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Subject: Limited Geotechnical Investigation  
Proposed Facilities Structure Relocation  
1140 West Mission Road  
San Marcos, California

Mr. Miller:

As requested, Construction Testing and Engineering, Inc. (CTE) has performed a site reconnaissance and limited-access geotechnical investigation for the proposed improvements at the subject site. Based on the findings of the limited investigation, the following recommendations are provided. This work was performed in general accordance with CTE proposal G-4176, dated August 30, 2017.

We understand that the proposed project consists of relocating two timber-framed buildings and three Conex storage boxes to the facilities yard. The timber-framed structures are to be founded on a shallow pier or cassion system and the Conex boxes are to be placed on the existing graded pad.

The subsurface evaluation consisted of the manual excavation and geologic logging of three exploratory borings in representative improvement areas. Subgrade conditions were observed in the field by a CTE Certified Engineering Geologist.

### **1.0 INVESTIGATION FINDINGS**

#### **1.1 Geology**

Based on regional geologic mapping by Kennedy and Tan (2007) the site is underlain by Cretaceous Tonalite. However, based on subsurface observations, the site is underlain by minor amounts of Quaternary Undocumented Fill and Residual Soil with Cretaceous Tonalite anticipated at depth. Where observed, the Undocumented Fill was generally found to consist of loose to medium dense, brown, clayey fine- to medium-grained sand. The Residual Soil generally consists of medium dense, light olive gray, clayey fine- to coarse-grained sand. The underlying Cretaceous Tonalite was observed in the adjacent cut slopes and surface exposures and generally consists of very dense, dark reddish gray Tonalite.

Groundwater was not encountered during the recent investigation. While groundwater conditions may vary, especially during and after periods of sustained precipitation or irrigation, it is generally not anticipated to affect the proposed improvements if proper site drainage is designed, constructed, and maintained as per the recommendations of the project civil engineer or architect.

## **1.2 Grading**

Prior to grading, the site should be cleared of any existing debris and deleterious materials. Objectionable materials, such as construction debris, vegetation, and other soils not suitable for structural backfill should be properly disposed of offsite. We anticipate that all proposed foundations will extend to bear entirely upon competent native materials. Following removal of debris and loose surficial soils, areas to receive slabs-on grade or Conex storage boxes should be overexcavated a minimum of 12 inches below nearest adjacent existing or proposed elevation (whichever is deeper) and then scarified a minimum of 12 inches, moisture conditioned, and compacted, as recommended below.

A geotechnical representative from CTE should observe the exposed ground surface prior to scarification and placement of compacted fill or improvements, to verify the competency of exposed subgrade materials.

## **1.3 Fill Placement and Compaction**

Following recommended removals of loose or disturbed soils, areas to receive fills or concrete slabs-on-grade should be scarified a minimum of 12 inches, moisture conditioned, and properly compacted. Fill and backfill within the improvement areas should be compacted to a minimum relative compaction of 90 percent at a moisture content of at least two percent above optimum, as evaluated by ASTM D 1557. The optimum lift thickness for fill soil will depend on the type of compaction equipment used. Generally, backfill should be placed in uniform, horizontal lifts not exceeding eight inches in loose thickness. Fill placement and compaction should be conducted in conformance with local ordinances.

## **1.4 Fill Materials**

Properly moisture conditioned, low expansion potential soils derived from the on-site materials are considered suitable for reuse on the site as compacted fill. If used, these materials should be screened of organics and materials generally greater than three inches in maximum dimension. Irreducible materials greater than three inches in maximum dimension should not be used in shallow fills (within three feet of proposed grades). In utility trenches, adequate bedding should surround pipes.

Imported fill beneath structures and flatwork should have an Expansion Index (EI) of 20 or less (ASTM D 4829). Imported fill soils for use in structural or slope areas should be evaluated by the soils engineer before being imported to the site.

### **1.5 Foundations and Slabs-On-Grade**

Following the recommended preparatory excavation and grading, shallow caisson foundations and slabs-on-grade are anticipated to be suitable for use at this site (Conex storage boxes are suitable for placement directly on grades prepared as recommended herein, or as per manufacturer instructions, or as desired by the owner). It is anticipated that the caisson foundations will be deepened, where necessary, to bear a minimum of two feet into competent native material as recommended herein. Based on the boring logs (Appendix B) competent materials may be encountered five feet or greater below existing ground surface (bgs), with depth to competent materials expected to be greatest near the top of the existing slope at the site.

Shallow caisson foundations embedded a minimum of two feet into competent native materials may be designed using the following parameters:

- Allowable vertical bearing value = 2,000 psf. This value may be increased by 1/3 for temporary wind or seismic loading.
- Skin friction value = 350 psf for upward and downward loading (for the portion embedded into competent native materials).
- Allowable vertical bearing and skin friction can be combined for resistance of downward forces.
- Allowable lateral bearing value of 250 psf per foot of depth, disregarding the top 12 inches of adjacent subgrade (for a foundation or improvements not adversely affected by a 0.5 inch motion at the ground surface). Lateral pressures can be assumed to act over a distance of twice a round foundation diameter due to soil arching, which effectively doubles the allowable bearing value. However, a maximum allowable lateral pressure of 2,500 psf should be used. A 1/3 increase for short duration loads is also acceptable.
- As discussed herein, bottom of caissons should bear a minimum of two feet into competent native material as observed by a CTE geologist or engineer, with a minimum distance to daylight of ten feet. Competent native materials are anticipated to occur in the residual soil layer; However, CTE should observe and approve all caisson excavation bottoms prior to steel and concrete placement.
- Due to the site location in the facilities yard, CTE anticipates that slabs-on-grade may experience higher than typical, lightly-loaded foot traffic. For the expected light to medium equipment (e.g., skid steers, forklifts, etc.) and storage (e.g., loaded pallets, drums, etc.) loading, CTE recommends that slabs-on-grade be a minimum of five inches thick and reinforced with a minimum #3 reinforcing bars spaced a maximum of 16 inches on-center, both ways, or as recommended by the structural engineer.
- CTE has submitted a soil sample for chemical testing for corrosive properties as they pertain to concrete and metallic improvements. Those results are pending and this letter can be updated when they are complete should the results vary from the assumptions herein. Based on CTE's experience with similar soils in the surrounding area of the

campus, site soils are generally anticipated to have a negligible corrosion potential to Portland cement concrete improvements. As such, Type II Portland cement is anticipated to be appropriate for proposed site improvements, subject to the review and determination of the project Structural Engineer(s). Onsite soils are locally anticipated to have a moderate to severe corrosion potential for buried uncoated/unprotected metallic conduits. Based on these results, at a minimum, the use of buried plastic piping or conduits would appear beneficial, where feasible. However, CTE does not practice corrosion engineering. Therefore, a corrosion engineer or other qualified consultant could be contacted if site specific corrosivity issues are of concern.

## **2.0 SEISMIC GROUND MOTION VALUES**

The seismic ground motion values listed in the table below were derived in accordance with the ASCE 7-10 Standard and the 2016 CBC. This was accomplished by establishing the Site Class based on the soil properties at the site, and then calculating the site coefficients and parameters using the United States Geological Survey Seismic Design Maps application. These values are intended for the design of structures to resist the effects of earthquake ground motions for the site coordinates 33.15311° latitude and -117.18386° longitude, as underlain by soils corresponding to site Class C.

