field the actual limits of County owned property and easements.	This is part of the Title Search/Boundary Survey task.
		CC-2, AS-6, SCR 1, VR-1, ASR-2, CC-3	Figure 2 of each report contains a list of work that needs to be completed for levee certification to be done for each levee. One of the items is Topographic Survey Verification. For selected levees, VR-1 being one, there is a time interval indicated for this work. For the majority of the remaining levees no verification is required. Recommend that topographic survey verification being included the levees noted with this comment. The reasoning for including it with VR-1 can be applied to the others, i.e. ASR-1 – concerns exists regarding the elevation of the channel, including the stabilizer, relative to the footing of the floodwall. Without a survey it may not be possible to discern the relationship of these two items. For CC 3, if this levee is not categorized as "not-a-levee" in Phase 1, verification of the topography is required under Phase 3 in order to finalize whether or not CC-3 is a levee.	Tetra Tech will provide the District with a standard specification sheet and survey topo exhibit describing minimum survey requirements for levee certification requirements for all levees, and additional levee-specific survey requirements and locations of additional topo required.
All Levee Reports	Zia	General Comment	What is the plan for soil testing?	A scope of work detailing the subsurface exploration, laboratory testing and geotechnical assessment is being prepared for the next Phase of work.
			Why is the consultant requesting consolidation tests?	The purpose for the consolidation testing is three-fold. The first reason is to determine the existing conditions of the alluvium and levee material and evaluate if any material may experience consolidation with future loads that could be detrimental to the levee. The second, and in this case more critical, is to determine if any consolidation as a result of the original levee construction is anticipated. Secondary compression or consolidation in fine grained soils is dependant on the time needed for the excess pore pressures created by imposed loads to dissipate allowing the soil to consolidate. Typically the finer grained a soil and the thicker the soil deposit, the longer amount of time is needed for consolidation to take place. By running time based consolidation tests on samples collected, we can anticipate the amount of settlement that is to occur, as well as the time needed, as a result of implied loads on the soil. If we have a condition, say, that just meets the 3 feet of freeboard and we are anticipating another 6 inches of settlement in the foreseeable future, something will need to be done to ensure that the levee can maintain that 3 feet of freeboard. The third reason is to evaluate the potential for hydro-collapse. If soils are rapidly deposited and are buried quickly by subsequent depositional events, the soil structure may develop such that they have not been allowed to consolidate fully. Additionally, mineral accumulation, such as salts or caliche, may also develop giving the soil added strength. When these soils are subsequently saturated during a future event, the potential for consolidation of the loose soils or dissolution of the mineral content, collectively know as hydro-collapse, exists. In some cases this collapse can be significant and has caused failure of structures built over the collapsible soils. The testing for this potential is similar to consolidation testing, although slightly less time consuming, and will be conducted if the field investigation reveals the potential.
			Could the consultant please be more specific when commenting on areas of concern? Please quantify problems, instead of making general comments.	Tetra Tech would be happy to answer any specific questions, however for most items specific data is not required and with the accelerated schedule detailing and quantifying each problem is not feasible.

