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Date: Project No.:	November 15, 2018 230-1-6
Prepared For:	Mr. Jack Chamberlain <b>TICONDEROGA PARTNERS, LLC</b> 655 Skyway, Suite 230 San Carlos, California 94070
Re:	Geotechnical Consultation and Response to County of San Mateo Geotechnical Comment Highlands Estates (Lots 9 and 10) San Mateo, California
	County of San Mateo Geotechnical File Number BLD2016-0015800164

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Cornerstone Earth Group, Inc.

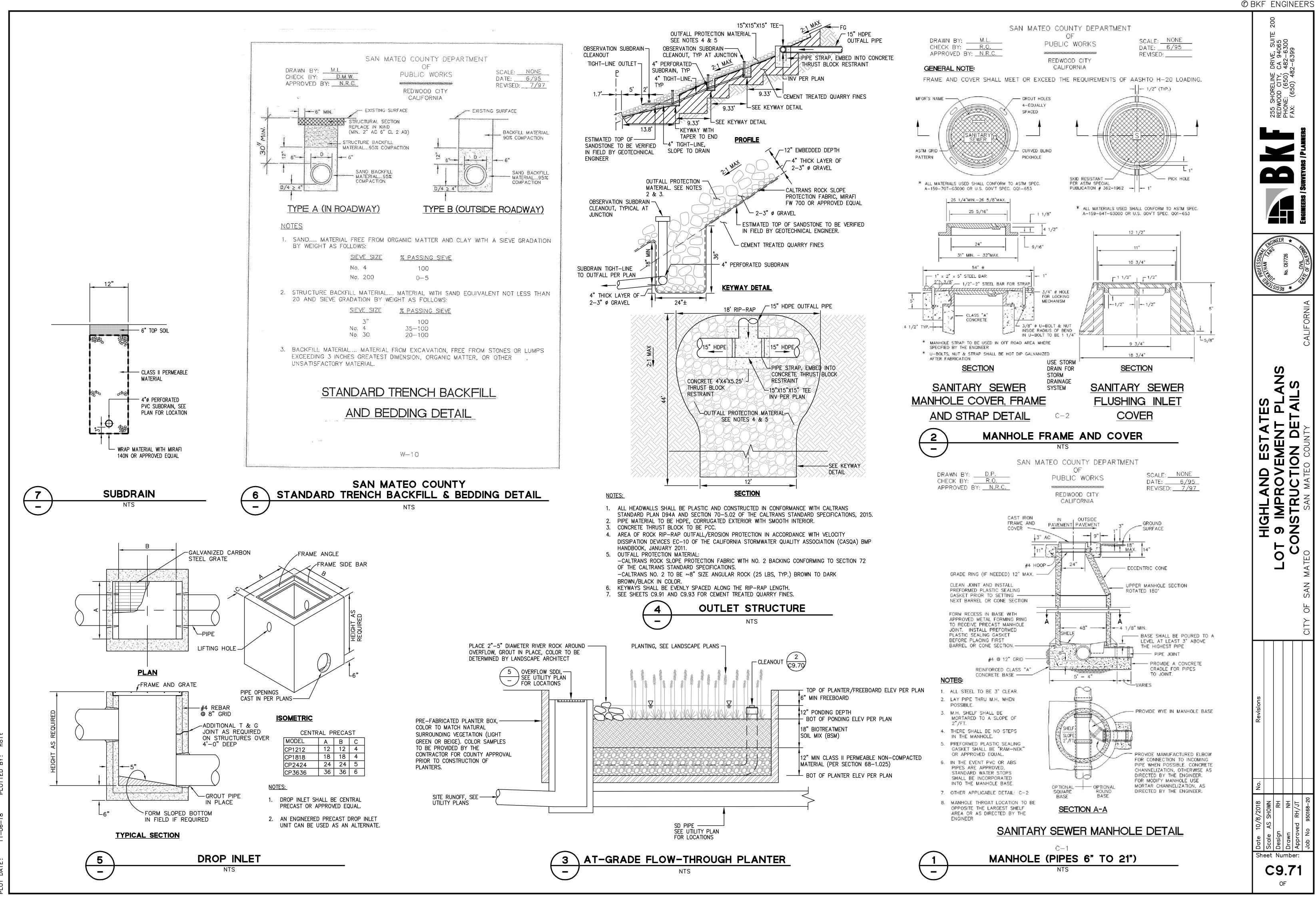
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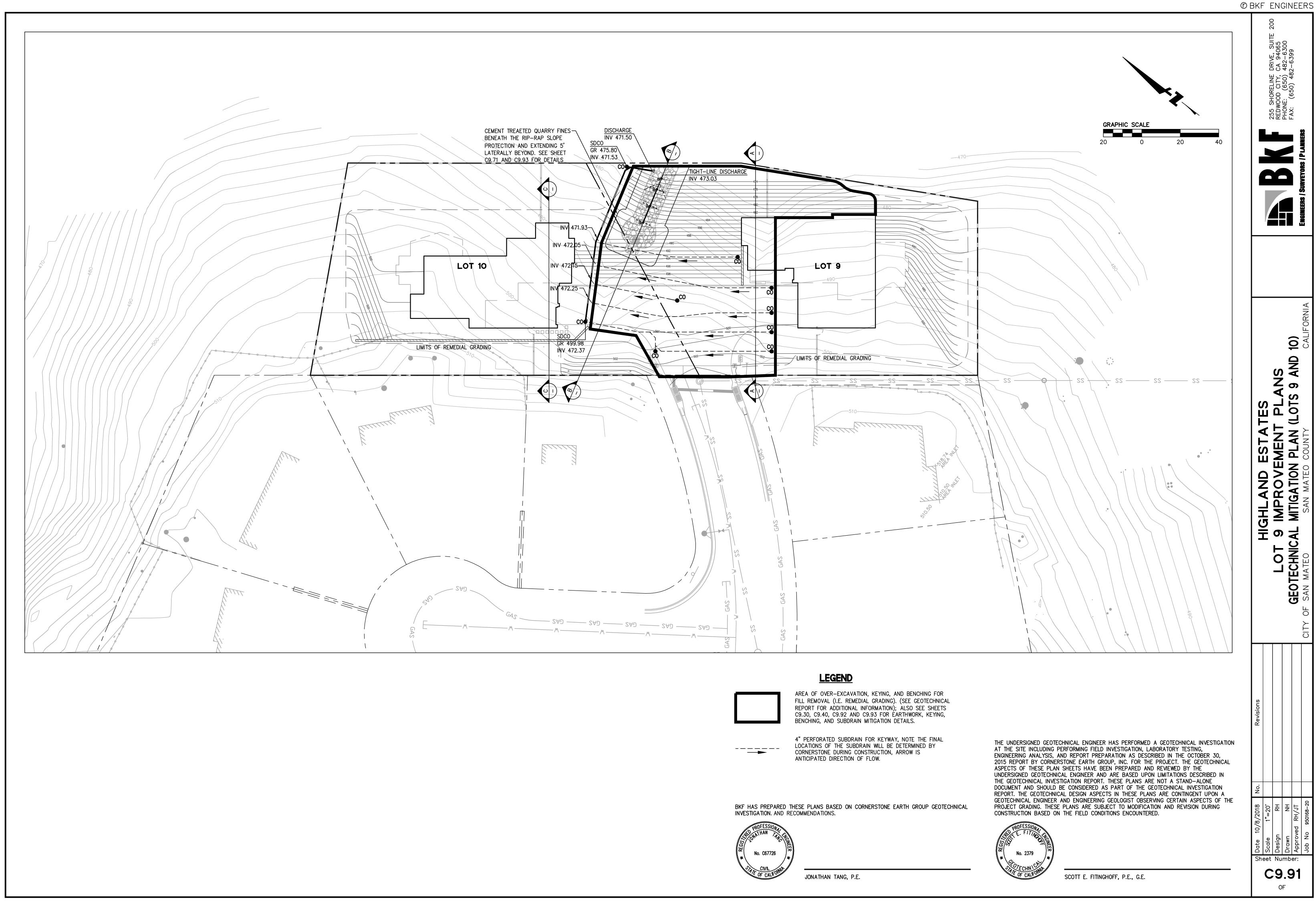
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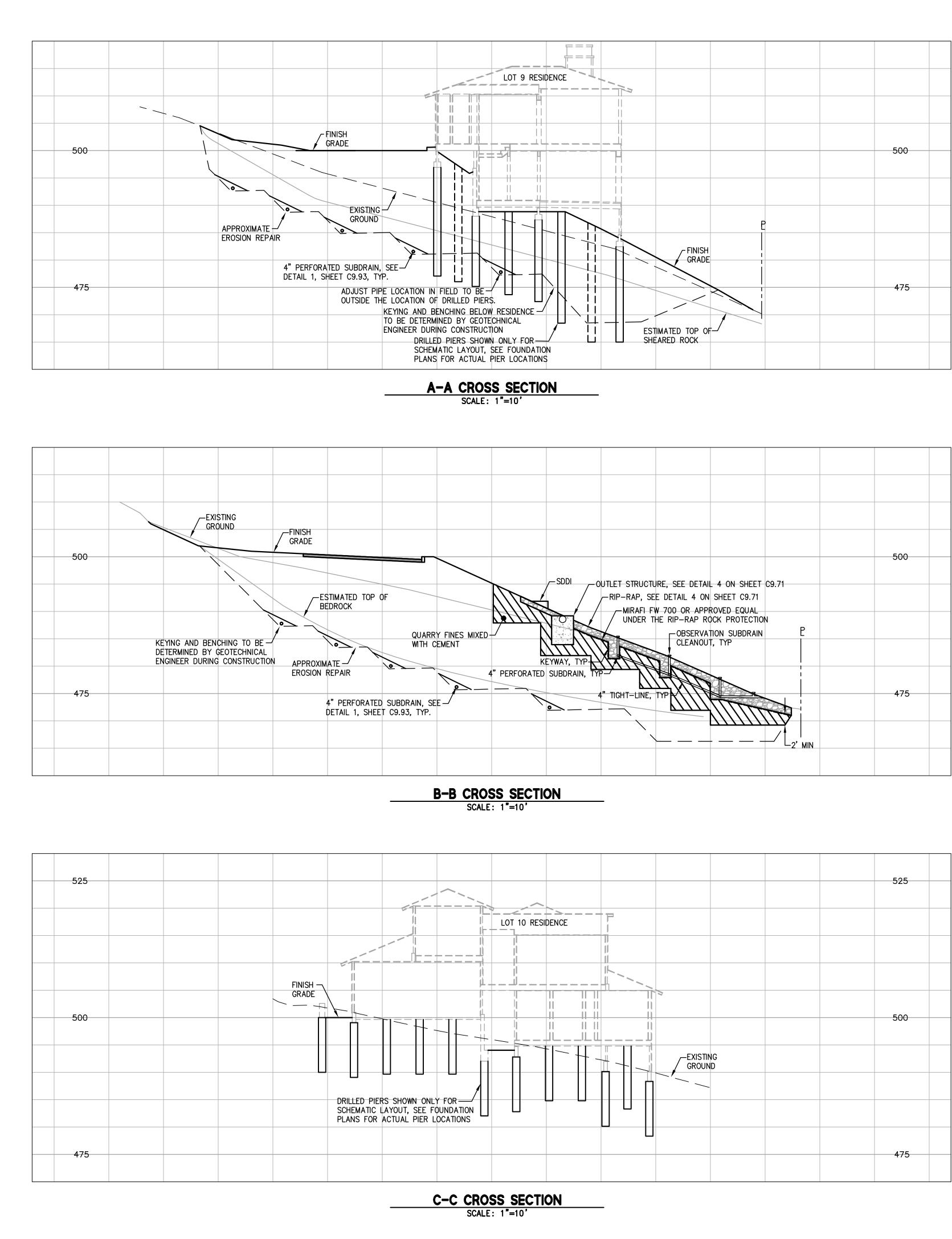




