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Subject: Geotechnical Update Evaluation Hall of Justice Repair and Reuse Project 211 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California Contract No. PW13097 Work Authorization No. ANMCP-00037

Dear Ms. Ramos:

In accordance with your request, Ninyo & Moore has performed a geotechnical update evaluation for planned improvements at the Hall of Justice located at 211 West Temple Street in Los Angeles, California (Figure 1). A geotechnical evaluation was previously performed for the Hall of Justice for a proposed parking structure at the site (Converse Consultants, 2003). The referenced previous report presented the results of their evaluation and included geotechnical recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the parking structure. This report also stated that a separate report was in progress regarding adverse geologic bedding and temporary excavations. The supplemental report was not available for review. The purpose of our update evaluation was to evaluate the current site conditions relative to the previous geotechnical recommendations and to provide supplemental design recommendations, as appropriate. In addition, we also performed percolation testing at the site.

We understand that the proposed improvements will include a new parking structure and entry plaza. The new parking structure will be located on the north side of the existing Hall of Justice Building. The structure will have nine parking levels. Approximately half of the parking levels will be below the ground surface. The new entry plaza will be located on the east side of the Hall of Justice. The entry plaza will include concrete steps, hardscape and lawn areas. We also understand that the lawn areas of the plaza will include on-site infiltration systems for storm water run-

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off. At the time of our evaluation no plans or details for the parking structure, entry plaza or infil-

tration systems were available for review.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Our scope of services included the following:

- Review of readily available background materials including State of California Seismic Hazard Zone maps, State of California Earthquake Fault Zone maps (Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zones maps), topographic maps, published geologic maps and literature, and review of the referenced project geotechnical report by Converse Consultants.
- Geotechnical site reconnaissance to mark boring locations and to coordinate with on-site personnel and Underground Service Alert for underground utility location.
- Subsurface exploration consisting of excavation, logging, and sampling of three smalldiameter hollow-stem auger borings drilled to depths ranging from approximately 16½ to feet to 81½ feet. The borings were logged by a representative from our firm, and bulk and relatively undisturbed soil samples were collected at selected intervals for laboratory testing.
- Cone penetrometer testing (CPT) at three locations on site. The CPT holes were advanced to refusal, which occurred at depths between approximately 35.9 to 72.6 feet. At one location down-hole shear wave testing was also performed.
- Field percolation testing at two boring locations to depths of approximately 16¹/₂ feet.
- Laboratory testing of selected samples to evaluate in-situ moisture and dry density, Atterberg Limits, direct shear strength, expansion index, R-value, pH, soluble sulfate content, resistivity, and chloride content.
- Data compilation and geotechnical analysis of the field and laboratory data.
- Preparation of a letter report to present our findings, conclusions, and recommendations for the project.

SUBSURFACE EVALUATION AND LABORATORY TESTING

Our subsurface evaluation was performed on August 4 and 5, 2010, and consisted of the drilling, logging, and sampling of three small-diameter borings and three CPT holes. The borings were drilled with a truck-mounted drill rig utilizing 8-inch-diameter, hollow-stem augers. Borings B-1 and B-2 were drilled to a depth of approximately 16½ feet and boring B-3 was drilled to a depth of approximately 81½ feet. Cone penetrometer testing was performed using a 30 ton CPT rig.

CPT holes, C-1, C-2 and C-3, were advanced to refusal at approximate depths of 72.6, 50.2 and 35.9 feet, respectively. Down-hole shear wave testing was performed in C-2. A representative from our firm logged the borings and obtained bulk and relatively undisturbed soil samples at selected depths for laboratory testing. The approximate locations of our borings and CPT holes are presented on Figure 2. Logs of the borings are presented in Appendix A. The results of the CPT exploration are presented in Appendix B

Geotechnical laboratory testing of selected soil samples included tests to evaluate in-situ moisture and density, Atterberg Limits, shear strength, expansion index, R-value, and soil corrosivity characteristics. Laboratory test results are presented on the boring log in Appendix A and in Appendix C.

GEOLOGY AND SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Based upon the results of our geologic background review and our subsurface evaluation, the site is generally underlain by fill soil overlying weathered sedimentary deposits of the Puente Formation.