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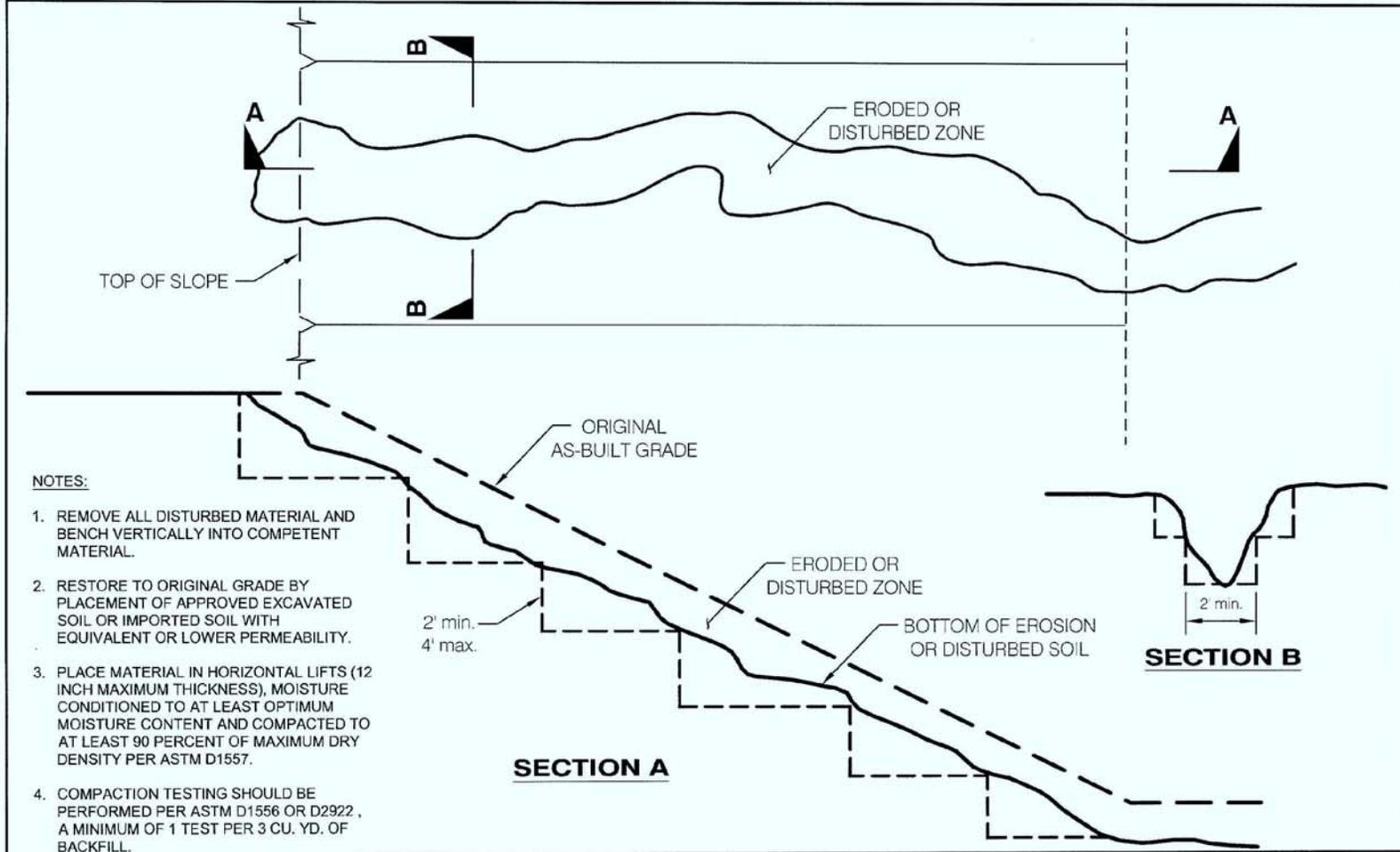
VCWPD O&M QUESTION	TETRA TECH/AMEC RESPONSE
<p>1. Animal burrow/hole repair procedures. Please confirm acceptable methods. Also confirm acceptable documentation method.</p>	<p>For small isolated burrows, infilling of the burrow with grout is sufficient. The grout should be relatively free flowing to permeate the burrows. A typical grout specification would be similar to CalTrans Specifications Section 41-1. A copy of this section is attached but should be modified to suit the conditions.</p> <p>For areas where a large number of interconnected burrows exist or the amount of burrows present has caused surficial instability, removal and replacement/re-compaction of the impacted material is needed. The attached Figure 1 presents a typical detail and backfilling requirements.</p> <p>Documentation for the singular burrows shall consist of a documentation of the location, size, volume of grout placed, and other pertinent details. Documentation of the removal and replacement/re-compaction of the impacted material shall be conducted by a certified testing and materials lab that the District is familiar with. The documentation shall include a report provided by the testing and materials lab. AMEC will periodically observe these locations and will require a copy of the report for documentation and review.</p>
<p>2. Please describe methods for vegetation and rootball removal.</p>	<p>4" DIAMETER TRUNK OR GREATER: Cut the woody vegetation approximately two (2) feet above ground level leaving a prominent stump for use in the rootball extraction process. Remove the stump and rootball by pulling or extracting with a backhoe or similar equipment. Clean the rootball cavity of all loose soil and remaining root system (roots greater than 1/2" diameter). Prepare the cavity by excavating per FIGURE 2. Backfill with excavated soil or imported soil with equivalent or lower permeability. Place material in horizontal lifts no greater than twelve (12) inches. Moisture conditioned to at least optimum moisture content and compacted to at least ninety (90) percent of the maximum dry density of the fill soil per ASTM D1557. Compaction typically requires the use of manually operated compaction equipment or compaction attachment to a backhoe. Compaction testing should be performed per ASTM D1556 or D2922. A minimum of one (1) test per three (3) cubic yards of backfill.</p> <p>2"-4" DIAMETER TRUNK: Cut the woody vegetation stump flush with the ground. Treat the stump with a protective coating similar to polyurethane to prolong the decay process.</p>

