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GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING REPORT

High Sierra Subdivision
20th Filing
Billings, Montana

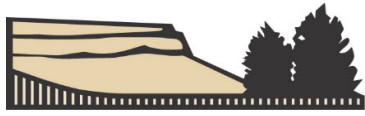
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Dear Mr. Leep:

Rimrock Engineering, Inc. has completed the geotechnical engineering services for the referenced project. The attached report presents the results of our findings. Our work consisted of subsurface exploration, laboratory testing, engineering analyses, and preparation of this report.

We appreciate this opportunity to be of service to you and are prepared to provide construction materials testing services during the construction phase of the project. If you have any questions regarding this report or need additional information or services, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rimrock Engineering has completed the geotechnical engineering services for High Sierra Subdivision 20th Filing in Billings, Montana. Based on the results of our geotechnical investigation, the site can be developed for the proposed project consistent with the recommendations provided in this report. The following geotechnical conditions and considerations were identified:

- The subsurface profile consists of medium stiff to stiff, medium to high plasticity sandy lean clay and medium dense clayey sand soils overlying weathered, poorly indurated sandy shale bedrock with interbedded sandstone which extended to the maximum depths explored. The shale was encountered at depths ranging from about 3 to 6 feet. Groundwater was not encountered while drilling or for the short duration the borings were allowed to remain open.
- Medium and high plasticity lean clay soils and/or weathered shale bedrock was encountered at or near anticipated foundation and slab elevations. Based on field and laboratory testing, the clay soils are expected to be compressible. Although consolidation/swell tests did not indicate swell, index properties of the soils suggest expansive potential. Potential for swell can be quite significant for lightly loaded structures and therefore is of concern.
- Due to these concerns, we recommend supporting the structures using deep foundations such as helical piers and a structural floor system on grade beams with void forms. In our opinion, a deep foundation system provides the highest level of assurance against movement related distress to the completed structures.

It should be noted that specific project details were not fully developed or included in this section. The information provided in this executive summary should be used in conjunction with the entire report for design purposes.

GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING REPORT

High Sierra Subdivision

20th Filing

Billings, Montana

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

1.1 Project Description

The project consists of the High Sierra Subdivision 20th Filing in Billings, Montana. The project will include residential lots, new streets, and associated utilities.

1.2 Purpose and Scope of Work

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the feasibility of the proposed development with respect to the observed subsurface conditions and to provide information, opinions, and geotechnical engineering recommendations relative to:

- General soil and groundwater conditions
- Site and subgrade preparation
- Recommended foundation type(s) and design parameters
- Estimated settlement of foundations
- Pavement thickness design
- Basement construction considerations
- Utility trench considerations
- Potential for site soils to adversely react with concrete
- General earthwork and site drainage

Our scope of services consisted of background review, site reconnaissance, field exploration, laboratory testing, engineering analyses, and preparation of this report.

2.0 INVESTIGATION

2.1 Field Exploration

The subsurface exploration for the 20th Filing consisted of drilling twenty (20) borings from July 7 to 8, 2021 to approximately 15 feet below existing grades. The borings were drilled using our truck mounted drill rig equipped with solid flight augers. Groundwater levels were measured during drilling operations, if encountered. Upon completion of drilling and/or groundwater measurements, the borings were backfilled with drill cuttings and compacted with the equipment at hand.

Logs of the borings along with a Vicinity/Site Map are included in Appendix A. The borings were located in the field by Rimrock Engineering based on a site plan provided. Estimated ground surface elevations were set at 100 for purposes of this investigation. The locations and elevations of the borings should be considered accurate only to the degree implied by the means and methods used to define them.

Rimrock Engineering personnel logged the soil conditions encountered in the borings. At selected intervals, samples of the subsurface materials were taken by driving split-spoon samplers, pushing Shelby tube samplers, and collecting auger cuttings. Penetration resistance measurements were obtained by driving the samplers into the subsurface materials with a 140-pound automatic hammer falling 30 inches. The penetration resistance value is a useful index in estimating the relative density, or consistency, of the materials encountered. The samples were tagged for identification, sealed to reduce moisture loss, and taken to our laboratory for further examination, testing, and classification.

2.2 Laboratory Testing

The purpose of the laboratory testing is to assess the physical and engineering properties of the soil samples collected in the field to be used in our geotechnical evaluations and analyses. Laboratory testing was performed on selected soil samples to assess the following:

- Visual classification (USCS)
- Moisture content
- Sieve analysis
- Atterberg limits
- Consolidation/swell
- Moisture/density relationship
- California Bearing Ratio (CBR)
- Water soluble sulfate, pH & resistivity

The soil descriptions presented on the boring logs are in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). Individual laboratory test results can be found in Appendix B at the end of this report.

3.0 SITE & SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

3.1 Site Conditions

The project site consists of undeveloped property north of Ortega Street and Entrada Road in Billings, Montana. The site is vegetated mainly of natural grasses and weeds. Evidence of possible surface water was observed along shallow swales running through the property towards the east and north. A stormwater drainage appears to run through the property near Matador Avenue and runs north. The surrounding areas consist mainly of residential development and undeveloped property.

3.2 Subsurface Soil Conditions

The subsurface profile consists of medium stiff to stiff, medium to high plasticity sandy lean clay and medium dense clayey sand soils overlying weathered, poorly indurated sandy shale bedrock with interbedded sandstone which extended to the maximum depths explored. The shale was encountered at depths ranging from about 3 to 6 feet. Sandstone was sometimes encountered above the shale and near the surface.

The sandy lean clay soils and clayey sand had Standard Penetration Test (SPT) N-values ranging from 9 to 15 blows per foot indicating the soils are stiff in consistency or loose to medium dense in relative density, compressible, and have low shear strength characteristics. The sedimentary bedrock is medium hard to hard and highly to moderately weathered at the contact and generally becoming more competent with depth. For a more detailed description of the subsurface conditions, please refer to the logs provided in Appendix A

3.3 Groundwater Conditions

The borings were observed while drilling and after completion for the presence and level of groundwater. Groundwater was not encountered while drilling or for the short duration the borings were allowed to remain open. However, groundwater has been observed in nearby to the west in recent months. These observations represent groundwater conditions at the time of the field exploration and may not be indicative of other times, or at other locations. Groundwater can be expected to fluctuate with varying seasonal, weather and irrigation conditions. Evaluation of the factors that affect groundwater fluctuations is beyond the scope of this report.

3.4 Laboratory Test Results

The site soils were tested for grain size distribution (sieve analysis) and Atterberg Limits. Atterberg limits are a basic measure of the critical water contents of a fine-grained soils. The clayey soils encountered in the borings generally ranged from medium to high plasticity. Results are summarized below:

Location	Depth (ft)	USCS	Liquid Limit (%)	Plastic Limit (%)	Plasticity Index (%)	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Clay/Silt (%)
B-15	4.5	SC	47	25	22	2.6	72.3	25.1
B-16	4.5	CL	30	16	14	0.0	46.0	54.0
B-20	4.5	SC	50	24	26	9.2	45.4	45.4
B-25	9.5	CH	50	19	31	0.0	38.6	61.4
B-42	4.5	SC	30	16	14	0.0	55.1	44.9
B-46	4.5	SC	34	21	13	8.0	44.5	47.6

A sample of the lean clay soils was tested for consolidation/swell potential. The sample was allowed to consolidate under a confining pressure of 1,000 pounds per square foot (psf). Once

consolidation under the surcharge load was complete, the sample was inundated with water and allowed to swell/collapse. After movement from the addition of water ceased, incremental loads were then applied to further consolidate the sample.