TABLE 2.0 SEISMIC GROUND MOTION VALUES		
PARAMETER	VALUE	CBC REFERENCE (2013)
Site Class	C	ASCE 7, Chapter 20
Mapped Spectral Response Acceleration Parameter, $S_s$	1.020	Figure 1613.3.1 (1)
Mapped Spectral Response Acceleration Parameter, $S_1$	0.400	Figure 1613.3.1 (2)
Seismic Coefficient, $F_a$	1.000	Table 1613.3.3 (1)
Seismic Coefficient, $F_v$	1.400	Table 1613.3.3 (2)
MCE Spectral Response Acceleration Parameter, $S_{MS}$	1.020	Section 1613.3.3
MCE Spectral Response Acceleration Parameter, $S_{M1}$	0.560	Section 1613.3.3
Design Spectral Response Acceleration, Parameter $S_{DS}$	0.680	Section 1613.3.4
Design Spectral Response Acceleration, Parameter $S_{D1}$	0.373	Section 1613.3.4
Peak Ground Acceleration $PGA_M$	0.389	ASCE 7, Section 11.8.3

### **3.0 LIMITATIONS**

We understand this project will not be subject to DSA or associated project reviews or approvals. As indicated, the recommendations herein are based on our review of the preliminary design information and recent subsurface explorations and experience in the site vicinity. The anticipated conditions should be verified in the field during construction.


The field evaluation, laboratory testing, and geotechnical analysis presented in this report have been conducted according to current engineering practice and the standard of care exercised by reputable geotechnical consultants performing similar tasks in this area. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made regarding the conclusions, recommendations and opinions expressed in this report. Variations may exist and conditions not observed or described in this report may be encountered during construction.

The findings of this report are valid as of the present date. However, changes in the conditions of a property can occur with the passage of time, whether they are due to natural processes or the works of man on this or adjacent properties. In addition, changes in applicable or appropriate standards may occur, whether they result from legislation or the broadening of knowledge. Accordingly, the findings of this report may be invalidated wholly or partially by changes outside our control. Therefore, this report is subject to review and should not be relied upon after a period of three years.


CTE's conclusions and recommendations are based on an analysis of the observed site conditions. If conditions different from those described in this report are encountered, this office should be notified and additional recommendations, if required, will be provided.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service on this project. Should you have any questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact this office.


Respectfully submitted,  
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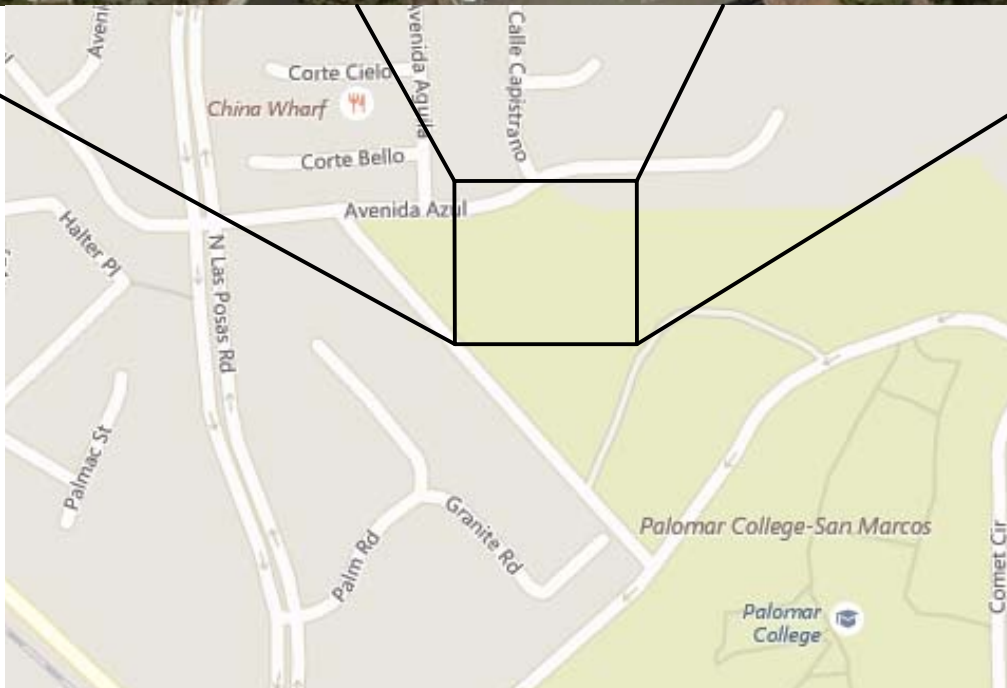
  
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Attachments:

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| Figure 1   | Site Index Map                      |
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### SITE INDEX MAP

PALOMAR COLLEGE FACILITIES STRUCTURE RELOCATION  
1140 WEST MISSION ROAD  
SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

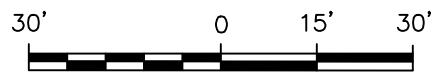
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### LEGEND

B-3  APPROXIMATE BORING LOCATION



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**EXPLORATION LOCATION MAP**  
PALOMAR COLLEGE FACILITIES STRUCTURE RELOCATION  
1140 WEST MISSION ROAD  
SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

SCALE:  
1"=30'

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## APPENDIX A

### REFERENCES
















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APPENDIX B

EXPLORATION LOGS



## DEFINITION OF TERMS

PRIMARY DIVISIONS			SYMBOLS	SECONDARY DIVISIONS
COARSE GRAINED SOILS MORE THAN HALF OF MATERIAL IS LARGER THAN NO. 200 SIEVE SIZE	GRAVELS MORE THAN HALF OF COARSE FRACTION IS LARGER THAN NO. 4 SIEVE	CLEAN GRAVELS < 5% FINES	 GW	WELL GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES LITTLE OR NO FINES
		GRAVELS WITH FINES	 GP	POORLY GRADED GRAVELS OR GRAVEL SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OF NO FINES
			 GM	SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-SILT MIXTURES, NON-PLASTIC FINES
			 GC	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-CLAY MIXTURES, PLASTIC FINES
	SANDS MORE THAN HALF OF COARSE FRACTION IS SMALLER THAN NO. 4 SIEVE	CLEAN SANDS < 5% FINES	 SW	WELL GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES
		SANDS WITH FINES	 SP	POORLY GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES
			 SM	SILTY SANDS, SAND-SILT MIXTURES, NON-PLASTIC FINES
			 SC	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND-CLAY MIXTURES, PLASTIC FINES
FINE GRAINED SOILS MORE THAN HALF OF MATERIAL IS SMALLER THAN NO. 200 SIEVE SIZE	SILTS AND CLAYS LIQUID LIMIT IS LESS THAN 50	 ML	INORGANIC SILTS, VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SANDS, SLIGHTLY PLASTIC CLAYEY SILTS	
		 CL	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY, SANDY, SILTS OR LEAN CLAYS	
		 OL	ORGANIC SILTS AND ORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY	
	SILTS AND CLAYS LIQUID LIMIT IS GREATER THAN 50	 MH	INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS FINE SANDY OR SILTY SOILS, ELASTIC SILTS	
		 CH	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY, FAT CLAYS	
		 OH	ORGANIC CLAYS OF MEDIUM TO HIGH PLASTICITY, ORGANIC SILTY CLAYS	
		 PT	PEAT AND OTHER HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS				