Fill soil was encountered in our exploratory borings B-1 and B-2 to depths of approximately $5\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 feet, respectively. The fill material was comprised of firm silty clay. The previous geotechnical evaluation reported fill depths ranging from approximately 2½ to 15 feet on site.

Puente Formation material was encountered beneath the fill in borings B-1 and B-2 and below the pavement in boring B-3 to the depths explored up to approximately 81½ feet. The Puente Formation generally consisted of thinly bedded, weakly indurated, soft to moderately hard, claystone and siltstone with occasional sandstone layers. The previous geotechnical exploration at the site by Converse Consultants included down-hole logging of large diameter borings. Geologic data reported indicates that the geologic structure includes bedding that strikes east-west and dips approximately 40 to 55 degrees to the south. Detailed descriptions are presented on the boring logs presented in Appendix A and in the referenced geotechnical report (Converse Consultants, 2003).

GROUNDWATER

At the time of our subsurface evaluation, seepage was encountered in boring B-3 at depths of approximately 30, 35½, 40 and 50 feet. Groundwater was also measured at a depth of approximately 27½ feet in an on-site piezometer previously installed (BH-2 by Converse Consulting, 2003). The previous geotechnical report also indicated multiple zones of seepage in exploratory borings ranging from approximately 16 to 65 feet deep. Review of readily available literature indicates that the historical groundwater elevation in the vicinity of the site is approximately 20 feet below the ground surface. Variations in groundwater depths due to various factors, including seasonal variations, groundwater pumping, and irrigation, will occur.

PERCOLATION TESTING

Percolation testing was performed in borings B-1 and B-2 on August 4 and 5, 2010. The testing was performed through slotted 2-inch-diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe placed to the bottom of each boring (16½ feet) and backfilled with No. 3 Monterey sand. The borings were then filled of water to pre-soak the adjacent soils. After a pre-saturation period of approximately 24 hours, percolation testing was performed. Percolation testing consisted of filling the borings with water and measuring the drop in the water level through the perforated pipe. The percolation test data as well as the calculated percolation rates in accordance with County of Orange On-Site Sewage Guidelines (County of Orange) are presented in Tables 1 and 2.

Time Interval (minutes)	Drop in Water Level (inches)	Percolation Rate $(gallons/ft^2/day)$
58	1.33	0.5
59	0.66	0.3
57	0.40	0.2
60	0.32	

Table 1 – Percolation Test Data - Boring B-1

Time Interval (minutes)	Drop in Water Level (inches)	Percolation Rate $(gallons/ft^2/day)$
66	0.78	0.3
54	2.06	1.0
60	0.79	0.4
60	2.48	
60	0.85	0.4

Table 2 – Percolation Test Data - Boring B-2

CONCLUSIONS

As requested by the County of Los Angeles, our update geotechnical study was intended to provide data to evaluate the site conditions compared to the conditions reported in the previous project geotechnical report (Converse Consultants, 2003). Based on the results of our current geotechnical evaluation, is our opinion that the site subsurface conditions are generally similar to the conditions presented in the previous project geotechnical report. Furthermore, it is our opinion that the planned improvements are feasible from a geotechnical perspective, provided the recommendations in the report prepared by Converse Consultants (2003) and as updated herein are incorporated into the design and construction of the project. Based on our update geotechnical evaluation the following conclusions were reached.

- The site is underlain by variable depths of undocumented older fill soils and formational deposits of the Puente Formation. The Puente Formation is comprised of interbedded, soft to moderately hard siltstone, claystone and sandstone to the depths explored.
- Undocumented fill soils are not considered suitable for support of foundations. We anticipate the below grade parking structure will bear on formational deposits of the Puente Formation. Existing fill soils should be removed and re-compacted for support of other new foundations.
- The Puente Formation is reported to dip approximately 40 to 55 degrees to the south, which is considered an adverse geologic structure with respect to some temporary excavations on site.
- Groundwater was encountered at variable depths during the current and previous site exploration ranging from approximately 16 to 65 feet deep. During the previous exploration the groundwater was observed occurring as seepage along bedding planes. The depth to groundwater was measured in a piezometer on site at approximately 27½ feet. A groundwa-

ter depth of approximately 15 feet should be considered for construction dewatering and for design of below grade structures.

