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May 21st, 2020

Kalifornia Green Acres 16060 Ventura Blvd. Suite 110 #196 Encino, CA 91436 Attn: Candace Starr

RE:

Investigation of Existing Unpermitted Grading

142 River Road Alderpoint CA APN: 216-271-013



JN: KGA1801.1

Dear Ms. Starr,

Per your request, we have created a site-specific soils report for the above reference parcel, dated March 5th, 2019. Although this parcel is approximately 6 acres in size, the building areas where I performed my site specific soils investigation were approximately ¼ acre in size each and consisted of leveled areas that had been created in order to accommodate the construction of an approximate 30' x 30' residence and 20' x 40' barn/shed at the upper building site area, and an approximate 30' x 80' commercial structure at the lower building site area. (See attached grading site plan.) I understand that at this time the Humboldt County Building Department is asking for additional commentary on this portion of the parcel where grading was performed without a permit, prior to the creation of our soils report. This includes the graded area above the commercial structure (graded area #1, approximately 470 cubic yards (CY) and the graded area below the commercial structure (graded area #2, approximately 3,300 cy)). Total estimated grading volume is based upon as-built grading plans prepared for the project by Omsberg & Preston, 7-19-2018. On May 20th, 2020 I spoke with Mr. Phil Heredia (Project Site Manager) concerning the history of the development of this parcel. Geometric details of the grading that was performed are shown on the attached diagrams/sketches.

To my knowledge, the grading of these benched areas was not performed under any engineering direction which would have included requirements for benching, the inspection of the areas to accept fill soil, fill soil approval, compaction testing of fill layers, the final grading inspection, drainage design, etc. During my site visit of January 29th, 2019, I observed two test holes dug in the graded areas; the soil generally consisted of a rocky silty clay.

We have not performed an engineering review during the construction of these benched areas, or performed any extensive investigations which would reveal the methods and materials used to create the benched areas. However, based on my years of experience of investigating similar projects and the following observations, it appears that these benched areas are performing adequately for their intended use by the existing structures, as well as cannabis extraction, processing and temporary light framed greenhouse construction:

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- According to Mr. Heredia, the benched areas have been in place for approximately 6-7 years.
- I observed no obvious settlement failure on either the cuts or fills associated with these benched
- It appears that the surface drainage from these benched areas has been or could relatively easily be channeled towards established drainage ways.
- I observed no obvious signs of soil erosion during my site visit.
- The benched areas have withstood the severe rainy winters of 2016 and 2018 without noticeable settlement.
- The rocky clayey soil material is not inherently susceptible to earth movement.

In conclusion, because this grading was performed without any engineering control, it is assumed that there is an increased chance that this grading may move or settle at some time during its economic lifespan (due to heavy rain, disturbance of the soil atop the bank, undue settlement, etc.). In my opinion it appears that if this grading were to move or settle there would be sufficient ground surface area on this parcel below the graded areas to clean up any debris deposited by the movement. It does not appear that movement would affect neighboring properties, any environmentally sensitive areas, or established drainage ways. Movement/cleanup or additional regrading of these benched areas could be treated as a "maintenance" issue, similar to the ongoing upkeep/maintenance of a common gravel road. In conjunction with any clean-up or repair, the regrading could be subject to engineering review, design, and inspection (a grading repair plan) in order to further minimize the chance of additional movement.

All of the cut and fill banks associated with these benched areas must be revegetated with grasses/erosion resistant foliage. Additionally, it is imperative that the drainage improvements be inspected and maintained regularly in order to assure that surface water drainage is directed away from fill soil areas.

If you intend to construct any additional permanent structures (residential or commercial) in these benched areas, please contact our office for specific foundation requirements. These requirements will include extending the foundation through any fill soil to bear on competent native subsoils, in conformance with the original soils report that we created for this site.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this review of the unpermitted grading areas, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mr. Terry O'Reilly, P.E.