## GRAIN SIZES

BOULDERS	COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILTS AND CLAYS
		COARSE	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	
12"	3"	3/4"	4	10	40	200	
CLEAR SQUARE SIEVE OPENING				U.S. STANDARD SIEVE SIZE			

## ADDITIONAL TESTS

(OTHER THAN TEST PIT AND BORING LOG COLUMN HEADINGS)

MAX- Maximum Dry Density  
GS- Grain Size Distribution  
SE- Sand Equivalent  
EI- Expansion Index  
CHM- Sulfate and Chloride  
Content , pH, Resistivity  
COR - Corrosivity  
SD- Sample Disturbed

PM- Permeability  
SG- Specific Gravity  
HA- Hydrometer Analysis  
AL- Atterberg Limits  
RV- R-Value  
CN- Consolidation  
CP- Collapse Potential  
HC- Hydrocollapse  
REM- Remolded

PP- Pocket Penetrometer  
WA- Wash Analysis  
DS- Direct Shear  
UC- Unconfined Compression  
MD- Moisture/Density  
M- Moisture  
SC- Swell Compression  
OI- Organic Impurities



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PROJECT:  
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DRILLER:  
DRILL METHOD:  
SAMPLE METHOD:

SHEET: of  
DRILLING DATE:  
ELEVATION:

Depth (Feet)	Bulk Sample Type	Blows/Foot	Dry Density (pcf)	Moisture (%)	U.S.C.S. Symbol	Graphic Log	BORING LEGEND	Laboratory Tests
							DESCRIPTION	
0							Block or Chunk Sample	
							Bulk Sample	
5								
							Standard Penetration Test	
10							Modified Split-Barrel Drive Sampler (Cal Sampler)	
							Thin Walled Army Corp. of Engineers Sample	
15								
							Groundwater Table	
20							Soil Type or Classification Change	
							? — ? — ? — ? — ? — ? — ? —	
							Formation Change [(Approximate boundaries queried (?))]	
25					"SM"		Quotes are placed around classifications where the soils exist in situ as bedrock	

FIGURE:

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PROJECT:	PALOMAR COLLEGE FAC. STRUCTURE	DRILLER:	BAJA EXPLORATION	SHEET:	1	of	1
CTE JOB NO:	10-13929G	DRILL METHOD:	HOLLOW-STEM AUGER	DRILLING DATE:	9/7/2017		
LOGGED BY:	AJB	SAMPLE METHOD:	RING, SPT and BULK	ELEVATION:	~649 FEET		

BORING: B-1								Laboratory Tests
Depth (Feet)	Bulk Sample	Driven Type	Blows/6"	Dry Density (pcf)	Moisture (%)	U.S.C.S. Symbol	Graphic Log	DESCRIPTION
0						SC		<b>QUATERNARY PREVIOUSLY PLACED FILL:</b> Loose to medium dense, dry to slightly moist, brown, clayey fine to medium grained SAND with gravel.
						SC		<b>RESIDUAL SOIL:</b> Medium dense, slightly moist, light olive gray, clayey fine to coarse grained SAND with gravel, oxidized mottling.
5								Total Depth: 4' (Refusal on rock) No Groundwater Encountered
10								
15								
20								
25								





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PROJECT: PALOMAR COLLEGE FAC. STRUCTURE DRILLER: BAJA EXPLORATION SHEET: 1 of 1  
CTE JOB NO: 10-13929G DRILL METHOD: HOLLOW-STEM AUGER DRILLING DATE: 9/7/2017  
LOGGED BY: AJB SAMPLE METHOD: RING, SPT and BULK ELEVATION: ~650 FEET

Depth (Feet)	Bulk Sample Driven Type	Blows/6"	Dry Density (pcf)	Moisture (%)	U.S.C.S. Symbol	Graphic Log	BORING: B-2	Laboratory Tests
DESCRIPTION								
0					SC		<b>QUATERNARY PREVIOUSLY PLACED FILL:</b> Loose to medium dense, dry to slightly moist, brown, clayey fine to medium grained SAND with gravel.	CHM
5							Total Depth: 4.5' (Refusal on rock) No Groundwater Encountered	
10								
15								
20								
25								



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LOGGED BY: AJB SAMPLE METHOD: RING, SPT and BULK ELEVATION: ~650 FEET

Depth (Feet)	Bulk Sample Driven Type	Blows/6"	Dry Density (pcf)	Moisture (%)	U.S.C.S. Symbol	Graphic Log	BORING: B-3	Laboratory Tests
DESCRIPTION								
0					SC		<b>QUATERNARY PREVIOUSLY PLACED FILL:</b> Loose to medium dense, dry to slightly moist, brown, clayey fine to medium grained SAND with gravel.	
5							<b>RESIDUAL SOIL:</b> Medium dense, slightly moist, light olive gray, clayey fine to coarse grained SAND with gravel, oxidized mottling.	
							Total Depth: 4.3' (Refusal on rock) No Groundwater Encountered	
-10								
-15								
-20								
-25								

APPENDIX C

LABORATORY RESULTS  
(PENDING)

APPENDIX D

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR GRADING

### Section 1 - General

Construction Testing & Engineering, Inc. presents the following standard recommendations for grading and other associated operations on construction projects. These guidelines should be considered a portion of the project specifications. Recommendations contained in the body of the previously presented soils report shall supersede the recommendations and or requirements as specified herein. The project geotechnical consultant shall interpret disputes arising out of interpretation of the recommendations contained in the soils report or specifications contained herein.

### Section 2 - Responsibilities of Project Personnel

The geotechnical consultant should provide observation and testing services sufficient to general conformance with project specifications and standard grading practices. The geotechnical consultant should report any deviations to the client or his authorized representative.

The Client should be chiefly responsible for all aspects of the project. He or his authorized representative has the responsibility of reviewing the findings and recommendations of the geotechnical consultant. He shall authorize or cause to have authorized the Contractor and/or other consultants to perform work and/or provide services. During grading the Client or his authorized representative should remain on-site or should remain reasonably accessible to all concerned parties in order to make decisions necessary to maintain the flow of the project.

The Contractor is responsible for the safety of the project and satisfactory completion of all grading and other associated operations on construction projects, including, but not limited to, earth work in accordance with the project plans, specifications and controlling agency requirements.

### Section 3 - Preconstruction Meeting

A preconstruction site meeting should be arranged by the owner and/or client and should include the grading contractor, design engineer, geotechnical consultant, owner's representative and representatives of the appropriate governing authorities.

### Section 4 - Site Preparation

The client or contractor should obtain the required approvals from the controlling authorities for the project prior, during and/or after demolition, site preparation and removals, etc. The appropriate approvals should be obtained prior to proceeding with grading operations.



Clearing and grubbing should consist of the removal of vegetation such as brush, grass, woods, stumps, trees, root of trees and otherwise deleterious natural materials from the areas to be graded. Clearing and grubbing should extend to the outside of all proposed excavation and fill areas.

Demolition should include removal of buildings, structures, foundations, reservoirs, utilities (including underground pipelines, septic tanks, leach fields, seepage pits, cisterns, mining shafts, tunnels, etc.) and other man-made surface and subsurface improvements from the areas to be graded. Demolition of utilities should include proper capping and/or rerouting pipelines at the project perimeter and cutoff and capping of wells in accordance with the requirements of the governing authorities and the recommendations of the geotechnical consultant at the time of demolition.