- The more clayey soils on site have a medium potential for expansion.
- The subject site is not located within a State of California Earthquake Fault Zone (formerly known as an Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zone) (Hart and Bryant, 1997). The potential for fault rupture on site is considered low.
- The probabilistic PGA_{MCE} for the site was calculated as 0.82 g using the United States Geological Survey (USGS, 2008) ground motion calculator (web-based). The design PGA was estimated to be 0.55 g using the USGS ground motion calculator.

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

In general, the recommendations presented in the previous geotechnical report are considered applicable for the project (Converse Consultants, 2003). At the time this report was prepared detailed plans for the parking structure and other site improvements were not available for review. The project plans should be reviewed by our office as they become available and based on the plan review the geotechnical recommendations for the project may be updated as appropriate. The following supplemental recommendations are presented based on our update evaluation and project understanding.

Earthwork

The earthwork recommendations presented in the previous project report generally remain applicable for the project along with the following supplemental recommendations. Existing undocumented fill soils, which are present after planned excavations are made, should be removed and re-compacted to provide suitable support for new foundations. We anticipate that excavations for the new parking structure will expose undisturbed formational materials. Re-compaction of existing fills should be performed for new foundations that may be associated with entry plaza improvements, such as garden walls, retaining walls or other structural improvements. The fill soils should be compacted to 90 percent or more in accordance with American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D 1557.

In hardscape areas we recommend that existing fill soils and/or loose natural soils be excavated and re-compacted to a depth of approximately three feet below the planned finish grades. In addition, to mitigate the potential impacts of expansive soils on site, we recommend that the upper approximately 18 inches of soil beneath exterior slabs-on-grade consist of compacted, non-expansive (Expansion Index of 20 or less) granular on site or imported soil. Imported soil should be evaluated by the geotechnical consultant prior to importing to the site.

Foundations

Foundations for the parking structure should bear in undisturbed formational material and may be designed in accordance with the recommendations of the previous project geotechnical report (Converse Consultants, 2003). Shallow footing foundations for new walls that may be associated with the entry plaza should be founded in engineered compacted fill soil or undisturbed formational material a depth of approximately 24 inches or more below the planned finish grades. Footings should have a width of 24 inches or more. Footings founded as recommended may be designed for an allowable soil bearing pressure of 2,500 pounds per square foot (psf). The allowable bearing pressure may be increased by up to one-third when considering loads of short duration, such as wind and seismic forces.

Foundations should be reinforced in accordance with the recommendations of the project structural engineer. We recommend that, as a minimum, continuous footings be reinforced with two No. 4 reinforcing steel bars, one placed near the top of the footing and one placed near the bottom. Due to the potential for corrosion, reinforcing bars should be covered by 3 or more inches of concrete.

Shallow foundations placed in compacted fill soils or formational material may be designed using a coefficient of friction of 0.35 (total frictional resistance equals the coefficient of friction times the dead load) at the concrete/soil interface. A design passive resistance value of 350 pounds per square foot of depth for level soil (with a maximum value of 3,500 pounds per square foot) may be used. The allowable lateral resistance can

be taken as the sum of the friction resistance and passive resistance, provided the passive resistance does not exceed one-half the total allowable resistance. Passive resistance values may be increased by one-third when considering loads of short duration, such as wind or seismic loads.

Slabs-on-Grade

The recommendations provided in the previous project geotechnical report (Converse Consultants, 2003) are generally applicable for the design of slabs-on-grade. However, in areas where moisture-sensitive floor coverings are used, we recommend that a 10-mil thick polyethylene vapor barrier overlying a six-inch-thick open graded gravel (up to ¾ inch) be placed between the subgrade soil and the slab. In addition, a layer of two inches of sand should also be placed above the barrier to aid concrete curing.