Consolidation/swell test results indicate that the fine-grained soils exhibit moderate compressibility (See Consolidation Tests in Appendix B). Results are summarized below:

Location	Depth (ft)	Material	Dry Unit Weight (pcf)	Strain @ 2,000 psf (%)	Collapse(-)/Swell(+) (%)
B-16	4.5	CL	109	1.9	-0.3

A representative sample of the near surface soils was collected for Moisture-Density Relationship (M/D) and California Bearing Ratio (CBR) testing. The results are summarized in the following table:

Location	Depth, (ft)	Material	Maximum Dry Density (pcf)	Optimum Moisture Content (%)	CBR
B-41 to B-47	1-3	CL	106.9	16.3	3.9

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Geotechnical Concerns/Considerations

Medium and high plasticity lean clay soils and/or weathered shale bedrock was encountered at or near anticipated foundation and slab elevations. Based on field and laboratory testing, the clay soils are expected to be compressible. Although consolidation/swell tests did not indicate swell, index properties of the soils suggest expansive potential. Potential for swell can be quite significant for lightly loaded structures and therefore is of concern.

Due to these concerns, we recommend supporting the structures using deep foundations such as helical piers and a structural floor system on grade beams with void forms. In our opinion, a deep foundation system provides the highest level of assurance against movement related distress to the completed structures.

Treatment of the existing potentially expansive materials can be considered in order to reduce swell tendencies of the site materials. CST Concrete Stabilization Technologies, Inc. offers expansive soil remediation treatment. This option involves injecting a stabilizing agent called AGSS-ICS into the soil through small injection probes. This chemical reduces swell potential and minimizing shrinkage potential of expansive soils. This would provide an added level of protection against swell potential.

Shallow foundation alternatives may be possible but present a higher risk for settlement and/or swell related concerns. If shallow foundations are to be considered, we recommend a site-specific evaluation/investigation be performed once specific structure design and foundation loading are

known. Performance of the system is largely dependent on proper treatment and re-compaction of the native soils, placement and control of geotextiles and structural fill, and good effective positive drainage for the life of the structure. Subsurface drain systems can also be used to help mitigate movement potential with moisture sensitive soils.

4.2 Earthwork

The following sections present recommendations for site and subgrade preparation and placement of fill materials on the project. Earthwork on the project should be observed and tested by Rimrock Engineering.

4.2.1 Site and Subgrade Preparation

Vegetation, topsoil, existing utilities (if present), and other unsuitable materials (e.g. debris, desiccated soil, frozen soil, etc.) should be removed from the proposed construction area. It is anticipated that general excavations for the proposed construction can be accomplished with conventional earthmoving equipment such as tractor mounted backhoes and tracked excavators.

If a structural floor is not desired, excavations below floor slabs also should allow for placement of at least 8 inches of geotextile-reinforced structural fill. Subgrade should be scarified a minimum of 12 inches, moisture conditioned and recompacted prior to placement of geotextile and structural fill. The geotextile and structural fill should then be quickly placed directly over the compacted subgrade soils.

Once the over-excavations have been completed and subgrade soils prepared, we recommend the separation/stabilization geotextile Mirafi RS380i be placed at the interface between the prepared subgrade soils and the structural fill to help stabilize the subgrade as well as keep the subgrade soils from intruding into the structural fill.

Within the proposed areas to receive pavement, scarification, re-compaction and proof-rolling of the clay/silt subgrade soils is recommended. Subgrade soils beneath pavement areas should be scarified to a depth of at least 12 inches, moisture conditioned to within 3 percent of optimum and compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined by ASTM D698. The moisture content and compaction of subgrade soils should be maintained until pavement construction.

The prepared subgrade should be proof-rolled by a standard, tandem axle dump truck loaded to its capacity. The proof-rolling should be observed by our geotechnical engineer to identify areas of soft subgrade. Any areas that become unstable or “pump” under the loaded dump truck should be excavated to a depth to be determined by our geotechnical engineer and replaced with a dense graded gravel/sand mixture to stabilize the subgrade. Additionally, a geogrid or geotextile separation fabric may be required to stabilize soft subgrade soils, if encountered. Once the subgrade has been proof-rolled and approved by the geotechnical engineer, base course may be placed.

4.2.2 Material Requirements

It is anticipated that excavated materials will be used to the extent practical as engineered fill, wall/trench backfill, and/or lot fill. The material suitability should be evaluated by our geotechnical engineer prior to use. Moisture conditioning and processing of on-site soils will likely be required. Structural fill should meet the criteria outlined below:

<u>Gradation</u>	<u>Percent finer by weight (ASTM C136)</u>
3"	100
No. 4 Sieve	30-75
No. 200 Sieve	15 (max)
Liquid Limit	25 (max)
Plasticity Index	6 (max)

4.2.3 Compaction Requirements

Fill materials should be placed and compacted in loose lift thicknesses of 8 inches or less when heavy, self-propelled compaction equipment is used. When hand-guided equipment such as jumping jack or plate compactor is used, loose lift thicknesses should be on the order of 4 to 6 inches.

The following table lists the compaction requirements for the different types of fill recommended in this report.

Item	Description
Compaction Requirement (ASTM D698)	Structural Fill: 98% Subgrade Soils: 95% Aggregate Base (beneath slabs & pavements): 95% Wall/Trench Backfill: 97% beneath pavements, 95% elsewhere Drainage Aggregate: Tamp to Stable Condition
Moisture Content (ASTM D698)	Structural Fill: ± 3 % of optimum Site Clayey Soils: 0 to +3% of optimum

The Contractor shall provide and use sufficient equipment of a type and weight suitable for the conditions encountered in the field. The equipment shall be capable of obtaining the required compaction in all areas, including those that are inaccessible to ordinary rolling equipment.

4.2.4 Excavation and Trench Construction

Excavations into the on-site soils will likely encounter variably medium stiff to stiff clay and medium to hard shale bedrock. Sandstone may be encountered as well. The excavated materials will generally be suitable for use as trench backfill above the utility line bedding. It is anticipated that excavations for the proposed construction can be accomplished with conventional earthmoving equipment. The contractor is responsible for designing and constructing stable, temporary

excavations and ultimately the safety of workers. All excavations should be sloped or shored in the interest of safety following local and federal regulations, including current OSHA excavation and trench safety standards.

If groundwater is encountered, it should be promptly removed using a dewatering technique designed by a dewatering consultant that lowers and keeps the groundwater surface at least 2 feet below the trench bottom throughout installation and backfilling operations.

If trenches are extended deeper than five feet or are allowed to dry out, the excavations may become unstable and should be evaluated to verify their stability prior to occupation by construction personnel. Shoring or sloping of any deep trench walls may be necessary to protect personnel and provide temporary stability.

As a safety measure, vehicles and stockpiles should be kept away from the excavation crest a distance at least equal to the slope height. The exposed slope face should be protected against the elements.

All trench excavations should be made with sufficient working space to permit construction including backfill placement and compaction. Utility trenches are a common source of water infiltration and migration. All utility trenches that penetrate beneath the structures should be effectively sealed to restrict water intrusion and flow through the trenches that could migrate beneath the structures. We recommend constructing an effective clay "trench plug" that extends at least 5 feet out from the structures. The plug material should consist of clay compacted at a water content at or above the optimum water content. The clay fill should be placed to completely surround the utility line above the bedding zone and be compacted in accordance with recommendations in this report. Trench plug material should conform to MPW specifications.

4.2.5 Site Drainage

Positive drainage should be provided during construction and maintained throughout the life of the proposed project. Infiltration of water into utility or foundation excavations must be prevented during construction. All grades must provide effective drainage away from the structures during and after construction. Water permitted to pond next to the structures can result in greater soil movements than those discussed in this report. Estimated movements described in this report are based on effective drainage for the life of the structures and cannot be relied upon if effective drainage is not maintained.