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	<p>2" DIAMETER TRUNK OR LESS: Cut the woody vegetation to twelve (12) inches of height above the ground level.</p> <p>For all vegetation removal under 4" trunk diameter, no documentation is necessary. For larger rootball removal in which excavation and compaction is required, documentation of the impacted material shall be conducted by a certified testing and materials lab that the District is familiar with. The documentation shall include a report provided by the testing and materials lab. AMEC will periodically observe these locations and will require a copy of the report for documentation and review.</p>
<p>3. Where is 15' buffer from toe measured from (buried portion or at ground level)?</p>	<p>The fifteen (15) foot vegetation line is measured from the visual toe of slope to the center line of the trunk (tree), the closest trunk to the toe (multiple trunk trees/plants) or the stock/stem protruding through the soil (large plant connected to a root system)</p>
<p>4. Can Tetra Tech provide specs for compaction and grading requirements? Discuss major and minor repair examples.</p>	<p>Compaction requirements are detailed on the attached Figures 1 and 2. Major repair examples include any erosion feature that is deeper than 1 foot or that is greater than 2 feet wide. Major and minor animal burrows are discussed in item 1.</p>
<p>5. Can in-kind materials be used for backfill?</p>	<p>In-kind backfill would be materials free of organic or deleterious debris that has similar or lower permeability than the levee material. These materials could consist of excavated soil, imported soil, concrete, or slurry, and shall be evaluated by the testing and materials lab.</p>
<p>6. Discuss documentation/inspection requirements for verification of grading.</p>	<p>The requirements for verification of grading are discussed above.</p>

VCWPD O&M QUESTION	TETRA TECH/AMEC RESPONSE
7. Can Tetra Tech provide weekly inspection of work completed to date?	Future work can be observed by AMEC. It is suggested that scheduling field time be conducted to maximize the efficiencies of the site visits. AMEC will provide a site visit to each levee during repair work preferably before backfill commences. Additional site visits would likely incur additional costs.
8. Please provide a procedure for concrete patching.	<p>All repairs should extend at least three (3) inches beyond the area of delaminated or broken concrete and should be chipped out to at least 3/4 inch below any exposed reinforcing. Concrete patch edges should be sawcut without damaging embedded reinforcing bars. Sandblast clean all exposed concrete and steel surfaces in repair opening and paint any exposed reinforcing bars and tensioning posts with a protective anti-corrosive coating. After coating cure, recast the repair opening using concrete patching material.</p> <p>In the case of minor chipping of concrete surface – no deep concrete cracks or steel exposure – a high performance urethane polymer or industrial bonding epoxy may be used to restore the concrete surface.</p> <p>The documentation shall include a report documenting the statement of work, list of materials used and photos. Tetra Tech will make a final inspection of the completed work.</p>
9. Is a headwall needed for flap gate attachment?	<p>No. Different styles of heavy-duty flap gates can be attached directly to an exposed corrugated pipe. If the pipe already ends directly at a headwall or culvert, then it is recommended the flap gate be attached to the concrete surface. In either application the flap gate needs to remain operational and achieve the goal of backflow prevention.</p> <p>The documentation shall include a report documenting the statement of work, list of materials used and photos. Tetra Tech will make a final inspection of the completed work.</p>
10. Are rock or soil piles (or ramps) a problem for certification?	Any trash, debris or other obstructions that inhibit operations and maintenance performance and visual inspection of a levee will affect the completion of certification. Unauthorized levee debris that causes obstruction from routine levee inspection and management, obstruction to flood-fighting zones, and debris flow/breeching during storm events must be removed.