Trees, plants or man-made improvements not planned to be removed or demolished should be protected by the contractor from damage or injury.

Debris generated during clearing, grubbing and/or demolition operations should be wasted from areas to be graded and disposed off-site. Clearing, grubbing and demolition operations should be performed under the observation of the geotechnical consultant.

#### Section 5 - Site Protection

Protection of the site during the period of grading should be the responsibility of the contractor. Unless other provisions are made in writing and agreed upon among the concerned parties, completion of a portion of the project should not be considered to preclude that portion or adjacent areas from the requirements for site protection until such time as the entire project is complete as identified by the geotechnical consultant, the client and the regulating agencies.

Precautions should be taken during the performance of site clearing, excavations and grading to protect the work site from flooding, ponding or inundation by poor or improper surface drainage. Temporary provisions should be made during the rainy season to adequately direct surface drainage away from and off the work site. Where low areas cannot be avoided, pumps should be kept on hand to continually remove water during periods of rainfall.

Rain related damage should be considered to include, but may not be limited to, erosion, silting, saturation, swelling, structural distress and other adverse conditions as determined by the geotechnical consultant. Soil adversely affected should be classified as unsuitable materials and should be subject to overexcavation and replacement with compacted fill or other remedial grading as recommended by the geotechnical consultant.

The contractor should be responsible for the stability of all temporary excavations. Recommendations by the geotechnical consultant pertaining to temporary excavations (e.g., backcuts) are made in consideration of stability of the completed project and, therefore, should not be considered to preclude the responsibilities of the contractor. Recommendations by the geotechnical consultant should not be considered to preclude requirements that are more restrictive by the regulating agencies. The contractor should provide during periods of extensive rainfall plastic sheeting to prevent unprotected slopes from becoming saturated and unstable. When deemed appropriate by the geotechnical consultant or governing agencies the contractor shall install checkdams, desilting basins, sand bags or other drainage control measures.

In relatively level areas and/or slope areas, where saturated soil and/or erosion gullies exist to depths of greater than 1.0 foot; they should be overexcavated and replaced as compacted fill in accordance with the applicable specifications. Where affected materials exist to depths of 1.0 foot or less below proposed finished grade, remedial grading by moisture conditioning in-place, followed by thorough recompaction in accordance with the applicable grading guidelines herein may be attempted. If the desired results are not achieved, all affected materials should be overexcavated and replaced as compacted fill in accordance with the slope repair recommendations herein. If field conditions dictate, the geotechnical consultant may recommend other slope repair procedures.

## Section 6 - Excavations

### 6.1 Unsuitable Materials

Materials that are unsuitable should be excavated under observation and recommendations of the geotechnical consultant. Unsuitable materials include, but may not be limited to, dry, loose, soft, wet, organic compressible natural soils and fractured, weathered, soft bedrock and nonengineered or otherwise deleterious fill materials.

Material identified by the geotechnical consultant as unsatisfactory due to its moisture conditions should be overexcavated; moisture conditioned as needed, to a uniform at or above optimum moisture condition before placement as compacted fill.

If during the course of grading adverse geotechnical conditions are exposed which were not anticipated in the preliminary soil report as determined by the geotechnical consultant additional exploration, analysis, and treatment of these problems may be recommended.

### 6.2 Cut Slopes

Unless otherwise recommended by the geotechnical consultant and approved by the regulating agencies, permanent cut slopes should not be steeper than 2:1 (horizontal: vertical).

The geotechnical consultant should observe cut slope excavation and if these excavations expose loose cohesionless, significantly fractured or otherwise unsuitable material, the materials should be overexcavated and replaced with a compacted stabilization fill. If encountered specific cross section details should be obtained from the Geotechnical Consultant.

When extensive cut slopes are excavated or these cut slopes are made in the direction of the prevailing drainage, a non-erodible diversion swale (brow ditch) should be provided at the top of the slope.

### 6.3 Pad Areas

All lot pad areas, including side yard terrace containing both cut and fill materials, transitions, located less than 3 feet deep should be overexcavated to a depth of 3 feet and replaced with a uniform compacted fill blanket of 3 feet. Actual depth of overexcavation may vary and should be delineated by the geotechnical consultant during grading, especially where deep or drastic transitions are present.

For pad areas created above cut or natural slopes, positive drainage should be established away from the top-of-slope. This may be accomplished utilizing a berm drainage swale and/or an appropriate pad gradient. A gradient in soil areas away from the top-of-slopes of 2 percent or greater is recommended.

## Section 7 - Compacted Fill

All fill materials should have fill quality, placement, conditioning and compaction as specified below or as approved by the geotechnical consultant.

### 7.1 Fill Material Quality

Excavated on-site or import materials which are acceptable to the geotechnical consultant may be utilized as compacted fill, provided trash, vegetation and other deleterious materials are removed prior to placement. All import materials anticipated for use on-site should be sampled tested and approved prior to and placement is in conformance with the requirements outlined.

Rocks 12 inches in maximum and smaller may be utilized within compacted fill provided sufficient fill material is placed and thoroughly compacted over and around all rock to effectively fill rock voids. The amount of rock should not exceed 40 percent by dry weight passing the 3/4-inch sieve. The geotechnical consultant may vary those requirements as field conditions dictate.

Where rocks greater than 12 inches but less than four feet of maximum dimension are generated during grading, or otherwise desired to be placed within an engineered fill, special handling in accordance with the recommendations below. Rocks greater than four feet should be broken down or disposed off-site.

#### 7.2 Placement of Fill

Prior to placement of fill material, the geotechnical consultant should observe and approve the area to receive fill. After observation and approval, the exposed ground surface should be scarified to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. The scarified material should be conditioned (i.e. moisture added or air dried by continued discing) to achieve a moisture content at or slightly above optimum moisture conditions and compacted to a minimum of 90 percent of the maximum density or as otherwise recommended in the soils report or by appropriate government agencies.

Compacted fill should then be placed in thin horizontal lifts not exceeding eight inches in loose thickness prior to compaction. Each lift should be moisture conditioned as needed, thoroughly blended to achieve a consistent moisture content at or slightly above optimum and thoroughly compacted by mechanical methods to a minimum of 90 percent of laboratory maximum dry density. Each lift should be treated in a like manner until the desired finished grades are achieved.

The contractor should have suitable and sufficient mechanical compaction equipment and watering apparatus on the job site to handle the amount of fill being placed in consideration of moisture retention properties of the materials and weather conditions.

When placing fill in horizontal lifts adjacent to areas sloping steeper than 5:1 (horizontal: vertical), horizontal keys and vertical benches should be excavated into the adjacent slope area. Keying and benching should be sufficient to provide at least six-foot wide benches and a minimum of four feet of vertical bench height within the firm natural ground, firm bedrock or engineered compacted fill. No compacted fill should be placed in an area after keying and benching until the geotechnical consultant has reviewed the area. Material generated by the benching operation should be moved sufficiently away from

the bench area to allow for the recommended review of the horizontal bench prior to placement of fill.

Within a single fill area where grading procedures dictate two or more separate fills, temporary slopes (false slopes) may be created. When placing fill adjacent to a false slope, benching should be conducted in the same manner as above described. At least a 3-foot vertical bench should be established within the firm core of adjacent approved compacted fill prior to placement of additional fill. Benching should proceed in at least 3-foot vertical increments until the desired finished grades are achieved.