In areas where sidewalks or paving do not immediately adjoin the structures, we recommend that protective slopes be provided with a minimum grade of approximately 10 percent for at least 10 feet from perimeter walls. Backfill against footings, exterior walls, and in utility and sprinkler line trenches should be well compacted and free of all construction debris to reduce the possibility of moisture infiltration.

Downspouts, roof drains or scuppers should be extended and discharged beyond the backfill zone when the ground surface beneath such features is not protected by exterior slabs or paving. Landscaped irrigation adjacent to the foundation system should be minimized, eliminated, or strictly regulated.

4.2.6 Construction Considerations

Although the exposed subgrade is anticipated to be relatively stable upon initial exposure, unstable subgrade conditions could develop during general construction operations, particularly if the soils are wetted and/or subjected to repetitive construction traffic. The use of light, rubber-tracked construction equipment would aid in reducing subgrade disturbance. Should unstable subgrade conditions develop, our geotechnical engineer should review conditions and provide recommendations for stabilization.

The site should be graded to prevent ponding of surface water on, or direction of runoff toward, the prepared subgrades or excavations. If the subgrade should become frozen, desiccated, saturated, or disturbed, the affected material should be removed.

As a minimum, all temporary excavations should be sloped or braced as required by Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) regulations to provide stability and safe working conditions. The grading contractor, by his contract, is usually responsible for designing and constructing stable, temporary excavations and should shore, slope or bench the sides of the excavations, as required, to maintain stability of both the excavation sides and bottom. All excavations should comply with applicable local, state and federal safety regulations, including the current OSHA Excavation and Trench Safety Standards.

Rimrock Engineering should be retained during the construction phase of the project to observe earthwork and to perform necessary tests and observations during construction of the project.

4.3 Helical Pier Foundation System

Helical piers offer a deep foundation alternative for supporting the proposed structure. These consist of a steel helix welded to a solid steel shank. They are screwed through the soils using a hydraulic motor, usually attached to a mini excavator or skid-steer loader. Shank extensions are added, as needed, to reach the required bearing depth. Installation torque is monitored and has been shown to be a reliable method for estimating the individual pier capacity. This alternative avoids the potentially compressible/collapsible soil by extending loads to less compressible/collapsible bearing soils. Since helical piers do not require an open hole; no casing, drilling slurry, reinforcing steel or special concrete placement is typically required, nor is there any waste material requiring disposal.

For the conditions at this site, it is advisable to install helical piers to the maximum allowable installation torque to obtain the maximum capacity from each pier. Piers should extend into the underlying shale. We recommend design of the piers be performed by a licensed installer.

Settlement of a helical pier foundation system should be about ½-inch, when designed in accordance with the recommended allowable capacities. At least one load test should be performed to verify the helical piers develop the design capacity without exceeding ½-inch vertical deflection. Foundation elements such as pier caps or footings should extend at least 3.5 feet below final grade to provide frost protection.

4.4 Concrete Slabs

If a structure floor is not desired, to reduce the potential for movement related distress to interior concrete slabs, we recommend a minimum of 8 inches of geotextile-reinforced (Mirafi RS380i) structural fill be used for slab support. A leveling course, typically 4 to 6 inches of sand/gravel, should also be provided below the concrete slabs and can be considered part of the structural fill section.

Additional floor slab design and construction recommendations are as follows:

- Positive separations and/or isolation joints should be provided between slabs and all foundations, columns or utility lines to allow independent movement
- Contraction joints should be provided in slabs to control the location and extent of cracking
- Floor slabs should be structurally independent of any building footings or walls to reduce the possibility of floor slab cracking caused by differential movements between slab and foundation
- The use of a vapor retarder should be considered beneath concrete slabs-on-grade that will be covered with wood, tile, carpet or other moisture sensitive or impervious coverings, or when the slab will support equipment sensitive to moisture. When conditions warrant the use of a vapor retarder, the slab designer and slab contractor should refer to ACI 302 for procedures and cautions regarding the use and placement of a vapor retarder
- Floor slabs should not be constructed on frozen subgrade
- Other design and construction considerations, as outlined in Section 302.1R of the ACI Design Manual, are recommended

Exterior slabs-on-grade founded on the site soils may experience some movement due to the volume change of the near surface materials through moisture variation or freeze-thaw cycles. This movement may lead to loss of positive drainage away from the building and could present a tripping hazard where slab sections move independently. Potential movement could be reduced by:

- Performing regular joint-sealing maintenance
- Minimizing moisture variations in the subgrade
- Minimizing moisture introduction to slab surfaces
- Rebar reinforcement on relatively close centers
- Controlling moisture-density during placement
- Placing effective control joints on relatively close centers

- Using designs which allow vertical movement between the exterior features and adjoining structural elements

4.5 Basement and Crawlspace Construction

Groundwater was not encountered during this investigation. However, groundwater has been observed nearby. To reduce the potential for surface water and/or groundwater infiltration into residential basements and crawlspaces, installation of a perimeter drainage system should be considered when slabs are expected near groundwater elevations. The drainage system should be constructed around the exterior perimeter of the foundation, and sloped at a minimum 1/8 inch per foot to a suitable outlet such as a sump and pump system or day-lighted.

The exterior drainage system should consist of a properly sized perforated pipe (typically 4-inch pipe), embedded in free-draining gravel, placed in a trench at least 12-inches in width. The crown of the drain should be placed 12 inches below the top of the floor elevation. Gravel should extend a minimum of 3-inches beneath the bottom of the pipe, and at least 1 foot above the bottom of the foundation wall/grade beam. The gravel should be wrapped with geotextile fabric such as Mirafi 140N.

To reduce the potential for groundwater fluctuation to impact foundation bearing soils and/or enter the residential basements, installation of an interior dewatering system, in addition to the exterior perimeter system, should be considered when slabs are placed within 3 feet of the estimated groundwater levels. In our opinion, slabs should not be placed closer than 2 vertical feet to the groundwater contact. The interior dewatering system should, at a minimum, include an underslab gravel drainage layer sloped to an interior perimeter drainage system.

The interior drainage system should consist of a properly sized perforated pipe, embedded in free-draining gravel, placed in a trench at least 12 inches in width. The trench should be inset from the interior edge of the nearest foundation a minimum of 12 inches. In addition, the trench should be located such that an imaginary line extending downward at a 45-degree angle from the foundation does not intersect the nearest edge of the trench. Gravel should extend a minimum of 3 inches beneath the bottom of the pipe. The drainage system should be sloped at a minimum 1/8 inch per foot to a suitable outlet, such as a sump and pump system.

The underslab drainage layer should consist of a minimum 8-inch thickness of free-draining gravel. Cross-connecting drainage pipes should be provided beneath the slab at 10-foot intervals, and should discharge to the perimeter drainage system. In addition, a water stop is recommended at the junction of basement slabs and foundation walls, or at other locations where groundwater could enter the basement should it rise above the present level.

4.6 Lateral Earth Pressures

Basement walls will be subject to lateral earth pressure from the backfill. Basement walls are normally designed for the “at-rest” earth pressure condition, because the walls are restrained from

rotating. Assuming the site clayey soils will be re-used as backfill material, a value of 80 pounds per square foot, per foot of depth, should be used for the at-rest lateral earth pressure against the basement walls. The lateral earth pressure does not include any factor of safety and is not applicable for submerged conditions or hydrostatic loading.

Compaction of each lift of backfill adjacent to the basement walls should be accomplished with hand-operated tampers or other lightweight compactors. Over-compaction may cause excessive lateral earth pressures which could result in wall damage.