Screen Walls and Retaining Walls

Screen walls and at grade retaining walls may be supported by foundations designed in accordance with the recommendations presented in the preceding section of this report. Lateral earth pressures recommended for design of yielding retaining walls are provided on Figure 4. Please note that the dynamic pressure presented on Figure 4 applies to retaining walls higher than 12 feet in accordance with the 2007 California Building Code (CBC). Passive pressures may be increased by one third when considering loads of short duration, including wind and seismic loads. Further, for sliding resistance, a friction coefficient of 0.35 may be used for the concrete and soil interface. The allowable resistance may be taken as the sum of the frictional and passive resistance, provided that the passive portion does not exceed one-half of the total allowable resistance.

Retaining walls should be backfilled with free-draining, granular, non-expansive imported soil (Expansion Index 20 or less). Measures should be taken to reduce the potential for build-up of moisture behind the retaining walls. Drainage design should include free-draining backfill materials and subsurface drainage provisions as shown on Figure 5.

Exterior Flatwork

Exterior flatwork should be supported on compacted non-expansive soils prepared in accordance with the earthwork recommendations presented in the preceding section of this report. Exterior flatwork should have a thickness of 4 inches or more. The flatwork should be reinforced with No. 4 steel reinforcing bars placed 24 inches on-center (each way) near the mid-height of the slab.

To reduce the potential for distress to exterior concrete flatwork due to movement of the underlying soil, we recommend that flatwork be installed with crack-control joints at an appropriate spacing as designed by the structural engineer. Exterior flatwork should be underlain by 2 inches of clean sand. We also recommend that exterior slabs be doweled to adjoining curbs, building walls, or other structures. Positive drainage should be established and maintained adjacent to flatwork.

Seismic Design Considerations

Design of the proposed improvements should be performed in accordance with the requirements of governing jurisdictions and applicable building codes. Table 4 presents the seismic design parameters for the site in accordance with CBC (2007) guidelines and mapped spectral acceleration parameters (United States Geological Survey [USGS], 2008).

Seismic Design Factors	Value
Site Class	C
Site Coefficient, F_a	1.0
Site Coefficient, F_v	1.3
Mapped Spectral Acceleration at 0.2-second Period, S_s	2.05 _g
Mapped Spectral Acceleration at 1.0-second Period, S ₁	0.700 g
Spectral Acceleration at 0.2-second Period Adjusted for Site Class, S_{MS}	2.049g
Spectral Acceleration at 1.0-second Period Adjusted for Site Class, S_{M1}	0.91 _g
Design Spectral Response Acceleration at 0.2-second Period, S _{DS}	1.366g
Design Spectral Response Acceleration at 1.0-second Period, S _{D1}	0.607 g

Table 4 – 2007 California Building Code Seismic Design Coefficients

Site-Specific Ground Motion Analysis

As a part of the seismic evaluation update, we also performed site-specific ground motion analysis in accordance with ASCE 7-05 Chapter 21 procedures. The following assumptions and procedures were used in our analysis: 1) The probabilistic MCE spectral response accelerations were taken as the mean (50th-percentile) values among the three attenuation relationships (Abrahamson and Silva, 1999, Campbell, 1997 and Sadigh, 1997) using the Open Seismic Hazard Analysis (OPENSHA) program (USGS, 2010); 2) The deterministic MCE response acceleration at each period was calculated as 150 percent of the largest median 5 percent damped spectral response acceleration computed with a maximum magnitude 7.3 and a site-to-fault distance of 5.22 km. These values were compared to the values computed in accordance with Figure 21.2-1 of ASCE 7-05 using $Fa = 1.0$ and $Fv = 1.3$. The larger value at each period was used as the deterministic MCE spectral response acceleration; 3) The site-specific MCE spectral response acceleration (SaM) at each period was taken as the lesser between values of 1) and 2); 4) The design spectral response acceleration at each period was taken as the maximum between two-third of SaM and 80 percent of Sa evaluated in accordance with ASCE 7-05 Section 11.4.5. Results of our analysis are shown on Figure 6.

Infiltration System Design Criteria

Based on the percolation testing, the percolation rate of the materials encountered to a depth of approximately 16.5 feet at boring locations B-1 and B-2 was approximately 0.1 to 1.0 gallons/ ft^2 /day. Due to variable subsurface conditions percolation rates will vary within the materials encountered at the site.