Senior Civil Engineer

RCE # 49506

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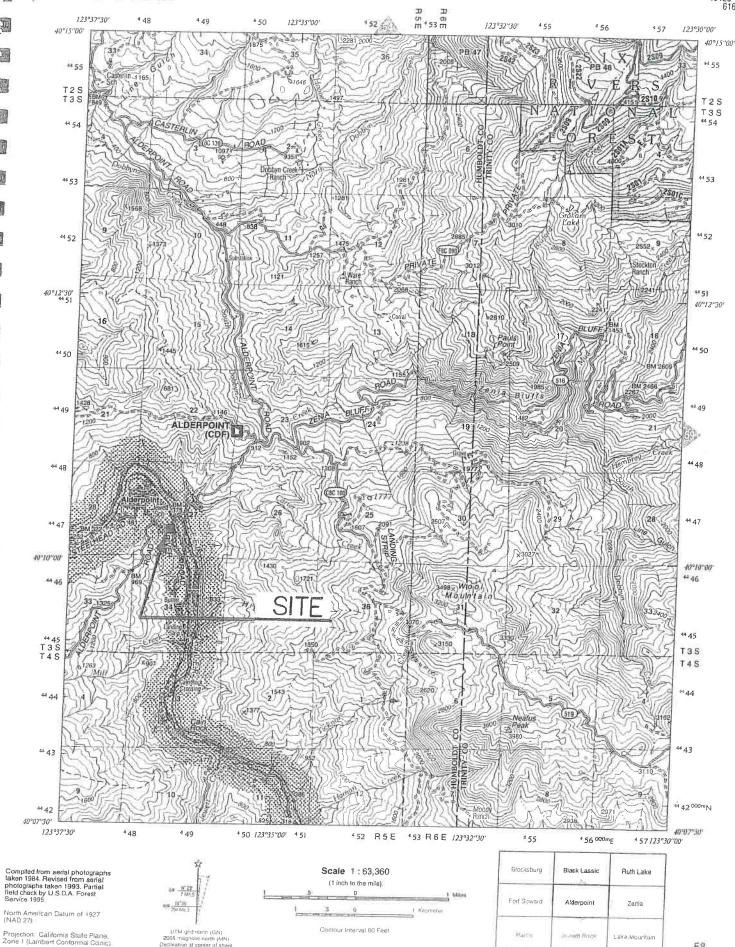
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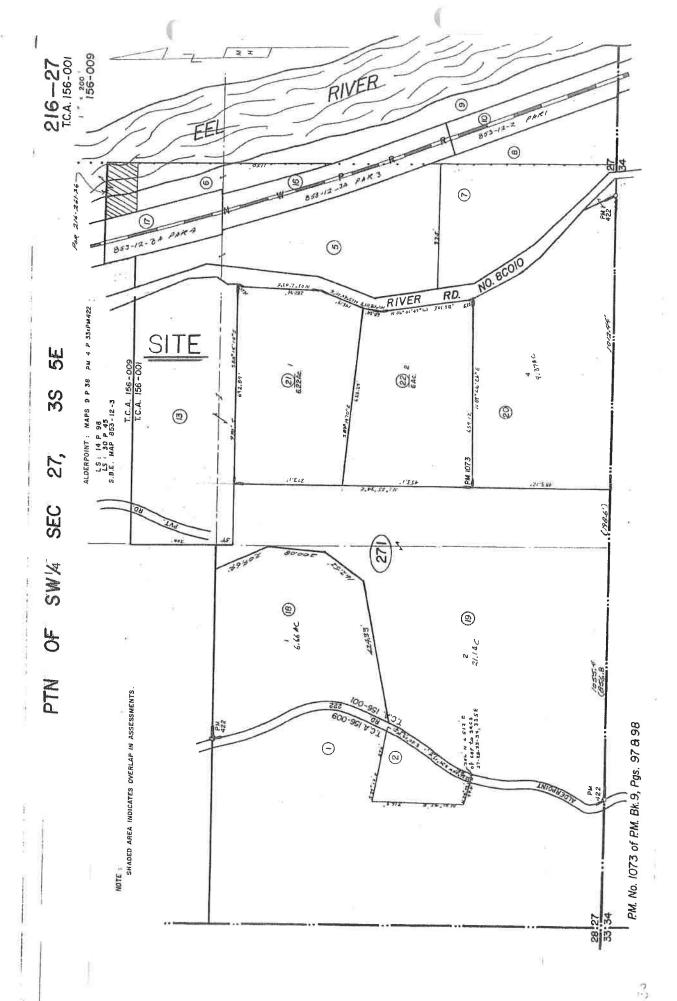
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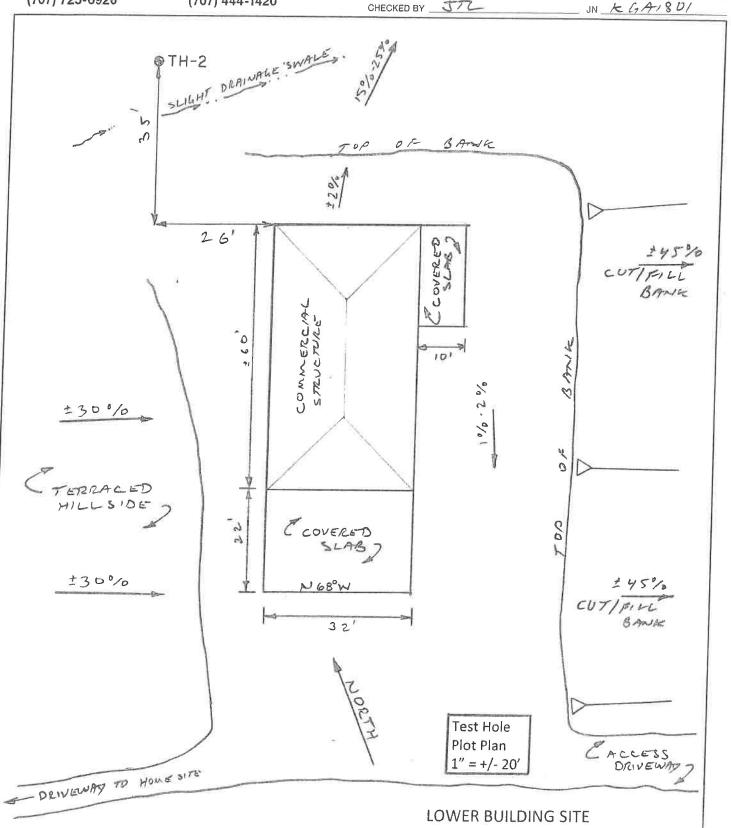