Prior to placement of additional compacted fill following an overnight or other grading delay, the exposed surface or previously compacted fill should be processed by scarification, moisture conditioning as needed to at or slightly above optimum moisture content, thoroughly blended and recompacted to a minimum of 90 percent of laboratory maximum dry density. Where unsuitable materials exist to depths of greater than one foot, the unsuitable materials should be over-excavated.

Following a period of flooding, rainfall or overwatering by other means, no additional fill should be placed until damage assessments have been made and remedial grading performed as described herein.

Rocks 12 inch in maximum dimension and smaller may be utilized in the compacted fill provided the fill is placed and thoroughly compacted over and around all rock. No oversize material should be used within 3 feet of finished pad grade and within 1 foot of other compacted fill areas. Rocks 12 inches up to four feet maximum dimension should be placed below the upper 10 feet of any fill and should not be closer than 15 feet to any slope face. These recommendations could vary as locations of improvements dictate. Where practical, oversized material should not be placed below areas where structures or deep utilities are proposed. Oversized material should be placed in windrows on a clean, overexcavated or unyielding compacted fill or firm natural ground surface. Select native or imported granular soil (S.E. 30 or higher) should be placed and thoroughly flooded over and around all windrowed rock, such that voids are filled. Windrows of oversized material should be staggered so those successive strata of oversized material are not in the same vertical plane.

It may be possible to dispose of individual larger rock as field conditions dictate and as recommended by the geotechnical consultant at the time of placement.



The contractor should assist the geotechnical consultant and/or his representative by digging test pits for removal determinations and/or for testing compacted fill. The contractor should provide this work at no additional cost to the owner or contractor's client.

Fill should be tested by the geotechnical consultant for compliance with the recommended relative compaction and moisture conditions. Field density testing should conform to ASTM Method of Test D 1556-00, D 2922-04. Tests should be conducted at a minimum of approximately two vertical feet or approximately 1,000 to 2,000 cubic yards of fill placed. Actual test intervals may vary as field conditions dictate. Fill found not to be in conformance with the grading recommendations should be removed or otherwise handled as recommended by the geotechnical consultant.

### 7.3 Fill Slopes

Unless otherwise recommended by the geotechnical consultant and approved by the regulating agencies, permanent fill slopes should not be steeper than 2:1 (horizontal: vertical).

Except as specifically recommended in these grading guidelines compacted fill slopes should be over-built two to five feet and cut back to grade, exposing the firm, compacted fill inner core. The actual amount of overbuilding may vary as field conditions dictate. If the desired results are not achieved, the existing slopes should be overexcavated and reconstructed under the guidelines of the geotechnical consultant. The degree of overbuilding shall be increased until the desired compacted slope surface condition is achieved. Care should be taken by the contractor to provide thorough mechanical compaction to the outer edge of the overbuilt slope surface.

At the discretion of the geotechnical consultant, slope face compaction may be attempted by conventional construction procedures including backrolling. The procedure must create a firmly compacted material throughout the entire depth of the slope face to the surface of the previously compacted firm fill intercore.

During grading operations, care should be taken to extend compactive effort to the outer edge of the slope. Each lift should extend horizontally to the desired finished slope surface or more as needed to ultimately established desired grades. Grade during construction should not be allowed to roll off at the edge of the slope. It may be helpful to elevate slightly the outer edge of the slope. Slough resulting from the placement of individual lifts should not be allowed to drift down over previous lifts. At intervals not

exceeding four feet in vertical slope height or the capability of available equipment, whichever is less, fill slopes should be thoroughly dozer trackrolled.

For pad areas above fill slopes, positive drainage should be established away from the top-of-slope. This may be accomplished using a berm and pad gradient of at least two percent.

#### Section 8 - Trench Backfill

Utility and/or other excavation of trench backfill should, unless otherwise recommended, be compacted by mechanical means. Unless otherwise recommended, the degree of compaction should be a minimum of 90 percent of the laboratory maximum density.

Within slab areas, but outside the influence of foundations, trenches up to one foot wide and two feet deep may be backfilled with sand and consolidated by jetting, flooding or by mechanical means. If on-site materials are utilized, they should be wheel-rolled, tamped or otherwise compacted to a firm condition. For minor interior trenches, density testing may be deleted or spot testing may be elected if deemed necessary, based on review of backfill operations during construction.

If utility contractors indicate that it is undesirable to use compaction equipment in close proximity to a buried conduit, the contractor may elect the utilization of light weight mechanical compaction equipment and/or shading of the conduit with clean, granular material, which should be thoroughly jetted in-place above the conduit, prior to initiating mechanical compaction procedures. Other methods of utility trench compaction may also be appropriate, upon review of the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction.

In cases where clean granular materials are proposed for use in lieu of native materials or where flooding or jetting is proposed, the procedures should be considered subject to review by the geotechnical consultant. Clean granular backfill and/or bedding are not recommended in slope areas.

#### Section 9 - Drainage

Where deemed appropriate by the geotechnical consultant, canyon subdrain systems should be installed in accordance with CTE's recommendations during grading.

Typical subdrains for compacted fill buttresses, slope stabilization or sidehill masses, should be installed in accordance with the specifications.

Roof, pad and slope drainage should be directed away from slopes and areas of structures to suitable disposal areas via non-erodible devices (i.e., gutters, downspouts, and concrete swales).

For drainage in extensively landscaped areas near structures, (i.e., within four feet) a minimum of 5 percent gradient away from the structure should be maintained. Pad drainage of at least 2 percent should be maintained over the remainder of the site.

Drainage patterns established at the time of fine grading should be maintained throughout the life of the project. Property owners should be made aware that altering drainage patterns could be detrimental to slope stability and foundation performance.

#### Section 10 - Slope Maintenance

##### 10.1 - Landscape Plants

To enhance surficial slope stability, slope planting should be accomplished at the completion of grading. Slope planting should consist of deep-rooting vegetation requiring little watering. Plants native to the southern California area and plants relative to native plants are generally desirable. Plants native to other semi-arid and arid areas may also be appropriate. A Landscape Architect should be the best party to consult regarding actual types of plants and planting configuration.

##### 10.2 - Irrigation

Irrigation pipes should be anchored to slope faces, not placed in trenches excavated into slope faces.

Slope irrigation should be minimized. If automatic timing devices are utilized on irrigation systems, provisions should be made for interrupting normal irrigation during periods of rainfall.