4.7 Corrosion Protection

A soil sample was submitted for water soluble sulfate, pH and resistivity testing. The results are summarized in the following table:

Location	Depth (ft)	Material	Water Soluble Sulfate Content (%)	Resistivity (ohm/cm)	pH
B-22	4.5	CL	0.36	187	7.8

Water soluble sulfate values between 0.20 and 2.00 are considered to have severe attack potential on normal strength concrete. As a result, Type V Portland cement with a maximum water-cementitious materials ratio of 0.45 and a minimum compressive strength of 4,500 psi should be specified for all project concrete placed on and below grade. Foundation concrete should be designed in accordance with the provisions of the ACI Design Manual, Section 318, Chapter 4.

Resistivity values less than 1,000 are considered to be very strongly aggressive with regard to corrosion of buried metals. If corrosion of buried metal is critical, it should be protected using a non-corrosive backfill, wrapping, coating, sacrificial anodes, or a combination of these methods, as designed by a qualified corrosion engineer.

4.8 Pavements

Pavement section alternatives for this project were designed based on the procedures outlined in the 1993 Guideline for Design of Pavement Structures by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

For purposes of this design analysis, a terminal serviceability index of 2.0, an inherent reliability of 85 percent, and a subgrade drainage coefficient of 0.9 were used. It is anticipated that pavement subgrade soils will consist of clay soils which are typically considered poor materials for pavement support. A California Bearing Ratio (CBR) value of 3.9 was used in the pavement design analysis. Please note that this CBR value and the pavement section alternatives provided assume that the site soils will be re-compacted and left in-place within the pavement areas. If this is not the case, Rimrock Engineering should be notified to provide additional pavement design

recommendations based on the subgrade soils which will be present below the pavement sections.

Specific traffic data was not provided for this project. Therefore, we have assumed an equivalent 18-kip single axle load (ESAL) of 100,000 to represent the design traffic intensity for the proposed interior roads over a 20-year design period. Please notify us if any of the parameters used in the pavement design do not adequately define the anticipated conditions.

Select from the following pavement alternative, or an approved equivalent.

Pavement Alternative (inches)			
Traffic Area	Asphalt Concrete	Base Course*	Total
Residential Streets	3	10	13

Base course thicknesses can typically be reduced by about 20 to 30 percent or more if a stabilization/separation geotextile such as Mirafi RS580i is used. Additional geotechnical input and design will be required if geosynthetics are to be used.

Asphalt concrete should be composed of a mixture of aggregate, filler and additives (if required), and approved bituminous material. The asphalt concrete should conform to approved mix designs which include volumetrics, Marshall properties, optimum asphalt cement content, job mix formula, and recommended mixing and placing temperatures. The asphalt concrete should be consistent with an approved mix design conforming to Montana Public Works (MPW). Mix designs should be submitted prior to construction to verify their adequacy. Aggregate used in the asphalt should meet MPW specifications for quality and gradation.

Asphalt material should be placed in maximum 3-inch lifts (compacted thickness) and should be compacted to the minimum standards outlined in the MPW specifications. Aggregate base course should consist of a blend of sand and gravel which meets MPW specifications for quality and gradation. Aggregate base course should be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined by ASTM D 698.

Each pavement alternative should be evaluated with respect to current material availability and economic conditions. The pavement sections presented herein are based on design parameters selected by Rimrock Engineering based on experience with similar projects and soil conditions. Design parameters may vary with the specific project and material source. Variation of these parameters may change the thickness of the pavement sections presented. Rimrock Engineering is prepared to discuss the details of these parameters and their effects on pavement design and reevaluate pavement design as appropriate.

Pavements should be sloped to provide rapid drainage of surface water. Water allowed to pond on or adjacent to the pavements could saturate the subgrade and contribute to premature pavement deterioration. In addition, the pavement subgrade should be graded to provide positive drainage within the granular base section. If heavy construction traffic is allowed on unfinished

pavement sections or sections not designed for such traffic, premature rutting and/or failure may occur.

The pavement sections provided in this report represent minimum recommended thicknesses and, as such, periodic maintenance should be anticipated. Therefore, preventive maintenance should be planned and provided for through an on-going pavement management program. Preventive maintenance activities are intended to slow the rate of pavement deterioration and to preserve the pavement investment. Preventive maintenance consists of both localized maintenance (e.g. crack and joint sealing and patching) and global maintenance (e.g. surface sealing). Preventive maintenance is usually the first priority when implementing a planned pavement maintenance program and provides the highest return on investment for pavements. Prior to implementing any maintenance program, additional engineering input is recommended to determine the type and extent of preventive maintenance appropriate. Even with periodic maintenance, some movements and related cracking may still occur and repairs may be required.

5.0 ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The recommendations made in this report assume that an adequate program of tests and observations will be made during construction to verify compliance with these recommendations. If we are not retained for these services, the Client agrees to assume Rimrock Engineering's responsibility for any potential claims that may arise during construction.

6.0 LIMITATIONS

Recommendations contained in this report are based on our field explorations, laboratory tests, and our understanding of the proposed construction. The study was performed using a mutually agreed upon scope of work. It is our opinion that this study was a cost-effective method to evaluate the subject site and evaluate some of the potential geotechnical concerns. More detailed, focused, and/or thorough investigations can be conducted. Further studies will tend to increase the level of assurance; however, such efforts will result in increased costs. If the Client wishes to reduce the uncertainties beyond the level associated with this study, Rimrock Engineering should be contacted for additional consultation.

The soils data used in the preparation of this report were obtained from borings made for this investigation. It is possible that variations in soils exist between the points explored. The nature and extent of soil variations may not be evident until construction occurs. If any soil conditions are encountered at this site which is different from those described in this report, our firm should be immediately notified so that we may make any necessary revisions to our recommendations. In addition, if the scope of the proposed project changes, our firm should be notified. This report has been prepared for design purposes for specific application to this project in accordance with the generally accepted standards of practice at the time the report was written. No warranty, express or implied, is made.

This report may be used only by the Client and for the purposes stated, within a reasonable time from its issuance. Land use, site conditions (both on- and off-site), or other factors including advances in man's understanding of applied science may change over time and could materially affect our findings. Therefore, this report should not be relied upon after 36 months from its issue. Rimrock Engineering should be notified if the project is delayed by more than 24 months from the date of this report so that a review of site conditions can be made, and recommendations revised if appropriate.

It is the Client's responsibility to see that all parties to the project including the designer, contractor, subcontractors, etc., are made aware of this report in its entirety. The use of information contained in this report for bidding purposes should be done at the Contractor's option and risk. Any party other than the Client who wishes to use this report shall notify Rimrock Engineering of such intended use. Based on the intended use of the report, Rimrock Engineering may require that additional work be performed and that an updated report be issued. Non-compliance with any of these requirements by the Client or anyone else will release Rimrock Engineering from any liability resulting from the use of this report by any unauthorized party.

APPENDIX A

Field Exploration

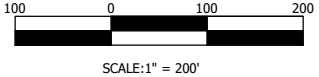
CONCEPT OF
HIGH SIERRA SUBDIVISION, 17TH, 18TH, 19TH & 20TH FILINGS
LOCATED IN A PORTION OF TRACT 1, CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY NO. 3776

PREPARED FOR : HIGH SIERRA II, INC.