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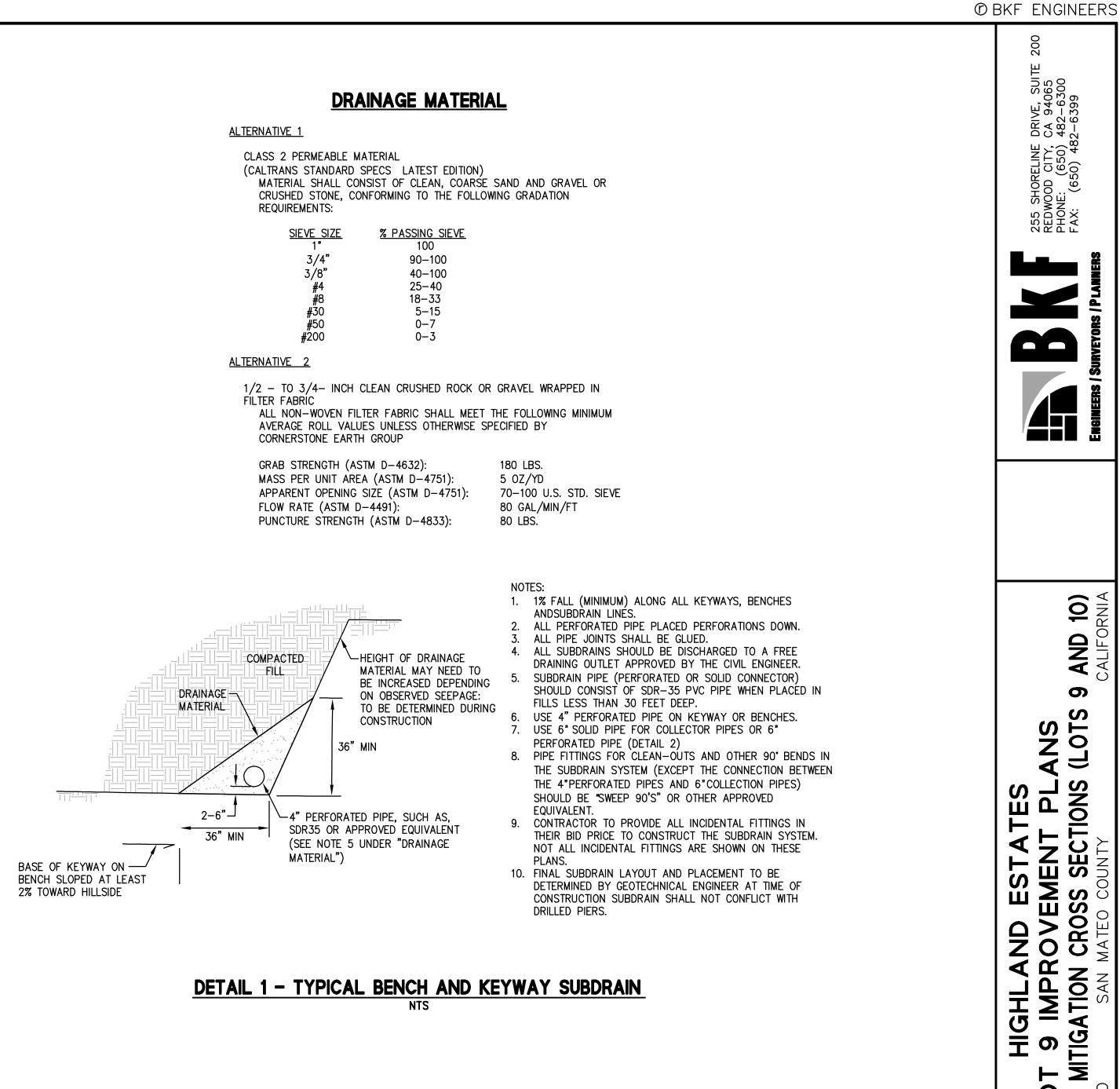