##### 10.3 - Repair

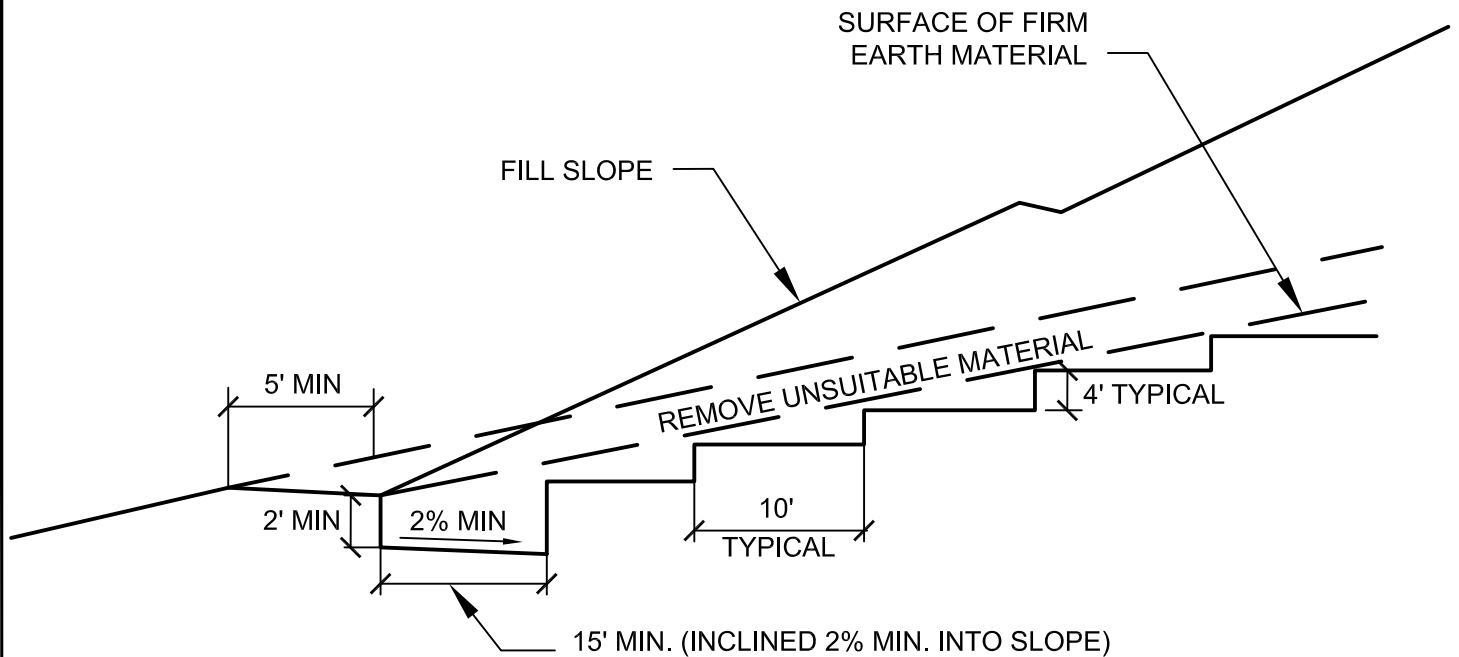
As a precautionary measure, plastic sheeting should be readily available, or kept on hand, to protect all slope areas from saturation by periods of heavy or prolonged rainfall. This measure is strongly recommended, beginning with the period prior to landscape planting.

If slope failures occur, the geotechnical consultant should be contacted for a field review of site conditions and development of recommendations for evaluation and repair.

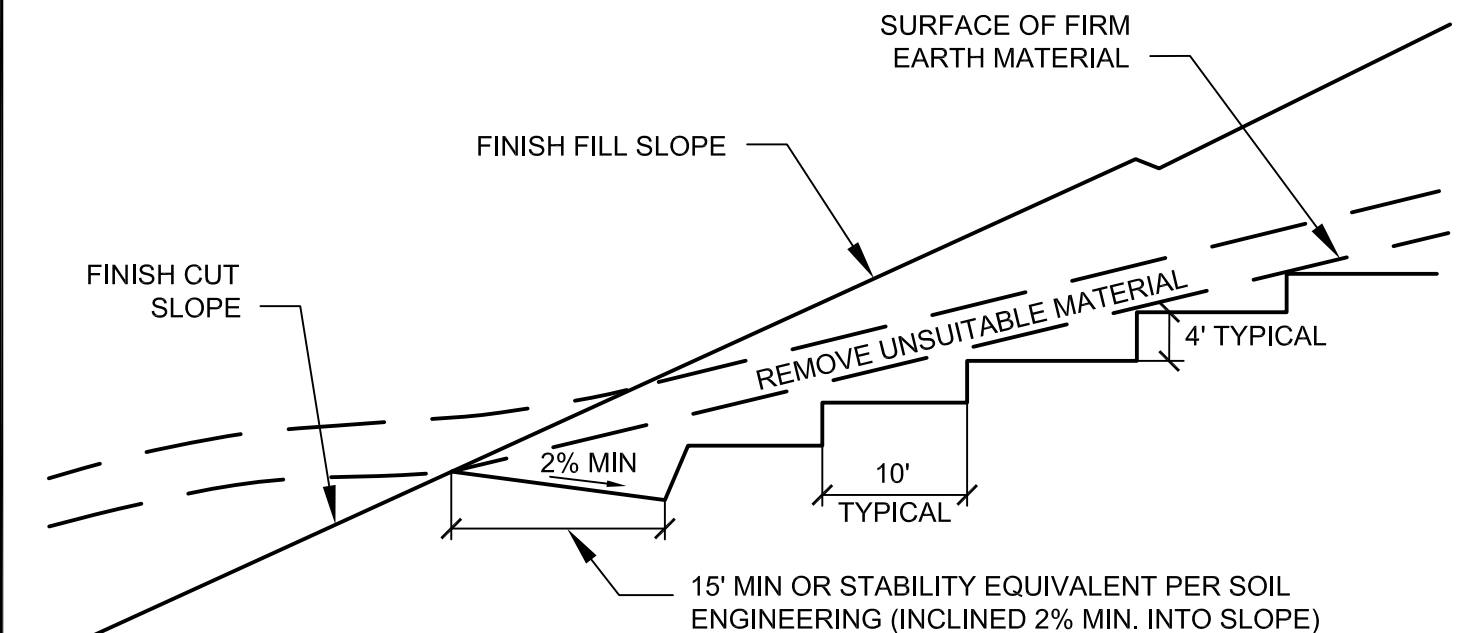
If slope failures occur as a result of exposure to period of heavy rainfall, the failure areas and currently unaffected areas should be covered with plastic sheeting to protect against additional saturation.

In the accompanying Standard Details, appropriate repair procedures are illustrated for superficial slope failures (i.e., occurring typically within the outer one foot to three feet of a slope face).