PREPARED BY : **SANDERSON STEWART**

MAY, 2021

BILLINGS, MONTANA



NOTES:

1. ZONING IS N3
2. ALL INTERNAL STREETS SHALL BE BUILT TO CITY OF BILLINGS STANDARDS 34' BACK TO BACK IN A 56' WIDE R.O.W.
3. 12" WATER MAIN WILL BE LOCATED IN ENTRADA ROAD AND MODERA AVE. ALL OTHER WATER MAINS WILL BE 8".
4. ALL SANITARY SEWER MAIN WILL BE 8" EXCEPT FOR SANITARY SEWER MAIN LOCATED IN LINDERO BLVD. WHICH WILL BE LARGER.
5. STORMWATER RUNOFF WILL BE DIRECTED TO AN EXISTING STORMWATER DETENTION FACILITY LOCATED NORTH OF THE SUBDIVISIONS. THE STORAGE FOR THE STORMWATER DETENTION FACILITY WILL BE EXPANDED TO ACCOUNT FOR THE ADDITIONAL RUNOFF. MAINS AND INLETS WILL BE PROVIDED AS NECESSARY.
6. PARKLAND HAS BEEN MET THROUGH PREVIOUS DEDICATION OF PARKLAND IN HIGH SIERRA SUBDIVISION, 14TH FILING. IF ADDITIONAL PARKLAND DEDICATION IS REQUIRED IT WILL BE MET THROUGH A CASH CONTRIBUTION.
7. A TRAFFIC IMPACT UPDATE LETTER WILL BE PROVIDED WITH PRELIMINARY PLAT SUBMITTAL EACH FILING.
8. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT PRIVATE UTILITIES AND EASEMENTS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE FRONT LOT LINES. THIS WILL BE CONFIRMED WITH THE PRIVATE UTILITY COMPANIES.



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LOGGED BY W.R. CHECKED BY M.G.

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PROJECT LOCATION Billings, MT

GROUND ELEVATION 100 ft HOLE SIZE 5 inches

GROUND WATER LEVELS:
AT TIME OF DRILLING ---
AT END OF DRILLING ---
AFTER DRILLING ---

DEPTH (ft)	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	RECOVERY % (RQD)	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	POCKET PEN. (tsf)	DRY UNIT WT. (pcf)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)	ATTERBERG LIMITS			FINES CONTENT (%)
									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
		(CL) SANDSTONE Light brownish gray, moderately cemented, fine sand.										
2.5												
5.0		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	6-7-7 (14)			17				
7.5												
10.0												
12.5												
15.0												
Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.												

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DRILLING METHOD <u>Solid Stem Auger</u>	AT TIME OF DRILLING <u>---</u>
LOGGED BY <u>W.R.</u> CHECKED BY <u>M.G.</u>	AT END OF DRILLING <u>---</u>
NOTES _____	AFTER DRILLING <u>---</u>

DEPTH (ft)	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	RECOVERY % (RQD)	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	POCKET PEN. (tsf)	DRY UNIT WT. (pcf)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)	ATTERBERG LIMITS			FINES CONTENT (%)
									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
2.5		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
5.0		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	4-4-6 (10)			23	47	25	22	25
7.5												
10.0			SPT	100	5-8-9 (17)			17				
12.5												
15.0												

Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.



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AT END OF DRILLING ---
AFTER DRILLING ---

DEPTH (ft)	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	RECOVERY % (RQD)	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	POCKET PEN. (tsf)	DRY UNIT WT. (pcf)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)	ATTERBERG LIMITS			FINES CONTENT (%)
									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
2.5		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
5.0			ST	100			109	17	30	16	14	54
7.5		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	5-8-8 (16)			20				
10.0												
12.5												
15.0												
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GROUND WATER LEVELS:

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AT END OF DRILLING ---

AFTER DRILLING ---

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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
		SANDSTONE Light brownish gray, weathered, moderately cemented, fine sand.										
2.5												
		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.										
5.0			AU	100				20				
7.5												
10.0												
12.5												
15.0												

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DRILLING CONTRACTOR <u>Rimrock Engineering, Inc.</u>	GROUND WATER LEVELS:
DRILLING METHOD <u>Solid Stem Auger</u>	AT TIME OF DRILLING <u>---</u>
LOGGED BY <u>W.R.</u> CHECKED BY <u>M.G.</u>	AT END OF DRILLING <u>---</u>
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DEPTH (ft)	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	RECOVERY % (RQD)	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	POCKET PEN. (tsf)	DRY UNIT WT. (pcf)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)	ATTERBERG LIMITS			FINES CONTENT (%)
									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
2.5		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
5.0			SPT	100	5-8-7 (15)			10				
7.5		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.										
10.0												
12.5												
15.0												
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AT END OF DRILLING ---
AFTER DRILLING ---

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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
2.5		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
5.0		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	3-4-3 (7)			20				
7.5												
10.0												
12.5												
15.0												
Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.												

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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
		(SC) CLAYEY SAND Brown, medium dense, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
2.5												
5.0												
		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	3-3-8 (11)			22	80	24	56	45
7.5												
10.0												
12.5												
15.0												
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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
		(CL) SANDSTONE Light brownish gray, moderately cemented.										
2.5												
		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.										
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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
2.5												
		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.										
5.0			SPT	100	10-17-27 (44)			15				
7.5												
10.0												
12.5												
15.0												

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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
		(SC) CLAYEY SAND Brown, medium dense, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
2.5												
			AU	100				9				
5.0		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.										
7.5												
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12.5												
15.0												
Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.												

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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
2.5												
5.0		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	6-9-10 (19)			16				
7.5												
10.0												
12.5												
15.0												
Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.												

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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
2.5												
5.0												
		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	3-4-5 (9)			21				
7.5												
10.0			SPT	100	10-10-15 (25)			20	50	19	31	61
12.5												
15.0												
Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.												

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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
2.5												
5.0		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	6-10-14 (24)			15				
7.5												
10.0												
12.5												
15.0												
Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.												

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DRILLING METHOD <u>Solid Stem Auger</u>	AT TIME OF DRILLING <u>---</u>
LOGGED BY <u>W.R.</u> CHECKED BY <u>M.G.</u>	AT END OF DRILLING <u>---</u>
NOTES _____	AFTER DRILLING <u>---</u>

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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
2.5		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
5.0		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	8-6-6 (12)			9				
7.5												
10.0			SPT	100	8-8-14 (22)							
12.5												
15.0												

Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.



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CLIENT High Sierra II, Inc.PROJECT NAME High Sierra 17th-20th FilingsPROJECT NUMBER G21105PROJECT LOCATION Billings, MTDATE STARTED 7/8/21COMPLETED 7/8/21GROUND ELEVATION 100 ftHOLE SIZE 5 inchesDRILLING CONTRACTOR Rimrock Engineering, Inc.

GROUND WATER LEVELS:

DRILLING METHOD Solid Stem AugerAT TIME OF DRILLING ---LOGGED BY W.R.CHECKED BY M.G.AT END OF DRILLING ---

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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
2.5		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
5.0		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	8-10-13 (23)			13	30	16	14	45
7.5												
10.0			SPT	100	8-13-16 (29)			19				
12.5												
15.0												

Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.



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GROUND WATER LEVELS:
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0.0		TOPSOIL										
		(SC) CLAYEY SAND Brown, medium dense, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
2.5			AU	100				10				
		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.										
5.0												
7.5												
10.0												
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0.0		TOPSOIL										
		(SC) CLAYEY SAND Brown, medium dense, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
2.5												
5.0		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	5-8-12 (20)			24				
7.5												
10.0			SPT	100	10-12-14 (26)			22				
12.5												
15.0												
Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.												

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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
2.5		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.	AU	100				10				
5.0												
7.5		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.										
10.0			AU	100				18				
12.5												
15.0												
Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.												

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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY Brown, stiff, medium plasticity, fine sand.										
2.5			AU	100				22				
5.0		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	SPT	100	3-3-4 (7)			21	34	21	13	48
7.5												
10.0			SPT	100	7-10-12 (22)			21				
12.5												
15.0			SPT	100	10-20-25 (45)			19				

Bottom of borehole at 16.0 feet.



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									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		TOPSOIL										
		SANDSTONE Light brownish gray, weathered, moderately cemented, fine sand.										
2.5												
5.0		SHALE Brownish gray, sandy, soft to moderately hard, highly weathered, more competent with depth, medium to high plasticity, interbedded sandstone.	AU	100				12				
7.5												
10.0												
12.5												
15.0												

Bottom of borehole at 15.0 feet.