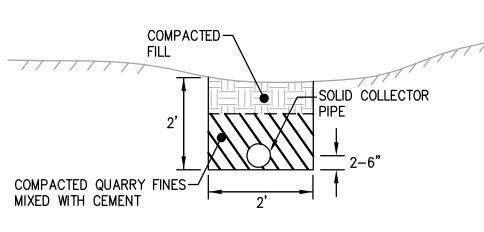
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# DETAIL 1 - TYPICAL BENCH AND KEYWAY SUBDRAIN

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NOTES:

- THIS AREA MAY HAVE ACTIVE SEEPAGE DURING CONSTRUCTION.
- COLLECTOR PIPE SHOULD BE 6" PERFORATED PIPE, SUCH AS SDR-35 OR SDR-23.5 OR
- APPROVED EQUIVALENT (SEE DETAIL 1 NOTE 5 UNDER "DRAINAGE MATERIAL") 3. PIPE FITTINGS FOR CLEAN-OUTS AND OTHER 90° BENDS IN THE SUBDRAIN SYSTEM (EXCEPT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE 4"PERFORATED PIPES AND 6" COLLECTION PIPES) SHOULD BE "SWEEP 90'S" OR OTHER APPROVED EQUIVALENT.

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- 4. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE ALL INCIDENTAL FITTINGS IN THEIR BID PRICE TO CONSTRUCT THE
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# DETAIL 2 - SOLID COLLECTOR PIPE DETAIL

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from Tay Peterson

re Highland Estates Lots 9, 10, 11 Biological Mitigation Compliance

date 11/28/2018

This memorandum report summarizes the results of pre-construction surveys completed for the Highland Estates project in the San Mateo Highlands, specifically for lots 9 and 10 at the end of Cobblehill Place and lot 11 at the end of Cowpens. The surveys were completed on November 26, 2018 to comply with biology mitigation measures included in the Conditions of Approval for the project. The weather was clear, calm, and warm (about 65 degrees F).

The following measures are included in the Conditions of Approval for the project:

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If woodrats are observed within the disturbance footprint outside of the breeding period, individuals shall be relocated to a suitable location within the open space by a qualified biologist in possession of a scientific collecting permit. This will be accomplished by dismantling woodrat nests (outside of the breeding period), to allow individuals to relocate to suitable habitat within the adjacent open space.

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project region), a survey for nesting birds shall be conducted by a qualified biologist experienced with the nesting behavior of bird species of the region. The intent of the survey would be to determine if active nests of special-status bird species or other species protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and/or the California Fish and Game Code are present in the construction zone or within 500 feet of the construction zone. The surveys shall be timed such that the last survey is concluded no more than two weeks prior to initiation of construction or tree removal work. If ground disturbance activities are delayed, then an additional pre-construction survey shall be conducted such that no more than two weeks will have elapsed between the last survey and the commencement of ground disturbance activities. A report is required.

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**Mitigation Measure BIO-2d:** Immediately preceding initial ground disturbance activities on Lot 11, a pre-construction clearance survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist for California red-legged frogs. The survey shall be conducted to determine whether individual California red-legged frogs are present within the disturbance boundary. Should a California red-legged frog be observed during the clearance survey, all construction activities on Lot 11 shall be immediately halted and the USFWS shall be immediately contacted. Under no circumstances shall a California red-legged frog be collected or relocated, unless USFWS personnel or their agents implement the measure. Construction-related activities may resume once the frog has naturally left the lot or has been relocated by a permitted biologist (authorized by the USFWS).

The pre-construction survey occurred in November, outside of the breeding season for birds and bats. Construction activities that occur between now and February 1, 2019 are not required to be preceded by a nesting bird survey. Construction activities that occur between now and April 1, 2019 are not required to be preceded by a roosting bat survey. It is of note that the lots do not currently contain trees with loose bark or cavities that would provide suitable roost sites for bats, so bats roosts, including maternity roosts, are not expected to occur on the lots.

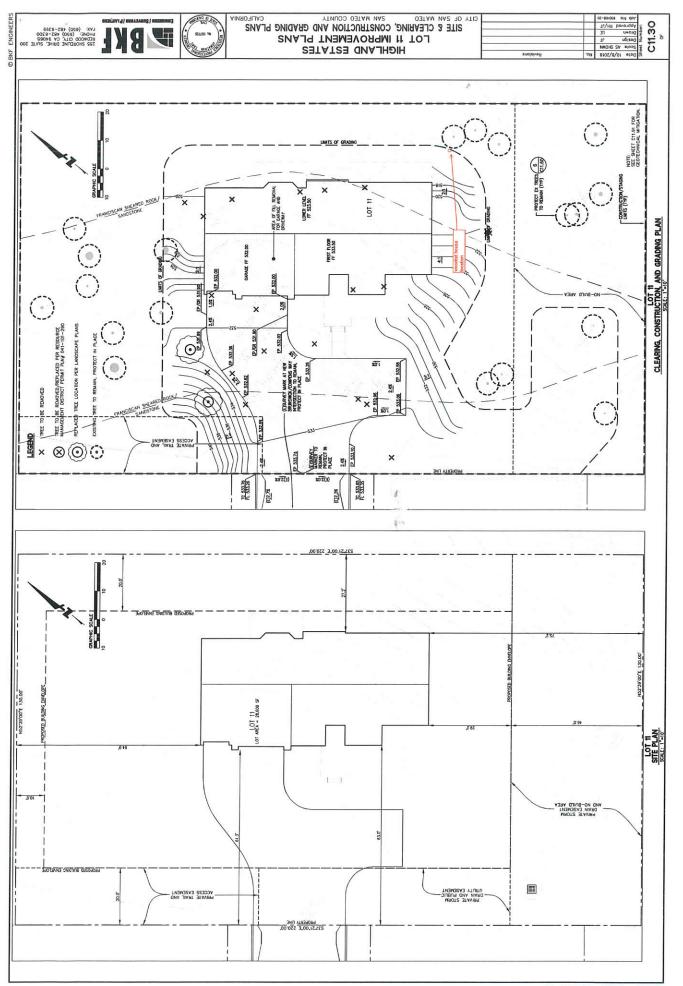
Surveys for California red-legged frog on Lot 11 were conducted on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The first rains of the season occurred about five days prior to the survey. Frogs