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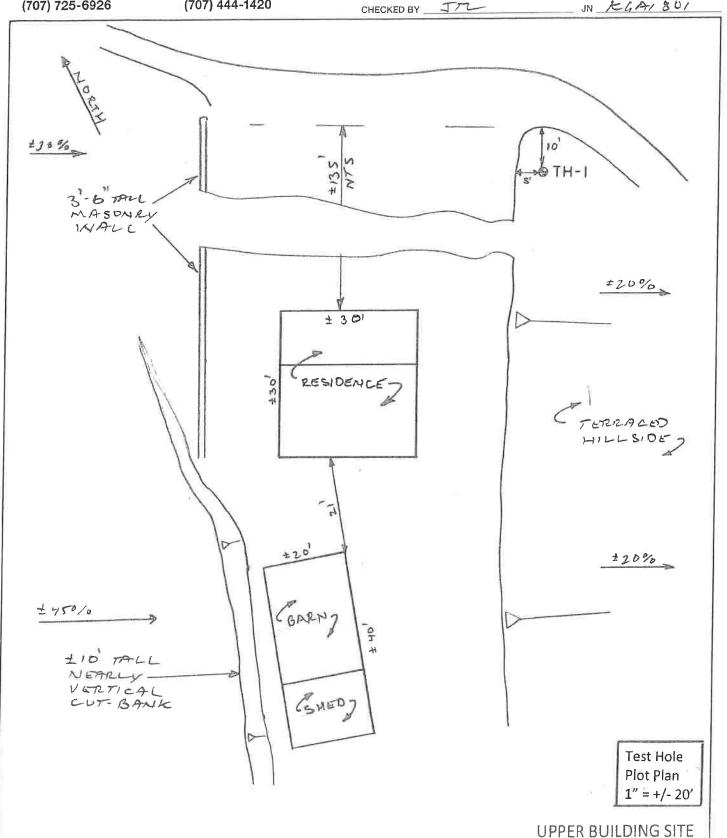
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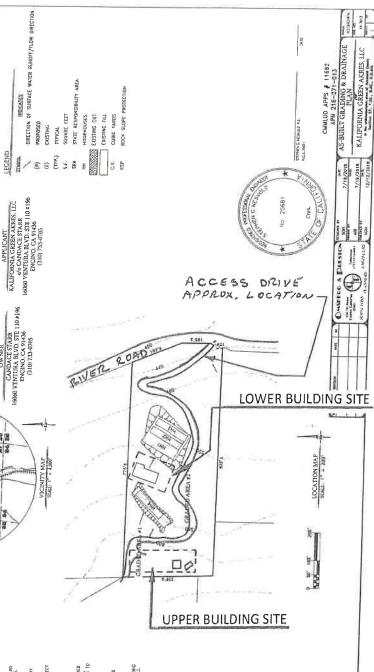
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