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KEY TO SYMBOLS

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LITHOLOGIC SYMBOLS (Unified Soil Classification System)



CL: USCS Low Plasticity Clay



CLS: USCS Low Plasticity Sandy Clay



FILL: Fill (made ground)



SANDSTONE: Sandstone



SC: USCS Clayey Sand



SHALE: Shale



TOPSOIL: Topsoil

SAMPLER SYMBOLS



Auger Cuttings



Standard Penetration Test



Shelby Tube

WELL CONSTRUCTION SYMBOLS

ABBREVIATIONS

LL - LIQUID LIMIT (%)
PI - PLASTIC INDEX (%)
W - MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
DD - DRY DENSITY (PCF)
NP - NON PLASTIC
-200 - PERCENT PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE
PP - POCKET PENETROMETER (TSF)

TV - TORVANE
PID - PHOTOIONIZATION DETECTOR
UC - UNCONFINED COMPRESSION
ppm - PARTS PER MILLION
▽ Water Level at Time
Drilling, or as Shown
▼ Water Level at End of
Drilling, or as Shown
▽ Water Level After 24
Hours, or as Shown

APPENDIX B

Laboratory Test Results



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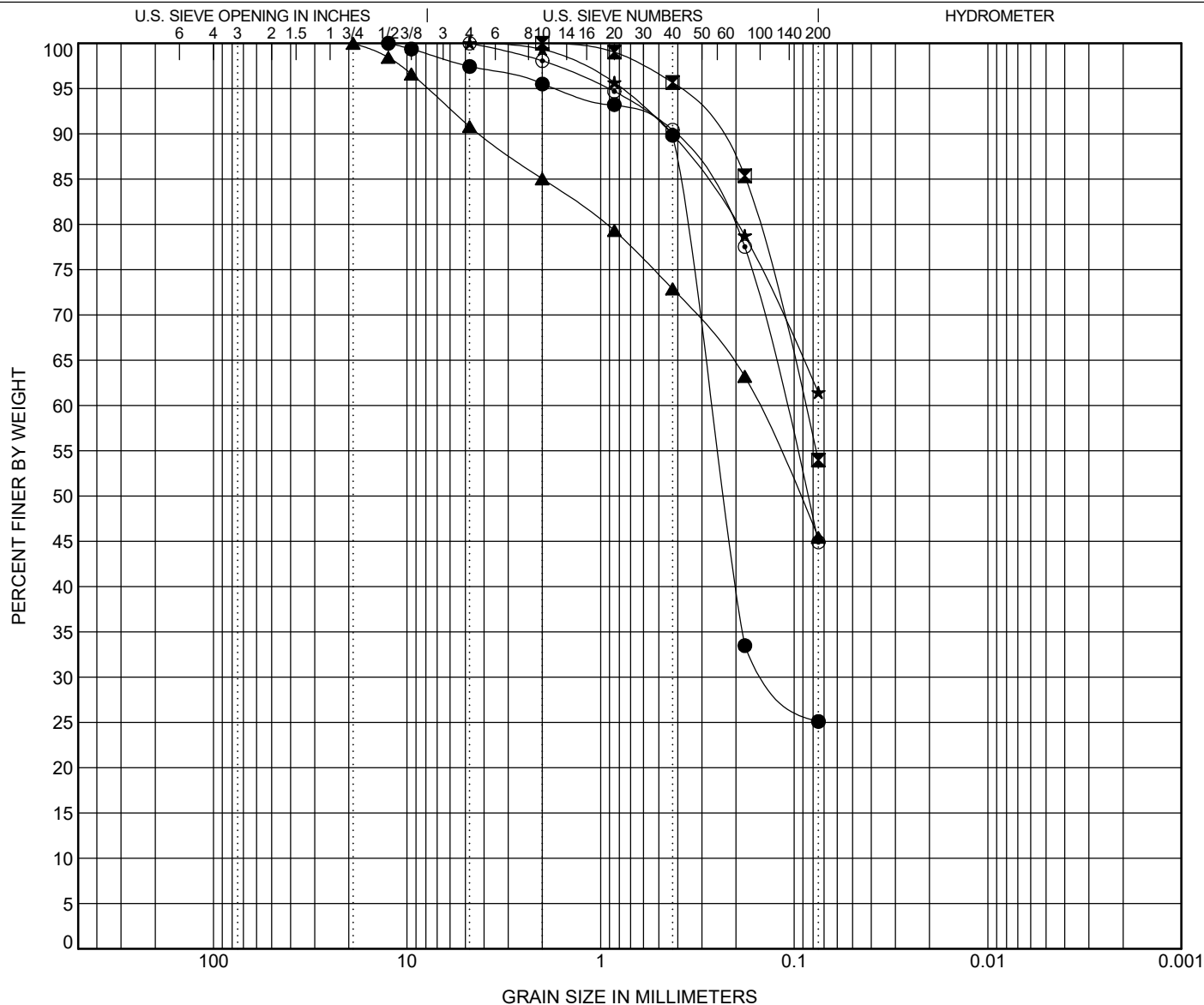
GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

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COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	

BOREHOLE	DEPTH	Classification					LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-15	4.5	CLAYEY SAND(SC)					47	25	22		
■ B-16	4.5	SANDY LEAN CLAY(CL)					30	16	14		
▲ B-20	4.5	CLAYEY SAND(SC)					50	24	26		
★ B-25	9.5	SANDY FAT CLAY(CH)					50	19	31		
○ B-42	4.5	CLAYEY SAND(SC)					30	16	14		
BOREHOLE	DEPTH	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt		%Clay	
● B-15	4.5	12.5	0.27	0.125		2.6	72.3	25.1			
■ B-16	4.5	2	0.089			0.0	46.0	54.0			
▲ B-20	4.5	19	0.154			9.2	45.4	45.4			
★ B-25	9.5	4.75				0.0	38.6	61.4			
○ B-42	4.5	4.75	0.112			0.0	55.1	44.9			