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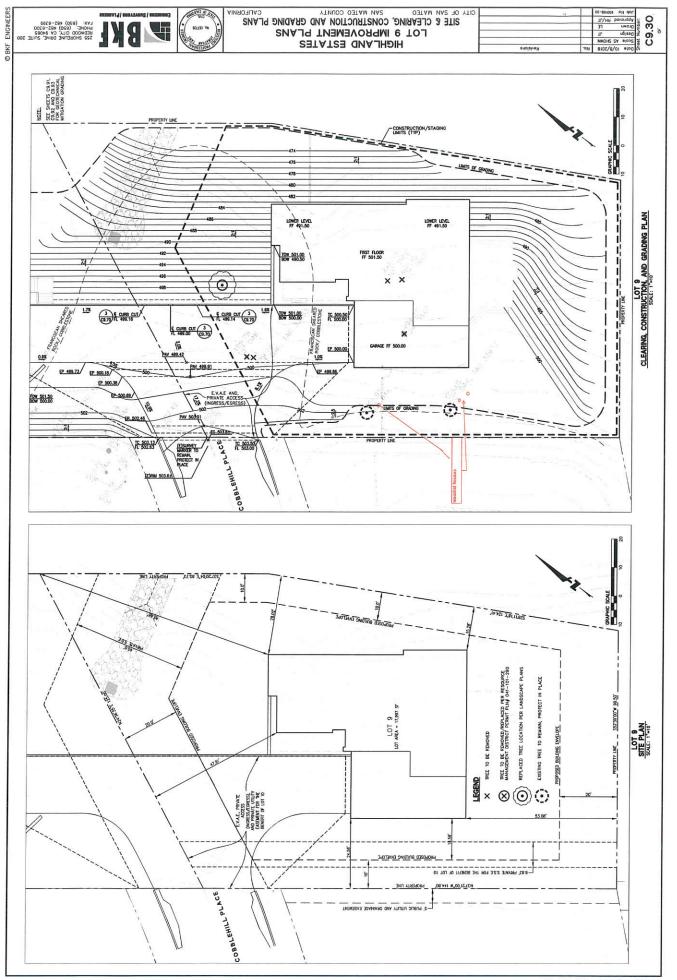
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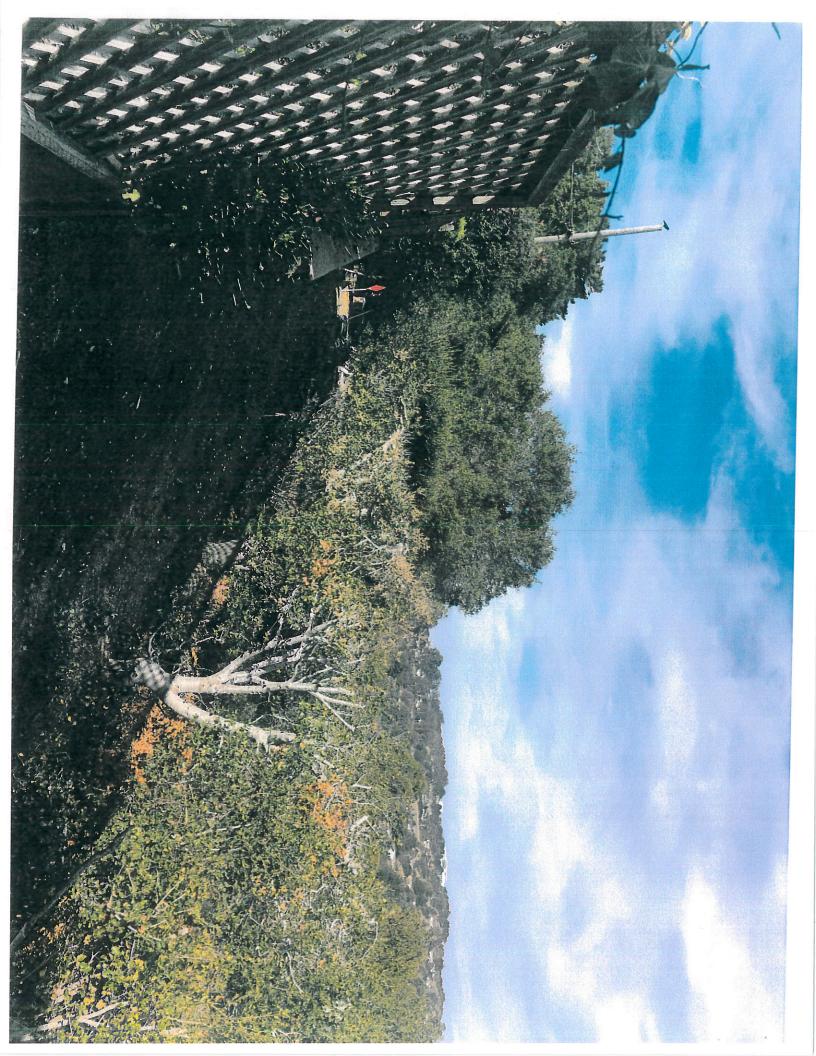
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Date: November 15, 2018 Project No.: 230-1-6 Prepared For: Mr. Jack Chamberlain

ared For: Mr. Jack Chamberlain TICONDEROGA PARTNERS, LLC 655 Skyway, Suite 230 San Carlos, California 94070

Re: Geotechnical Consultation and Response to County of San Mateo Geotechnical Comment Highlands Estates (Lots 9 and 10) San Mateo, California

County of San Mateo Geotechnical File Number BLD2016-00158--00164

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#### Response to Comments

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**Response:** Based on our review, we have made an estimate on the volume of fills removal during the mitigation grading and fill that will be required to backfill the over-excavations in the table below. This table also includes our estimate of NEF (None Expansive Fill) to be placed beneath the driveway and garage slabs-on-grade areas. The volume estimates were made by dividing the driveway and garage areas into sublots and projecting the depth of fill from the geotechnical exploration data from the project geotechnical report. It is noted that the actual over-excavation depths (and volumes) will be determined in the field by our representative during grading based on the soil/bedrock conditions observed and they may vary from the estimates summarized below. The estimates below relate to geotechnical mitigation of the undocumented fill and expansive soil conditions and are somewhat independent of the earthwork summary provided on Sheet C11.10 of the project plans.

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D-2	129	64	10	0	-55 (off- haul)	22
D-3	98	61	9	0	-28 (off- haul)	16
D-4	57	43	7	0	-7 (off-haul)	4
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Total [yd <sup>3</sup> ]	519	382	58	13	-66 (off- haul)	+62(import)

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Response: Please see response memo by BKF dated September 20, 2018.

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Response: Please see response memo by BKF dated September 20, 2018.

**Comment #4:** LOT 9-11 (outfall riprap) - 4. The stormwater outfall rock riprap uses CASQA's EC-10 as guidance. EC-11, "Slope Drains", is also relevant, given the hillside on which this feature will be located. However, we note that EC-9, 10, and 11 are for "Temporary concentrated flow conveyance controls", as stated in CASQA's Handbook. As the proposed drainage infrastructure is for permanent use, alternative design guidance must be followed.

Response: Please see response memo by BKF dated September 20, 2018.



**Comment #5:** LOT 8-11 - 5. The Civil plans must show the extent of earth work required to ensure the stability of all affected areas, as discussed by Sherry and Scott F. during that last round of comments. To this end, a simplified geologic plan overlaid on the proposed site plan, showing all areas where fill may need to be removed, must be provided.

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#### **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM**

Date:	September 20, 2018	BKF Job Number: 19950158-20			
Deliver To:	Mr. Steve Monowitz Director of Building and Planning San Mateo County Planning & Building Department 455 County Center, 2nd Floor Redwood City, CA 94063	cc:	Jack Chamberlain Pete Bentley, SMCo. Bldg. Camille Leung, SMCo. Planning Scott Fitinghoff, CEG Jonathan Tang, BKF		
From:	Roland Haga, PE, PLS, Leed®AP Vice President, BKF Engineers				
Subject:	Highland Estates Lots 5-11 Respor	nse to County	/ Comments		

The purpose of this memorandum is to present of responses to the County of San Mateo comments received on September 9, 2018 via email for Highland Estates Lots 5 through 11. BKF responses to comments are in bold text.