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11. AS-7, M4R: Is this a levee? Is veg removal required within only 8' of the foundation of the wall?	Determination of the levee situation on certain lengths of the levee system will require a hydraulic analysis. This analysis will be performed during the next phase of work. A levee is an earthen embankment, floodwall, or structure along a water course whose purpose is flood risk reduction or water conveyance. In the case of a floodwall, the root-free zone is the greater of either eight (8) feet from toe of the floodwall foundation or fifteen (15) feet from face of floodwall. If there is a drainage system at the toe, then the eight (8) feet is measured from the outside of the drainage system. All vegetation growing over the floodwall's foundation heel/toe as well as the eight (8) feet root-free zone must be removed.
12. AS-7, M4L: Is seepage a problem for certification?	Further analysis is required to make that determination. Provided that the wall and channel bottom have been designed to accommodate this condition and that existing and anticipated future groundwater conditions are within the anticipated ranges utilized in design, certification may proceed.
13. AS-7, M8L: What is considered the top of the levee? Is there a floodwall?	Determination of the levee situation on certain lengths of the levee system will require a hydraulic analysis. This analysis will be performed during the next phase of work.
14. AS-6, M13L: Does not appear to be a levee.	Determination of the levee situation on certain lengths of the levee system will require a hydraulic analysis. This analysis will be performed during the next phase of work.
15. AS-6, M23R: Does not appear to be a levee.	Determination of the levee situation on certain lengths of the levee system will require a hydraulic analysis. This analysis will be performed during the next phase of work.

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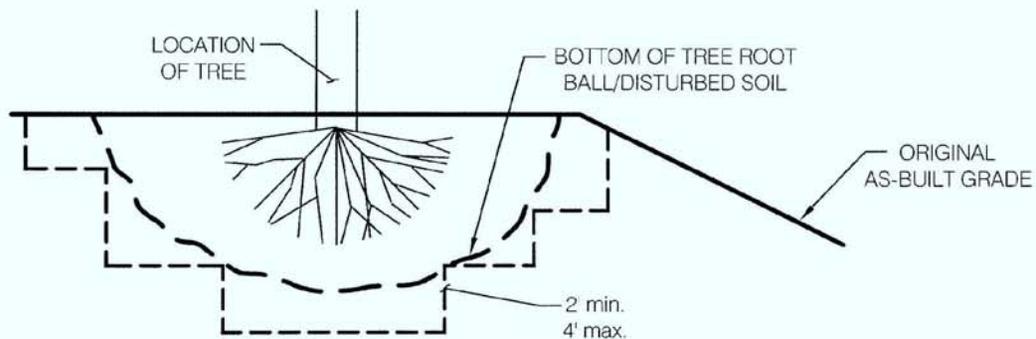


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2. RESTORE TO ORIGINAL GRADE BY PLACEMENT OF APPROVED EXCAVATED SOIL OR IMPORTED SOIL WITH EQUIVALENT OR LOWER PERMEABILITY.
3. PLACE MATERIAL IN HORIZONTAL LIFTS (12 INCH MAXIMUM THICKNESS), MOISTURE CONDITIONED TO AT LEAST OPTIMUM MOISTURE CONTENT AND COMPACTED TO AT LEAST 90 PERCENT OF MAXIMUM DRY DENSITY PER ASTM D1557.
4. COMPACTION TESTING SHOULD BE PERFORMED PER ASTM D1556 OR D2922 , A MINIMUM OF 1 TEST PER 3 CU. YD. OF BACKFILL.

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SECTION 41: PAVEMENT SUBSEALING AND JACKING

41-1 PAVEMENT SUBSEALING

41-1.01 DESCRIPTION

This work shall consist of filling voids beneath existing portland cement concrete pavement, at the locations shown on the plans, by drilling holes through the existing pavement, injecting grout through the holes and filling the drilled holes with mortar or concrete.