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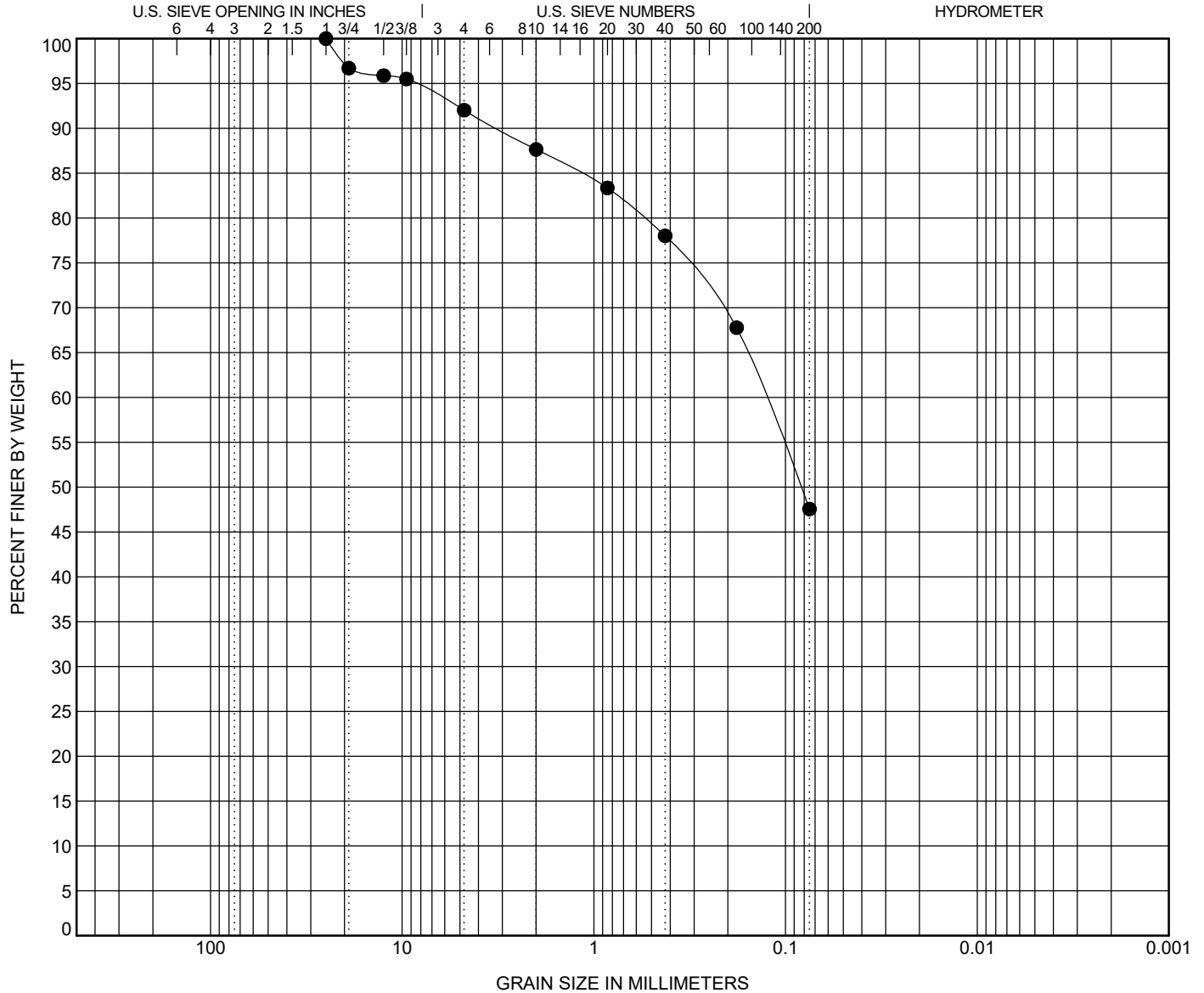
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COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	

BOREHOLE	DEPTH	Classification					LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-46	4.5	CLAYEY SAND(SC)					34	21	13		
BOREHOLE	DEPTH	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt		%Clay	
● B-46	4.5	25	0.129			8.0	44.5	47.6			

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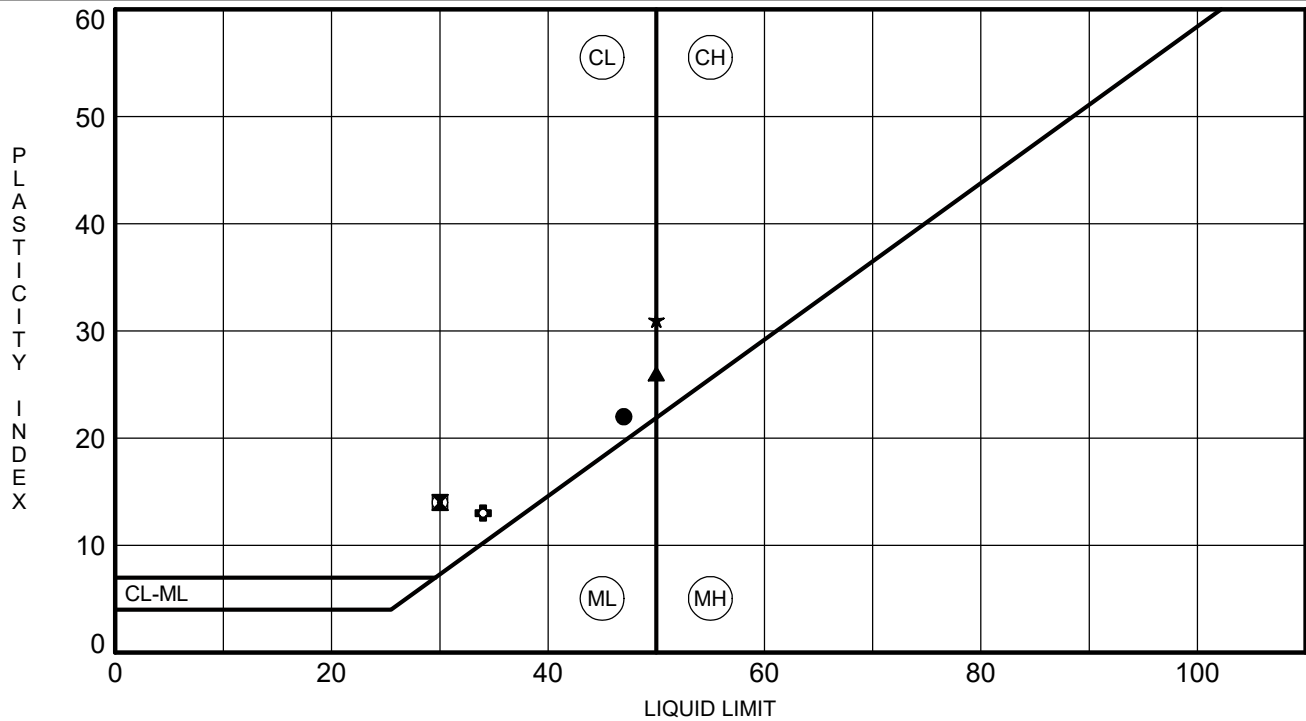
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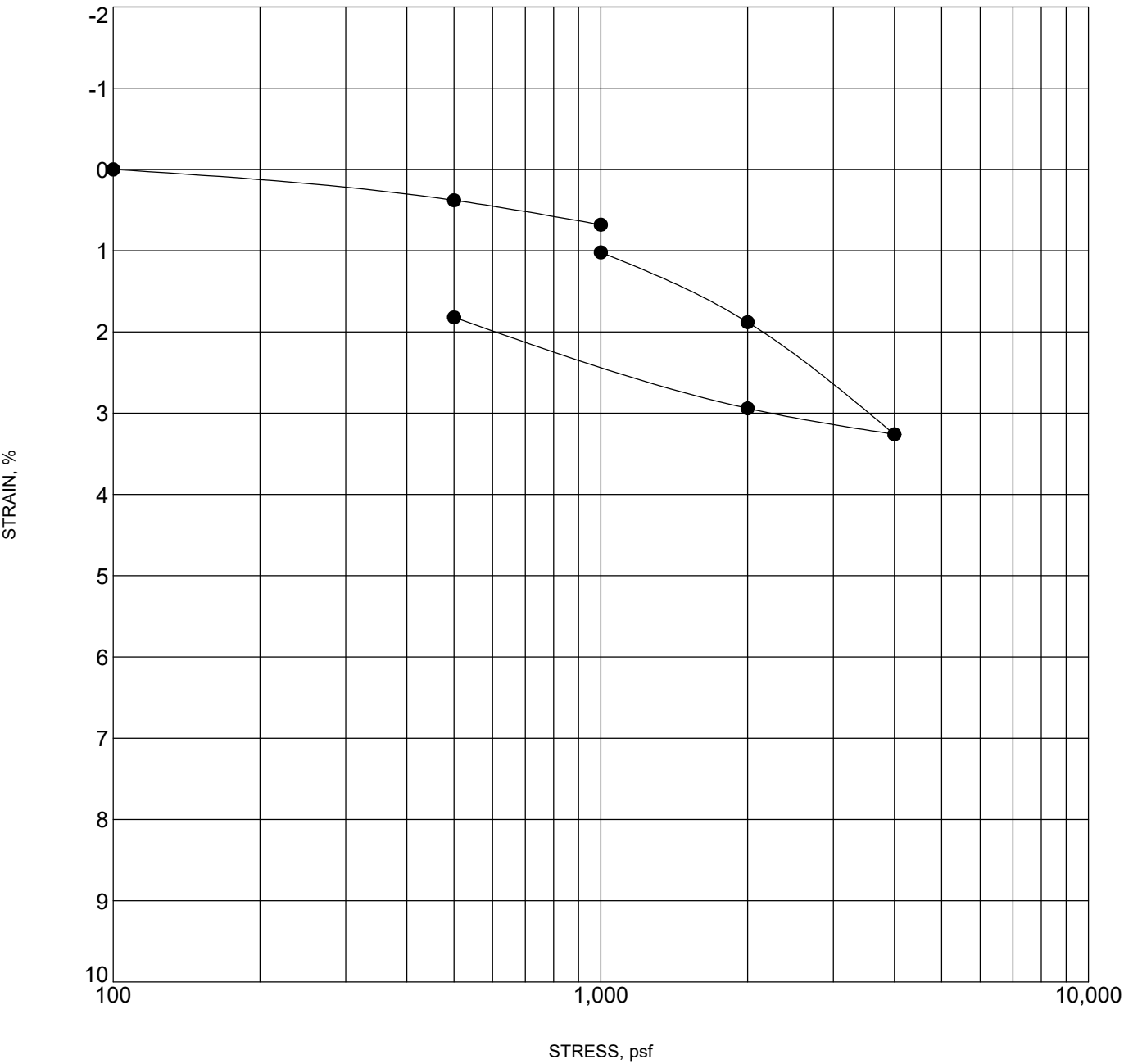
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BOREHOLE	DEPTH	Classification	γ_d	MC%
● B-16	4.5	SANDY LEAN CLAY(CL)	109	17