#### LOT 11

1. In Cornerstone's report of 10/30/15 p.18, the geotechnical engineer of record recommended existing fills (shown in Figure 9 the same report) to be removed in the proposed driveway and slab-on-grade. Please estimate the volume of the removal, as well as any fill that may be required following removal.

#### Response: Please see response memo by Cornerstone Earth Group.

2. In the Civil Plans, please show that the riprap for the outfall will be keyed into the bedrock, as stated in the Geo letter of 8/10/2018. Please show the location of sandstone (an alternative to bedrock) in plan-view relative to location of outfall.

Response: Please see revised sheets C11.40 and C11.71 for outlet rock riprap keyed into the sandstone. Please also see revised sheets C11.30 and C11.40 for approximate location of sandstone in plan-view relative to the location of outfall.

Additionally, per a meeting with Camille Leung and Sherry Liu on October 2, 2018, the following remaining items as discussed are revised and reflected in the Lot 9, 10 and 11 plans:

 Revised the details for the rock rip-rap on lots 9, 10 and 11 and added subdrainage piping at the rock-rip-rap keyways.



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b. Added additional sheet to the Lots 9, 10 and 11 improvement plans depicting the geotechnical information from the Cornerstone Earth Group Geotechnical Report onto a site plan with the proposed grading. This sheet will also be added to the each set of plan sets for lots 5 through 8.

#### LOT 5-8

1. Please explain "slope mitigation export credit". Why are these cut volumes subtracted from other cut volumes? Also, the total excavation volumes for Lots 5-8 for slope repair do not match estimate provided in 7/8/2018 letter from Cornerstone. Please clarify. Additionally, the volume of imported fill needed for slope repairs needs to be added to overall grading calculations. The values shall be consistent with the 7/8/2018 letter from Cornerstone, or an explanation of the discrepancies must be provided, along with evidence that Cornerstone has reviewed and approved the associated changes.

Response: The export credit is earthwork cut material associated with site strippings and shrinkage factors associated with the slope mitigation requirement on Lots 5 through 8 and as identified and referenced in the July 8, 2017 Geotechnical letter from Cornerstone Earth Group<sup>1</sup>. The following is a summary of the unsuitable materials from site strippings and earthwork shrinkage for lots 5-8:

	Lot 5	Lot 6	Lot 7	Lot 8	5-8 Total
Slope Mitigation Cut (CY) from Site Stripping and Shrinkage	520 Export	580 Export	660 Export	1,220 Export	2,980 Export

Taking lots 5-8 grading and the slope mitigation cut from site stripping and shrinkage factors, the resulting grading for lots 5-8 are as follows:

Net (CY)	1,220 Export	1,450 Export	1,470 Export	770 Export	4,910 Export
Fill (CY)	0	0	40	90	130
Slope Mitigation Cut (CY) from Site Stripping and Shrinkage	520	580	660	1,220	2,980
Cut (CY)	1,740	2,030	2,170	2,080	8,020
	Lot 5	Lot 6	Lot 7	Lot 8	5-8 Total

The total earthwork export from Lots 5-8 is 4,910 cubic yards, equivalent to approximately 409 total truck trips. Taking into consideration unsuitable materials associated with slope mitigation site strippings and shrinkage, the total earthwork export from Lots 5-8 is 7,890 cubic yards, equivalent to approximately 658 total truck trips.



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The total earthwork export from Lots 9-11 is 800 cubic yards (per Improvement Plans dated May 10, 2018), equivalent to approximately 67 total truck trips.

The associated truck trips and off-haul weekly durations for Lots 5-11 with and without the unsuitable materials associated with slope mitigation site strippings and shrinkage are as follows:

	Lots 5-11	Lots 5-11
	5,710 CY Export	8,690 CY Export
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5 Trucks Per Day	19 to 20 weeks	28 to 29 weeks
10 Trucks Per Day	9 to 10 weeks	14 to 15 weeks
15 Trucks Per Day	6 to 7 weeks	9 to 10 weeks
20 Trucks Per Day	4 to 5 weeks	7 to 8 weeks

At 20 trucks per day, the off-hauling associated with the Lots 5-11 export is less than the traffic volumes of 68 daily project operations (prorated from twelve lots for seven lots, Lots 5-11) trips per day<sup>2</sup> and is significantly less than the project traffic volumes from the daily project operations over a 7-8 week period. This is consistent with what was analyzed as part of the Recirculated Draft EIR Section 2.3 Environmental Analysis, Transportation<sup>3</sup>.

#### LOT 9-11 (outfall riprap)

1. The stormwater outfall rock riprap uses CASQA's EC-10 as guidance. EC-11, "Slope Drains", is also relevant, given the hillside on which this feature will be located. However, we note that EC-9, 10, and 11 are for "Temporary concentrated flow conveyance controls", as stated in CASQA's Handbook. As the proposed drainage infrastructure is for permanent use, alternative design guidance must be followed.

Response: The CASQA EC-10 Velocity Dissipation Devices is a design standard for outlet protection based on flow discharge for sediment and erosion control. The basis and standards of CASQA are established and reference equivalent design standards for permanent flow discharge, these include:

- Manual of Standards of Erosion and Sediment Control Measures, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), May 1995<sup>4</sup>.
- Stormwater Quality Handbooks Construction Site Best Management Practices (BMPs) Manual, State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), November 2000<sup>6</sup>.

CASQA EC-10 Velocity Dissipation Devices is consistent with permanent concentrated flow discharge conveyance controls and is consistent with the ABAG Standards and Caltrans BMPs for sediment and erosion control. BKF calculations and design are based on and exceed these standards in accordance with our professional recommendations. In addition, San Mateo



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County Public Works Department has reviewed, commented and approved our calculations and design in May 2018.

LOT 8-11

1. The Civil plans must show the extent of earth work required to ensure the stability of all affected areas, as discussed by Sherry and Scott F. during that last round of comments. To this end, a simplified geologic plan overlaid on the proposed site plan, showing all areas where fill may need to be removed, must be provided.

Response: Please see sheets C5.91, C5.92, C6.91, C6.92, C7.91, C7.92, C8.91 and C8.92 for site plan extents of earthwork required as part of the slope mitigation on Lots 5-8. See sheets C9.91, C9.92, C9.93, C10.91, C10.92, C10.93, and C11.91 for site plan extents of earthwork required as part of the slope mitigation on Lots 9-11.

Pending resolving the above remaining items, we do not see any other issues that have brought forth to date, specifically to lots 9, 10 and 11 that would allow San Mateo County from issuing Building Permits for lots 9, 10 and 11. Upon your final review, please let me know if you have any questions.

Enclosures:

- 1. Summary of Estimated Soil/Bedrock Earthwork, Quantities Related to Geotechnical Mitigation, Highland Estates (Lots 5 to 8) Ticonderoga Drive, San Mateo, California, prepared by Cornerstone Earth Group, dated July 8, 2017.
- 2. Transportation Impact Assessment for Highland Estates, by Fehr & peers, dated September 2008.
- 3. Revisions to the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report Section 2.3 Environmental Analysis, Transportation, dated December 2009.
- 4. Appendix G Design of Outlet Protection of the Manual of Standards of Erosion and Sediment Control Measures, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).
- 5. Cover Sheet for Stormwater Quality Handbooks Construction Site Best Management Practices (BMPs) Manual, State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), dated November 2000.