41-1.02 MATERIALS

- Grout for filling the voids beneath the existing pavement shall be composed of portland cement, fly ash and water. Portland cement and fly ash shall be proportioned by weight at the rate of one part portland cement to 2.4 to 2.7 parts fly ash. Water shall be added in an amount to provide a grout efflux time of 10 to 16 seconds as determined by California Test 541, Part D.
- Portland cement for the grout shall be Type II Modified conforming to the provisions in Section 90-2.01, "Cement."
- Fly ash shall conform to the requirements in ASTM Designation: C 618 for either Class C or Class F fly ash, except that the loss on ignition shall not exceed 4 percent. The brand of fly ash used in the work shall conform to the provisions for approval of admixture brands in Section 90-4.03, "Admixture Approval."
- When fly ash, cement, or fly ash and cement are delivered in packages, each package shall be marked plainly with the class, type, name and brand of producer, and the weight of material contained therein. Similar information shall be provided in the shipping invoices accompanying the shipment of packaged or bulk fly ash and cement.
- Chemical admixtures and calcium chloride conforming to the provisions in Section 90-4, "Admixtures," may be used in the grout mixture, subject to the Engineer's written approval.
- In advance of grouting operations, the Contractor shall submit a proposal for the materials to be used in the work accompanied with independent laboratory test data that indicates the initial set time and the one-day, 3-day, and 7-day compressive strengths of the grout at 10-second, 12-second and 14-second efflux times using specimen molds and curing conditions specified in ASTM Designation: C 109.
- Grout having a 7-day compressive strength of less than 750 psi at a 12-second efflux time as determined by the independent laboratory tests will not be acceptable.
- No change in the grout materials shall be made unless a resubmittal of the above information and requirements is furnished to the Engineer.
- Mortar for filling the holes in the concrete pavement shall be composed of one part portland cement to 3 parts fine aggregate, by volume, and only enough water to permit placing and packing of the mortar in the holes. A commercial quality premixed rapid set mortar or concrete may be used to fill the holes.

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41-1.03 CONSTRUCTION

- Holes shall be drilled through the pavement and underlying base to a depth of 15 inches to 18 inches below the pavement surface. The holes shall be drilled to the diameter necessary to accommodate the equipment used for injecting the grout. Care shall be taken to protect the pavement surrounding each hole from damage.
- The location of the holes shall conform to the configuration shown on the plans unless otherwise directed or permitted by the Engineer. Before beginning grouting operations, and continuing thereafter to the end of each run or work shift, the holes in at least 2 consecutive slabs requiring subsealing shall be drilled ahead of the grouting operations.
- Open drilled holes shall not remain ungrouted for more than 2 working days.
- The side of the injection hole shall be washed with a minimum water gage pressure of 40 psi just prior to grout injection. The washing device shall be constructed such that a minimum of 4 jets shall direct water horizontally at the slab-base interface.
- The grout plant shall consist of a positive displacement cement injection pump and a high-speed colloidal mixer. The colloidal mixer shall operate between a minimum speed of 800 RPM and a maximum speed of 2,000 RPM. The injection pump shall be capable of sustaining a gage pressure of 150 psi when pumping a grout mixed to a 12-second flow time. A pressure gage shall be located immediately adjacent to the grout hose supply valve and shall be positioned so it can be easily monitored by the Engineer.
- Dry cement and fly ash shall be accurately measured by weight, if in bulk, or shall be packaged in containers of uniform weight.
- Water shall be introduced into the mixing process through a meter or scale.
- Grout not used in the work within one hour after mixing shall be disposed of as directed by the Engineer.
- Grout shall be pressure injected through the holes until all voids under the pavement slab are filled. No portion of the slab shall be moved or raised more than 0.050-inch as a result of pressure grouting. The Engineer will furnish and utilize suitable devices to monitor slab movement during pressure grouting.
- The injection nozzle shall prevent leakage during injection and shall not protrude below the concrete slab. Grout shall be injected into only one hole at a time on any slab. When grout appears at any longitudinal or transverse joint, crack, or adjacent hole, or when monitoring devices indicate slab movement in excess of 0.050-inch, pressure injection of grout shall cease at that hole.
- In the event that grout flow does not occur after 7 seconds of sustained 150 psi injection pump gage pressure and if there is no indication of slab movement, continued injection at that hole shall cease.
- Immediately after the nozzle is removed, the hole shall be temporarily plugged with a round, tapered wooden plug. The plug shall remain in place until pressure grouting at adjacent holes progresses to the point where grout will not be forced up through previously grouted holes.
- In the event the Engineer determines that continued grouting at a location is no longer advantageous, the Engineer may direct the Contractor to cease subsealing operations at that location.