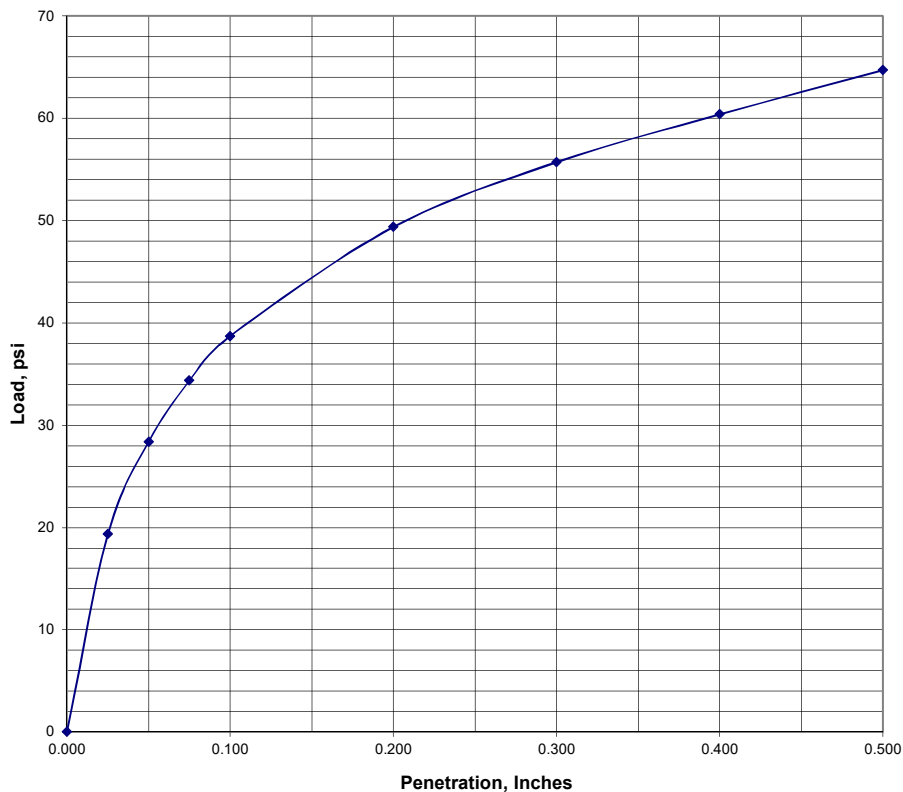
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PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL/AGGREGATE

Client Name:	High Sierra II, Inc.	Project No:	G21105
		Date of Report:	7/28/2021
Project Name:	High Sierra 19th & 20th Filing	Sample Location:	B-14 to 26 & B-35 to 47
Project Location:	Billings, Montana	Sample Depth:	1'-3'
Sampled By:	Rimrock Engineering, Inc.	Classification:	Sandy Lean Clay(CL)
Submitted By:	Rimrock Engineering, Inc.	Date Sampled:	7/6/2021

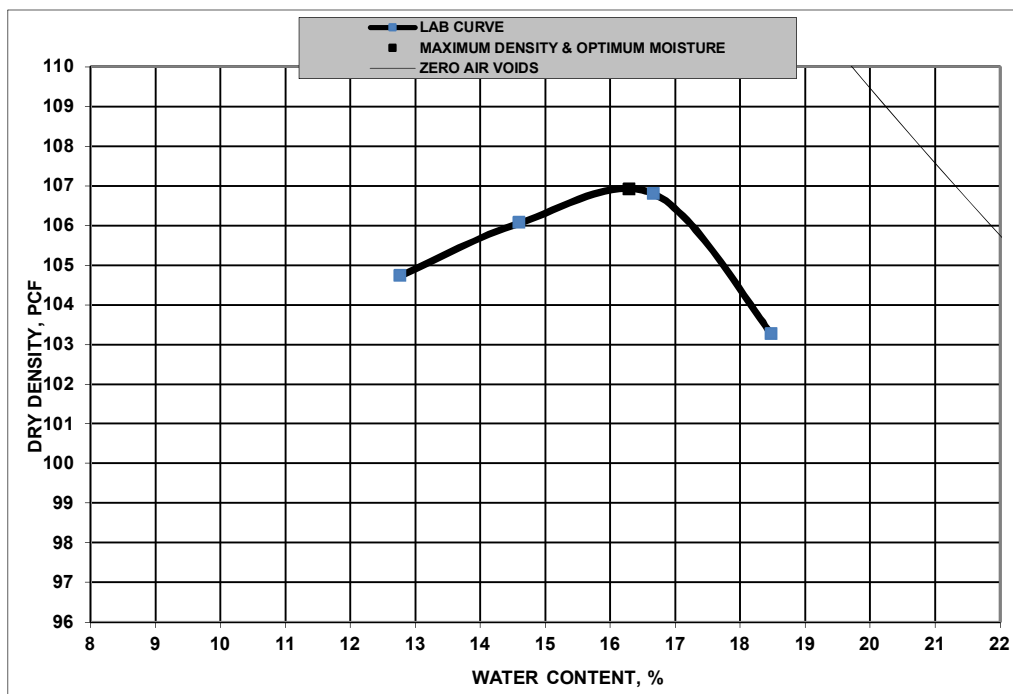
CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO

LABORATORY BEARING RATIO (CBR)



% CBR @ 0.1"

3.9

**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL/AGGREGATE****Client Name:** High Sierra II, Inc.**Project No:** G21105**Date of Report:** 7/28/2021**Project Name:** High Sierra 19th & 20th Filing**Sample Location:** B-14 to 26 & B-35 to 47**Project Location:** Billings, Montana**Sample Depth:** 1'-3'**Sampled By:** Rimrock Engineering, Inc.**Classification:** Sandy Lean Clay(CL)**Submitted By:** Rimrock Engineering, Inc.**Date Sampled:** 7/6/2021**MOISTURE-DENSITY RELATIONSHIP**

Maximum Density, PCF:	106.9
Optimum Moisture, %:	16.3
Test Method:	ASTM D698
Visual Classification:	Sandy Lean Clay(CL)