The design of on-site infiltration systems should consider that the interbedded formational materials are conducive to lateral migration of water along bedding planes and fracture systems. The design of the infiltration systems should include evaluation of existing and planned below grade structures, including the new parking structure, existing basements and existing tunnels with regard to lateral migration of infiltration water. We recommend that our office be consulted when designing on-site infiltration systems.

Corrosivity

Laboratory testing was performed on a representative sample of near-surface soil to evaluate soil pH, electrical resistivity, water-soluble chloride content, and water-soluble sulfate content. The soil pH and electrical resistivity tests were performed in general accordance with California Test Method (CT) 643. Chloride content tests were performed in general accordance with CT 422. Sulfate testing was performed in general accordance with CT 417. The laboratory test results are presented in Appendix C.

The soil pH and electrical resistivity were measured to be approximately 7.2 and 350 ohm-centimeters, respectively. The chloride content of the sample was approximately 100 ppm. The sulfate content of the tested sample was approximately 0.57 percent by weight (i.e., 5,700 ppm). Based on the laboratory test results and Caltrans (2003) corrosion criteria, the project site can be classified as a corrosive site, which is defined as having earth materials with greater than 500 ppm chlorides, greater than 0.20 percent sulfates (i.e., 2,000 ppm), or a pH of 5.5 or less.

Concrete Placement

Concrete in contact with soil or water that contains high concentrations of soluble sulfates can be subject to chemical and/or physical deterioration. Based on the ACI criteria (ACI, 2008), the potential for sulfate attack is severe for water-soluble sulfate contents in soil ranging from 0.2 to 2.0 percent by weight (2,000 to 20,000 ppm). As indicated above, the soil sample tested for this evaluation indicates a water-soluble sulfate content of 0.57 percent by weight (i.e., 5,700 ppm). Accordingly, the on-site soils are considered to have a severe potential for sulfate attack. Accordingly, we recommend that Type V cement with a water/cement ratio of 0.45 or less be used for the project.

In order to reduce the potential for shrinkage cracks in the concrete during curing, we recommend that the concrete be placed with a slump of 4 inches based on ASTM C 143. The slump should be checked periodically at the site prior to concrete placement. We also recommend that crack control joints be provided in sidewalks and exterior hardscape in accordance with the recommendations of the project structural engineer to reduce the po-

tential for distress due to minor soil movement and concrete shrinkage. The project structural engineer should be consulted for additional concrete specifications.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service on this project.

Respectfully submitted, **NINYO & MOORE**

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Attachments: References

- Figure 1 Site Location
- Figure 2 Boring Location

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Figure 3 – Fault Location

Figure 4 – Lateral Earth Pressures for Yielding Retaining Walls

Figure 5 – Retaining Wall Drainage Detail

Figure 6 – Acceleration Response Spectra

Attachment A – Boring Logs

Attachment B – Cone Penetrometer Tests

Attachment C – Laboratory Testing

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- ASSUMES NO HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE BUILD-UP
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RECOMMENDED GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN PARAMETERS

NOTES:

- 1 Probabilistic Acceleration Response Spectrum (ARS) is for Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE) with ground motion having 2% probability of exceedance In 50 years using the mean value among Abrahamson and Silva (1997), Campbell (1997) and Sadigh et al. (1997).
- 2 Deterministic ARS is 150% of the largest median values from the four attenuation relationships list above for a soft rock condition considering a Magnitude 7.3 event on the Puente Hills Blind Thrust fault located approximately 5.22 km from the site. Deterministic ARS conforms with the lower bound limit per ASCE 7-05 Section 21.2.2.
- 3 Site-Specific Design ARS is the lesser of spectral ordinates of deterministic and probabilistic ARS at each period per ASCE 7-05 Section 21.2.3. Site-Specific Design ARS conforms with lower bound limit per ASCE 7-05 Section 21.3.
- 4 Mapped Design ARS is computed from mapped spectral ordinates modified for Site Class C (soft rock profile) per ASCE 7-05 Section 11.4. It is presented for comparison.

5 ARS curves for horizontal ground motion assume 5% damping and do not include response modification factor or importance factor.

APPENDIX A

BORING LOGS

Field Procedure for the Collection of Disturbed Samples

Disturbed soil samples were obtained in the field using the following methods.