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- Grouting shall not be performed when the atmospheric or subgrade temperature is below 40° F, or during inclement weather. When standing rainwater is present in the holes, grouting shall not be performed unless permitted by the Engineer.
- The Contractor shall take necessary precautions to prevent grout from being injected into any drainage facility or other open structure.
- Cracks in the pavement which occur during the injection of grout will be considered as damage to the pavement due to the Contractor's operations. The damage shall be repaired by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense and as directed by the Engineer.
- Upon completion of the grouting operation, grout shall be removed from the drilled holes to a depth of not less than 4 inches below the pavement surface. The holes shall be cleaned and then filled with mortar or premixed, rapid set concrete and finished flush with the concrete pavement surface.
- At the end of each work shift, the work area shall be left in a clean, swept and neat condition.

41-1.04 MEASUREMENT

- The quantity of drilled holes will be measured as units determined by actual count. Any hole drilled that is not shown on the plans or ordered by the Engineer will not be measured nor paid for.
- The quantities of dry cement and fly ash used in the grout mix will be measured by the ton and will be paid for as grout (subsealing). Quantities of grout not used in the work and grout that is wasted by leaking through to the pavement surface because of not taking preventative measures to avoid wasting of grout, will not be paid for. The quantity of grout wasted or disposed of will be determined by the Engineer. Quantities of grout, cement or fly ash remaining on hand after completion of the work will not be paid for.

41-1.05 PAYMENT

- Items of work, measured as specified in Section 41-1.04, "Measurement," will be paid for at the contract unit price for drill hole (subsealing) and the contract price per ton for grout (subsealing).
- The above prices and payments shall include full compensation for furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals, and for doing all the work involved in subsealing existing portland cement concrete pavement as shown on the plans, as specified in these specifications and the special provisions, and as directed by the Engineer.
- Full compensation for furnishing and placing mortar or concrete for filling the drilled holes shall be considered as included in the contract unit price paid for drill hole (subsealing) and no additional compensation will be allowed therefor.

41-2 PAVEMENT JACKING

41-2.01 DESCRIPTION

- This work shall consist of raising existing portland cement concrete pavement to grade, at the locations shown on the plans, by drilling holes through the existing

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pavement, injecting grout through the holes to fill voids beneath the pavement and raise the pavement to grade, and filling the drilled holes with mortar or concrete.

41-2.02 MATERIALS

- The grout for pavement jacking and mortar or concrete for filling the drilled holes shall conform to the provisions for grout and mortar or concrete for pavement subsealing in Section 41-1.02, "Materials," except that the grout for pavement jacking shall contain water in an amount to provide a grout efflux time of 16 seconds to 26 seconds. Additional water may be added to reduce the grout efflux time to not less than 10 seconds to initiate the pressure injection of the grout.

41-2.03 CONSTRUCTION

- Pavement jacking shall conform to the provisions for pavement subsealing in Section 41-1.03, "Construction," except for the following:

The positive displacement grout injection pump shall be capable of providing a sustained gage pressure of 200 psi. Gage pressures exceeding 200 psi, but not exceeding 600 psi, may be used for brief periods of time to start the movement of the slab.

Slabs shall be raised uniformly to grade. The Contractor shall furnish and utilize stringlines to monitor the movement of the pavement.

The final elevation of the surface of the concrete pavement shall not vary at any point more than 0.01-foot above or below the grade established by the Engineer. If the surface of the pavement at any point is higher than 0.01-foot above the grade established by the Engineer, the surface shall be ground to meet the above specified tolerance; however, the entire slab shall be removed and replaced with new concrete pavement if the surface at any point is higher than 0.10-foot above the grade established by the Engineer. Grinding of the concrete pavement or removal and replacement of the pavement, if necessary, shall conform to the provisions in Section 42-2, "Grinding," except for payment.

Adjacent slabs, not requiring adjustment in grade, shall not be moved. Corrections to grade of adjacent slabs, if necessary, and as determined by the Engineer, shall be made in the same manner that is required for pavement that is raised to grade.

41-2.04 MEASUREMENT

- The quantity of drilled holes will be measured as units determined by actual count. Any hole drilled that is not shown on the plans or ordered by the Engineer will not be measured nor paid for.
- The quantities of dry cement and fly ash used in the grout mix will be measured by the ton and will be paid for as grout (jacking). Quantities of grout not used in the work and grout that is wasted by leaking through to the pavement surface because of not taking preventative measures to avoid wasting of grout, will not be paid for. The quantity of grout wasted or disposed of will be determined by the Engineer. Quantities of grout, cement or fly ash remaining on hand after completion of the work will not be paid for.