# <u>memo san jose</u>

to Jack Chamberlain, Ralph Osterling

from Tay Peterson

re Highland Estates Lots 9, 10, 11 Biological Mitigation Compliance

date 12/17/2018

This memorandum report summarizes the results of pre-construction surveys completed for the Highland Estates project in the San Mateo Highlands, specifically for lots 9 and 10 at the end of Cobblehill Place and lot 11 at the end of Cowpens. The surveys were completed on November 26, 2018 to comply with biology mitigation measures included in the Conditions of Approval for the project. The weather was clear, calm, and warm (about 65 degrees F).

The following measures are included in the Conditions of Approval for the project:

**Mitigation Measure BIO-2a:** No earlier than 30 days prior to the commencement of construction activities, a survey shall be conducted to determine if active woodrat nests (stickhouses) with young are present within the disturbance zone or within 100 feet of the disturbance zone. If active woodrat nests (stickhouses) with young are identified, a fence shall be erected around the nest site adequate to provide the woodrat sufficient foraging habitat at the discretion of a qualified biologist and based on consultation with the CDFG. At the discretion of the monitoring biologist, clearing and construction within the fenced area would be postponed or halted until young have left the nest. The biologist shall serve as a construction monitor during those periods when disturbance activities will occur near active nest areas to ensure that no inadvertent impacts on these nests will occur.

If woodrats are observed within the disturbance footprint outside of the breeding period, individuals shall be relocated to a suitable location within the open space by a qualified biologist in possession of a scientific collecting permit. This will be accomplished by dismantling woodrat nests (outside of the breeding period), to allow individuals to relocate to suitable habitat within the adjacent open space.

**Mitigation Measure BIO-2b:** No earlier than two weeks prior to commencement of construction activities that would occur during the nesting/breeding season of native bird species potentially nesting/roosting on the site (typically February through August in the project region), a survey for nesting birds shall be conducted by a qualified biologist experienced with the nesting behavior of bird species of the region. The intent of the survey would be to determine if active nests of special-status bird species or other species protected

by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and/or the California Fish and Game Code are present in the construction zone or within 500 feet of the construction zone. The surveys shall be timed such that the last survey is concluded no more than two weeks prior to initiation of construction or tree removal work. If ground disturbance activities are delayed, then an additional pre-construction survey shall be conducted such that no more than two weeks will have elapsed between the last survey and the commencement of ground disturbance activities. A report is required.

**Mitigation Measure BIO-2c:** Prior to the commencement of construction activities during the breeding season of native bat species in California (generally occurs from April 1 through August 31), a focused survey shall be conducted by a qualified bat biologist to determine if active maternity roosts of special-status bats are present within any of the trees proposed for removal. Should an active maternity roost of a special-status bat species be identified, the roost shall not be disturbed until the roost is vacated and juveniles have fledged, as determined by the biologist. Once all young have fledged, then the tree may be removed. Species-appropriate replacement roosting habitat (e.g., bat boxes) shall be provided should the project require the removal of a tree actively used as a maternity roost. The replacement roosting habitat shall be subject to the approval of the CDFG.

**Mitigation Measure BIO-2d:** Immediately preceding initial ground disturbance activities on Lot 11, a pre-construction clearance survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist for California red-legged frogs. The survey shall be conducted to determine whether individual California red-legged frogs are present within the disturbance boundary. Should a California red-legged frog be observed during the clearance survey, all construction activities on Lot 11 shall be immediately halted and the USFWS shall be immediately contacted. Under no circumstances shall a California red-legged frog be collected or relocated, unless USFWS personnel or their agents implement the measure. Construction-related activities may resume once the frog has naturally left the lot or has been relocated by a permitted biologist (authorized by the USFWS).

The pre-construction survey occurred in November, outside of the breeding season for birds and bats. Construction activities that occur between now and February 1, 2019 are not required to be preceded by a nesting bird survey. Construction activities that occur between now and April 1, 2019 are not required to be preceded by a roosting bat survey. It is of note that the lots do not currently contain trees with loose bark or cavities that would provide suitable roost sites for bats, so bats roosts, including maternity roosts, are not expected to occur on the lots.

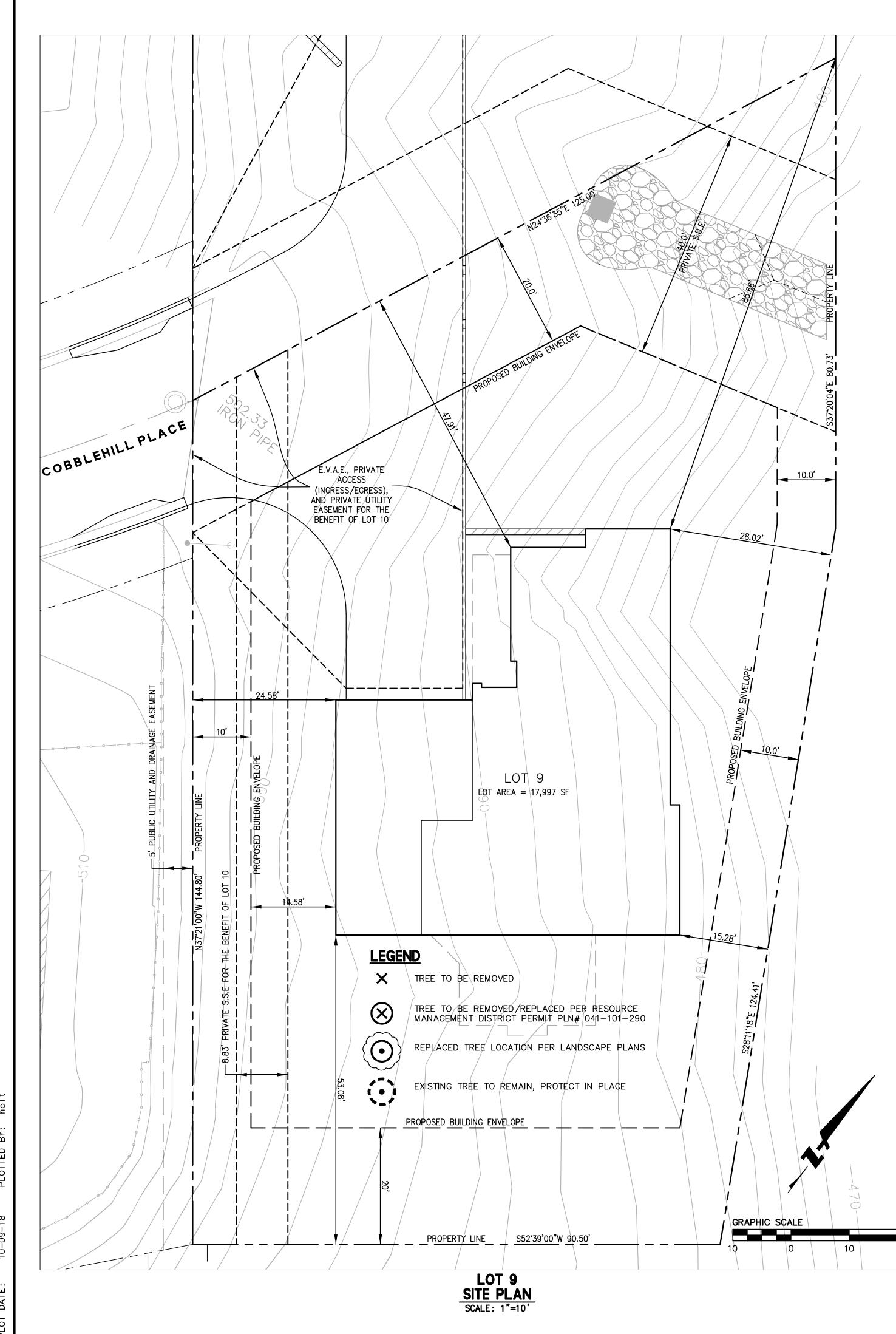
Surveys for California red-legged frog on Lot 11 were conducted on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The first rains of the season occurred about five days prior to the survey. Frogs often start to move through upland habitat after the first rain. The biologist carefully paced along wandering transects within the upland areas of Lot 11, outside of the riparian area that is demarcated by orange fencing. No frog species were found