Bulk Samples

Bulk samples of representative earth materials were obtained from the exploratory excavations. The samples were bagged and transported to the laboratory for testing.

The Standard Penetration Test (SPT) Sampler

Disturbed drive samples of earth materials were obtained by means of a Standard Penetration Test sampler. The sampler is composed of a split barrel with an external diameter of 2 inches and an unlined internal diameter of 1-3/8 inches. The sampler was driven into the ground 18 inches with a 140-pound hammer free-falling from a height of 30 inches in general accordance with ASTM D 1586. The blow counts were recorded for every 6 inches of penetration; the blow counts reported on the logs are those for the last 12 inches of penetration. Soil samples were observed and removed from the sampler, bagged, sealed and transported to the laboratory for testing.

Field Procedure for the Collection of Relatively Undisturbed Samples

Relatively undisturbed soil samples were obtained in the field using the following methods.

The Modified Split-Barrel Drive Sampler

The sampler, with an external diameter of 3.0 inches, was lined with 1-inch long, thin brass rings with inside diameters of approximately 2.4 inches. The sample barrel was driven into the ground with the weight of a hammer in general accordance with ASTM D 3550. The driving weight was permitted to fall freely. The approximate length of the fall, the weight of the hammer or bar, and the number of blows per foot of driving are presented on the boring logs as an index to the relative resistance of the materials sampled. The samples were removed from the sample barrel in the brass rings, sealed, and transported to the laboratory for testing.

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CONE PENETROMETER TESTING

CPT Classification Chart

 $1000 =$ 10 12 11 Cone Resistance, qt (tsf)
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CPT Shear Wave Measurements

Shear Wave Source Offset = 5 ft

S-Wave Velocity from Surface = Travel Distance/S-Wave Arrival Interval S-Wave Velocity = (Travel Dist2-Travel Dist1)/(Time2-Time1)

APPENDIX C

LABORATORY TESTING

Classification

Soils were visually and texturally classified in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) in general accordance with ASTM D 2488. Soil classifications are indicated on the logs of the exploratory excavations in Appendix A.

In-Place Moisture and Density Tests

The moisture content and dry density of relatively undisturbed samples obtained from the exploratory excavations were evaluated in general accordance with ASTM D 2937. The test results are presented on the logs of the exploratory excavations in Appendix A.

Atterberg Limits

Tests were performed on selected representative fine-grained soil samples to evaluate the liquid limit, plastic limit, and plasticity index in general accordance with ASTM D 4318. These test results were utilized to evaluate the soil classification in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). The test results and classifications are shown on Figure C-1.

Direct Shear Tests

Direct shear tests were performed on relatively undisturbed samples in general accordance with ASTM D 3080 to evaluate the shear strength characteristics of selected materials. The samples were inundated during shearing to represent adverse field conditions. The results are shown on Figures C-2 through C-3.

Expansion Index Tests

The expansion index of a selected material was evaluated in general accordance with Uniform Building Code (UBC) Standard No. 18-2 (ASTM D 4829). Specimen was molded under a specified compactive energy at approximately 50 percent saturation (plus or minus 1 percent). The prepared 1-inch thick by 4-inch diameter specimen was loaded with a surcharge of 144 pounds per square foot and were inundated with tap water. Readings of volumetric swell were made for a period of 24 hours. Results of this test are presented on Figure C-4.

Soil Corrosivity Tests

Soil pH, and resistivity tests were performed on representative samples in general accordance with California Test (CT) 643. The soluble sulfate and chloride content of selected samples were evaluated in general accordance with CT 417 and CT 422, respectively. The test results are presented on Figure C-5.

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R-Value

The resistance value, or R-value, for site soils was evaluated in general accordance with California Test (CT) 301. A sample was prepared and evaluated for exudation pressure and expansion pressure. The equilibrium R-value is reported as the lesser or more conservative of the two calculated results. The test results are shown on Figure C-6.

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¹ PERFORMED IN GENERAL ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA TEST METHOD 643

² PERFORMED IN GENERAL ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA TEST METHOD 417

³ PERFORMED IN GENERAL ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA TEST METHOD 422

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