Mr. Jack Chamberlain, Mr. Ralph Osterling December 17, 2018

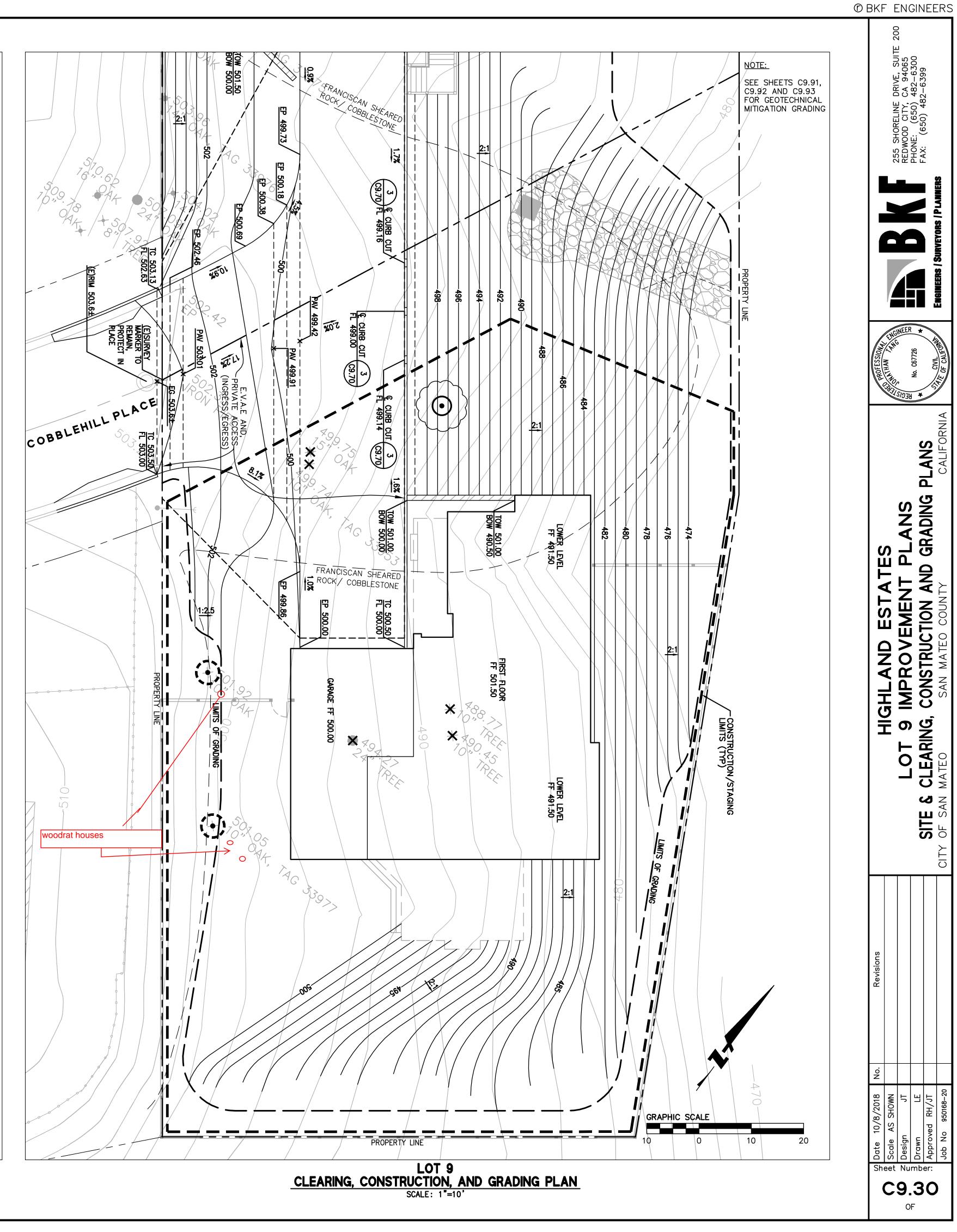
during the survey. An additional survey will be required prior to the start of construction. The fencing demarcating the riparian area will need to be repaired immediately prior to construction activities. The signage is still legible.

In addition, woodrat houses were relocated from lots 9, 10, and 11 in 2015 in compliance with Mitigation Measure BIO-2a and under a woodrat relocation plan submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). A report of the results was also submitted. The parcels were re-checked for woodrat houses on November 26, 2018. There are three new woodrat houses in tree debris left on the ground after tree trimming was completed within the construction footprint on Lot 9 sometime between June and November 2018. These houses will need to be protected by a minimum of a ten-foot construction buffer until occupied houses can be relocated in late summer 2019 using the methods previously approved by CDFW. and any construction on Lot 9 will require a biological monitor to be present to comply with the Conditions of Approval (see attached map). Similarly, on Lot 11 there is a pile of bay tree branches near the creek, outside of the construction footprint, that contains a woodrat house (see attached map). This will need to be protected by a minimum ten-foot buffer during construction. The buffers/fencing should be installed immediately prior to construction and a biologist should also provide worker education about them as part of the biological monitoring.

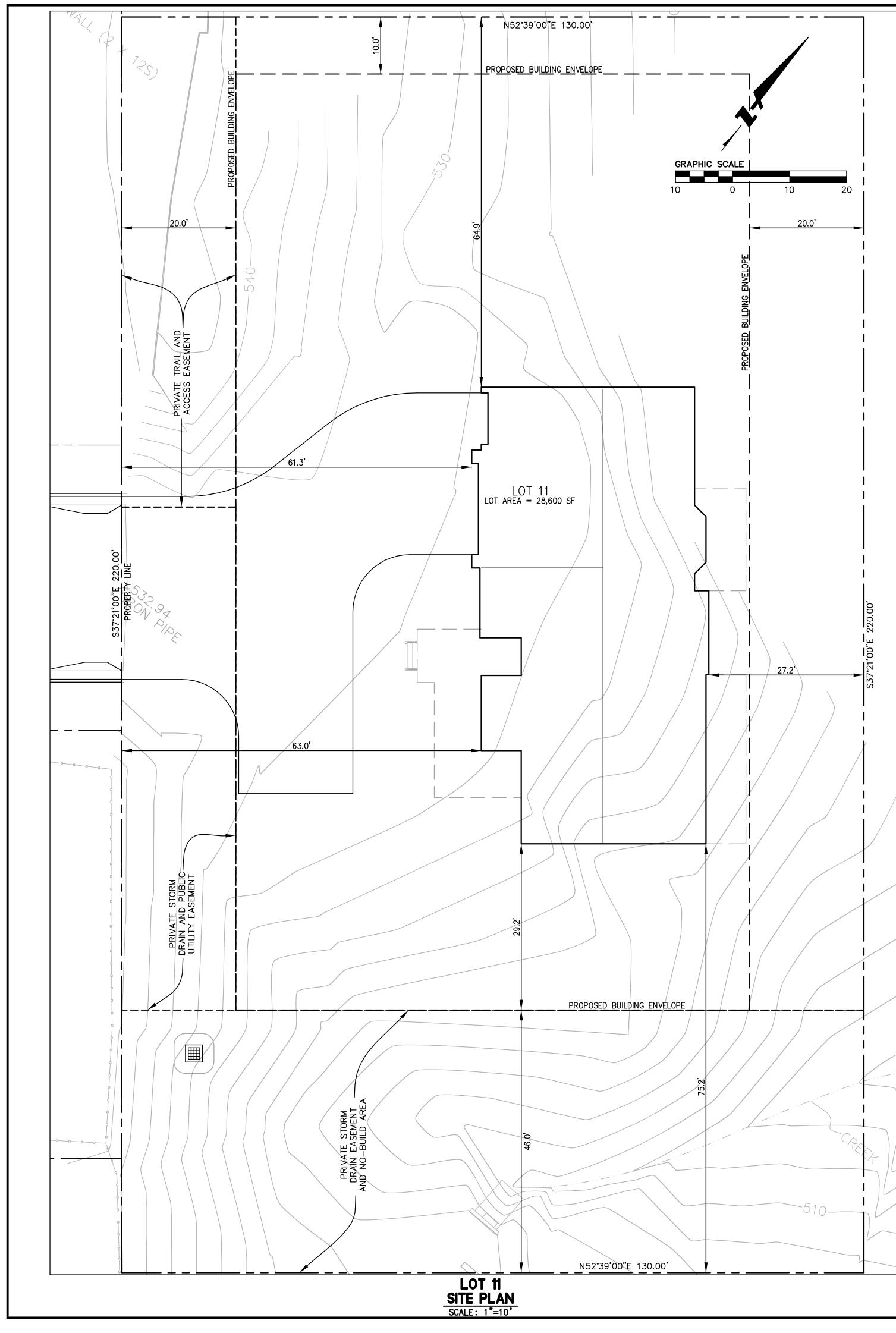
In summary, at this time the project has complied with Mitigation Measures BIO-2a, BIO-2b, BIO-2c, and BIO 2d, but construction on Lots 9 and 11 are required to include woodrat protection measures as indicated in measure BIO-2a, additional surveys will be required immediately prior to the start of construction, and protective fencing will need to be installed/repaired.



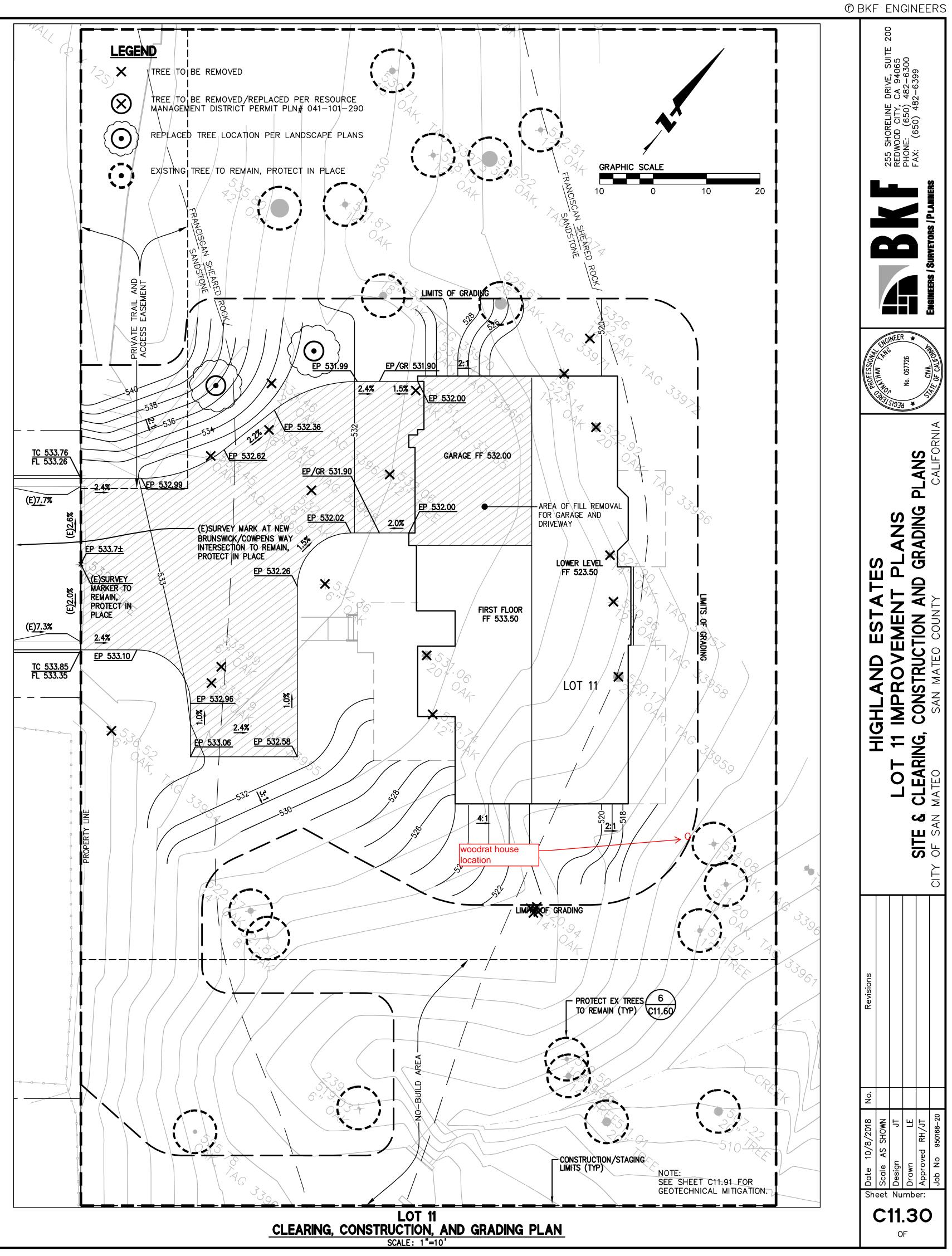
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The nesting bird survey for lots 9, 10, and 11 was completed by a MIG biologist on May 29, 2018<sup>h</sup>. No nests, nesting, or breeding behavior was observed. The survey assures compliance with Mitigation Measure BIO-2c, however, if construction activities are delayed past June 12<sup>th</sup> an additional survey will be required to comply with this measure.

A survey for bat roosts on lots 9, 10, and 11 was completed by a MIG biologist on May 29, 2018. No bat roosts were found. This survey assures project compliance with Mitigation Measure BIO-2c.

Surveys for California red-legged frog on lot 11 were conducted on May 29 and June 4, 2018. No frog species were found in the upland areas of lot 11 that will be impacted by construction activities. Weed control on lot 11 started on June 4, 2018 immediately after the frog survey.

In addition, woodrat houses were relocated from parcels 9, 10, and 11 in 2015 in compliance with Mitigation Measure BIO-2a. In May and June 2018, MIG biologists surveyed parcels 9, 10, and 11 to determine if any new woodrat houses had been built on the lots. No woodrat houses were found in the project footprint. Flagging and fencing delimiting a buffer zone around nearby woodrat houses is still present on the lots. The project remains in compliance with Mitigation Measure BIO-2a. A separate monitoring report for the woodrat relocation activities has already been submitted.

# In summary, at this time the project has complied with Mitigation Measures BIO-2a, BIO-2b, BIO-2c, and BIO 2d.

#### **County of San Mateo**

## Geotechnical Consultant Approval

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Applicant (Owner): HIGHLAND ESTATES DEVELOPMENT I LLC	Geo. File No. BLD2016- (00158 00160) APN: 041101430, 041101440, 041101450		
Site Address: LOTS 9-11			
Permit Type: Building	Required by: CSA / XL	Date: 12/3/2018	

#### NOTICE TO APPLICANT:

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