## BENCHING FILL OVER NATURAL

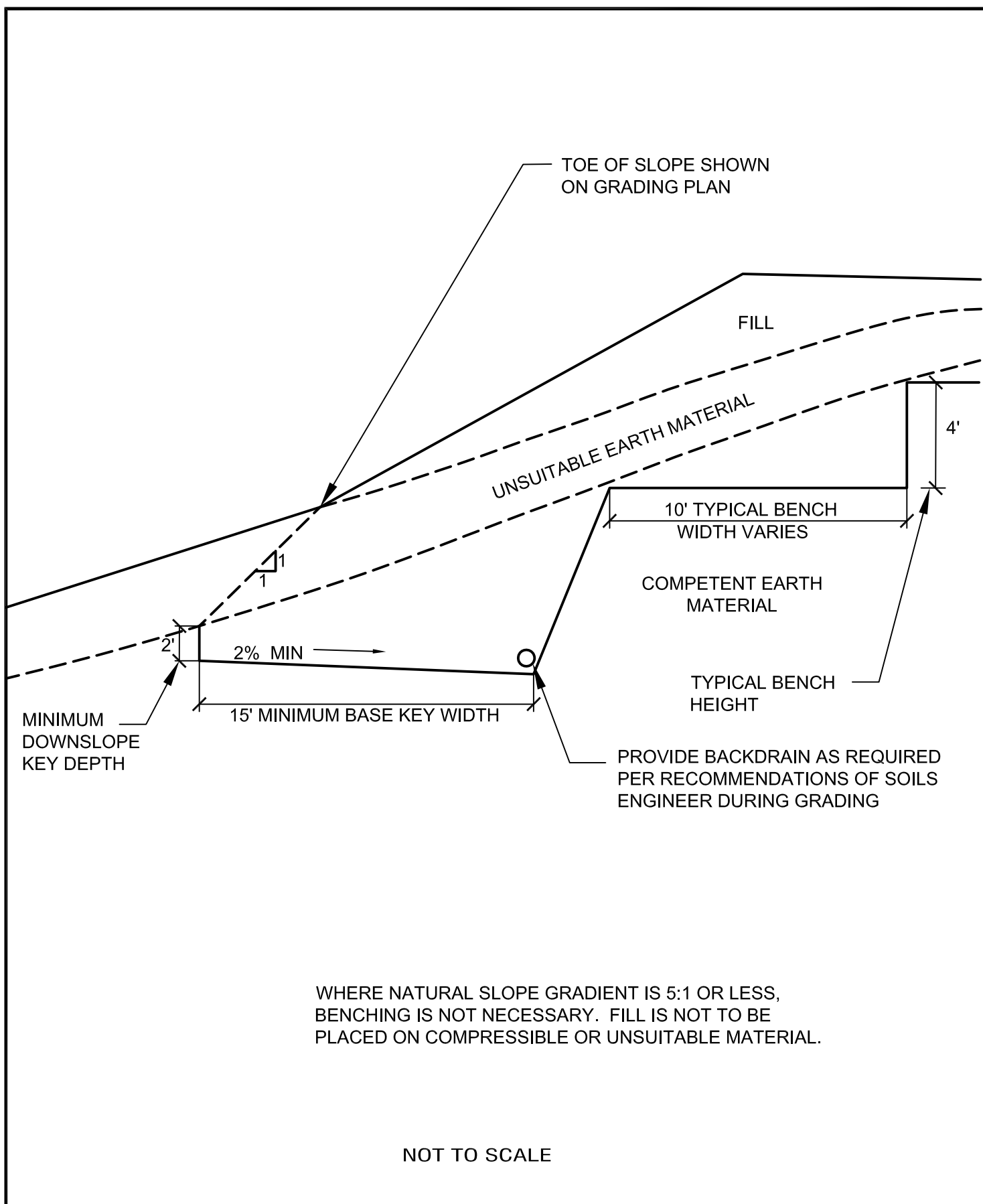


## BENCHING FILL OVER CUT



NOT TO SCALE

## BENCHING FOR COMPACTED FILL DETAIL



## FILL SLOPE ABOVE NATURAL GROUND DETAIL

REMOVE ALL TOPSOIL, COLLUVIUM,  
AND CREEP MATERIAL FROM  
TRANSITION

CUT/FILL CONTACT SHOWN  
ON GRADING PLAN

CUT/FILL CONTACT SHOWN  
ON "AS-BUILT"

NATURAL  
TOPOGRAPHY

CUT SLOPE\*

FILL

TOPSOIL, COLLUVIUM AND CREEP-REMOVE

4' TYPICAL

10' TYPICAL

BEDROCK OR APPROVED  
FOUNDATION MATERIAL

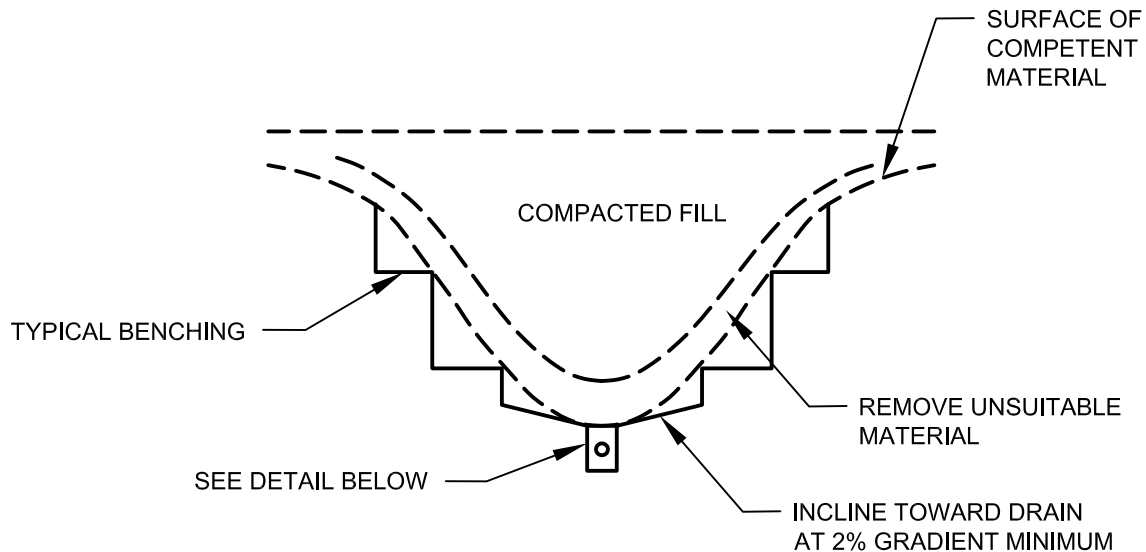
2% MIN

15' MINIMUM

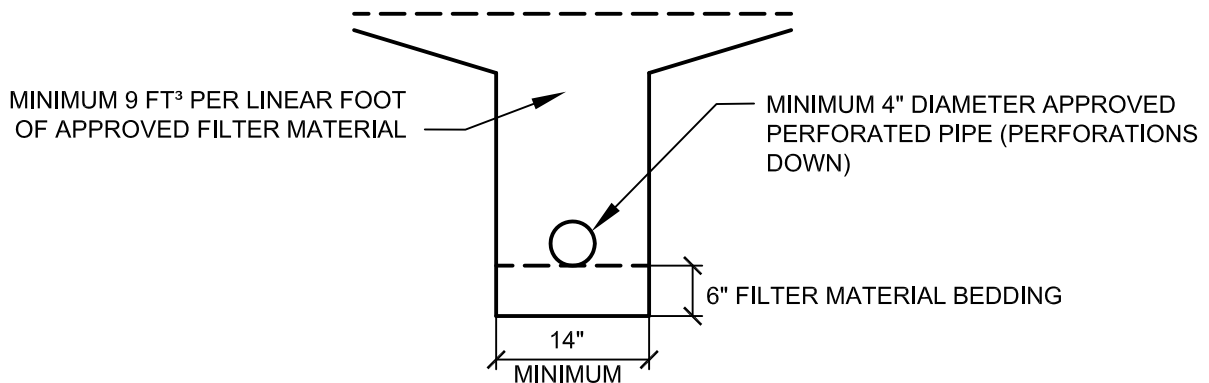
\*NOTE: CUT SLOPE PORTION SHOULD BE  
MADE PRIOR TO PLACEMENT OF FILL

NOT TO SCALE

## FILL SLOPE ABOVE CUT SLOPE DETAIL



### DETAIL



CALTRANS CLASS 2 PERMEABLE MATERIAL  
FILTER MATERIAL TO MEET FOLLOWING  
SPECIFICATION OR APPROVED EQUAL:

<u>SIEVE SIZE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE PASSING</u>
1"	100
¾"	90-100
⅜"	40-100
NO. 4	25-40
NO. 8	18-33
NO. 30	5-15
NO. 50	0-7
NO. 200	0-3

APPROVED PIPE TO BE SCHEDULE 40  
POLY-VINYL-CHLORIDE (P.V.C.) OR  
APPROVED EQUAL. MINIMUM CRUSH  
STRENGTH 1000 psi

PIPE DIAMETER TO MEET THE  
FOLLOWING CRITERIA, SUBJECT TO  
FIELD REVIEW BASED ON ACTUAL  
GEOTECHNICAL CONDITIONS  
ENCOUNTERED DURING GRADING

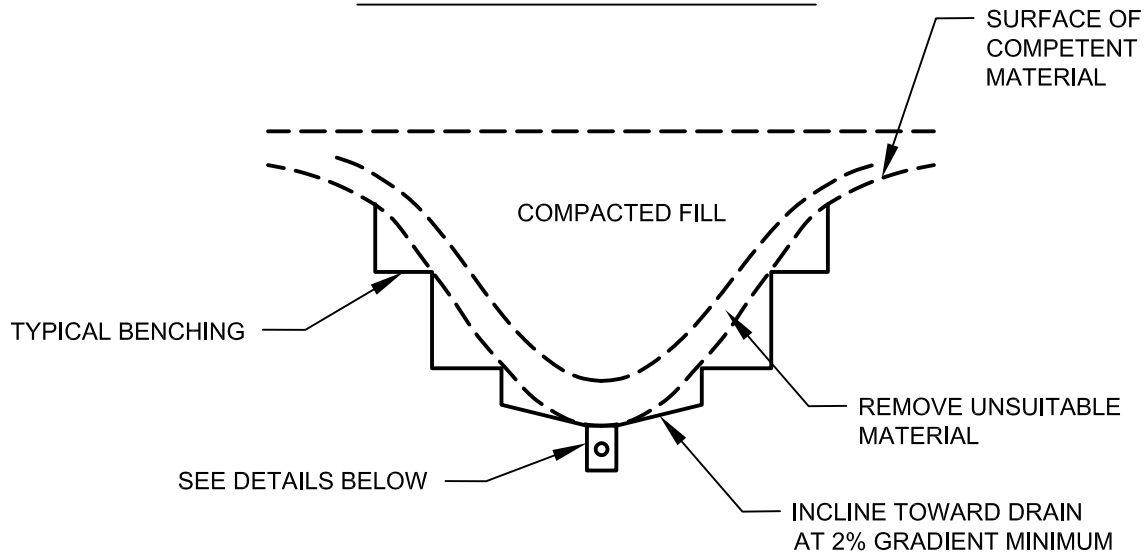
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INITIAL 500'	4"
500' TO 1500'	6"
> 1500'	8"

NOT TO SCALE

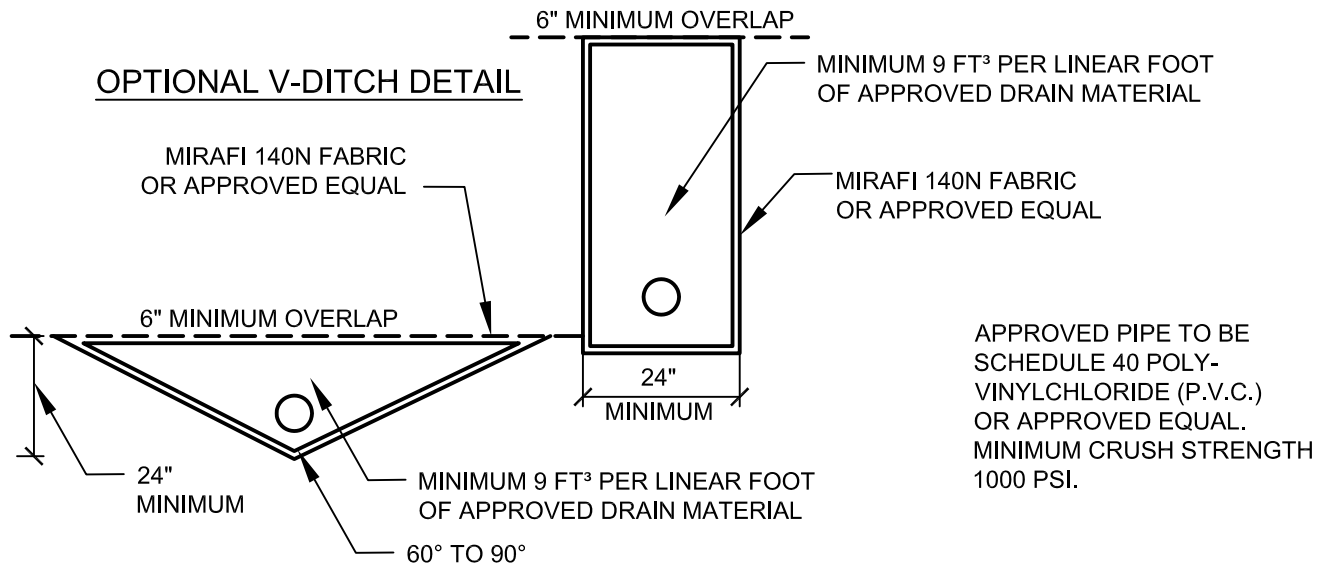
## TYPICAL CANYON SUBDRAIN DETAIL



## CANYON SUBDRAIN DETAILS



## TRENCH DETAILS



DRAIN MATERIAL TO MEET FOLLOWING  
SPECIFICATION OR APPROVED EQUAL:

<u>SIEVE SIZE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE PASSING</u>
1 ½"	88-100
1"	5-40
¾"	0-17
⅜"	0-7
NO. 200	0-3

PIPE DIAMETER TO MEET THE  
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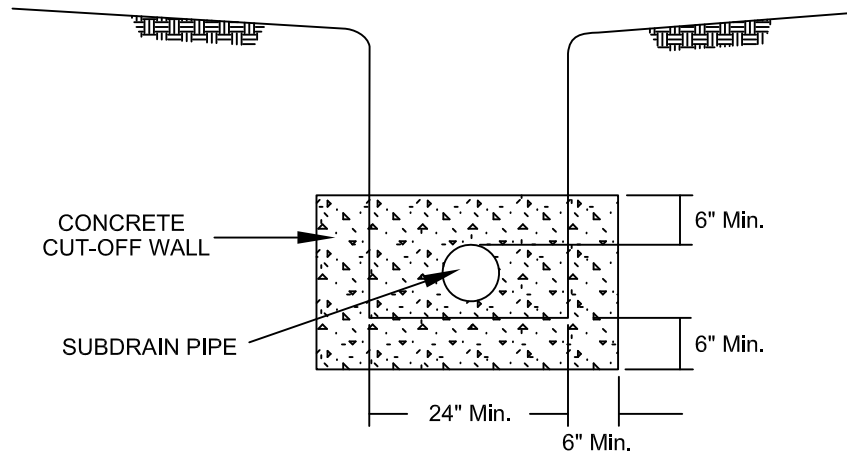
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500' TO 1500'	6"
> 1500'	8"

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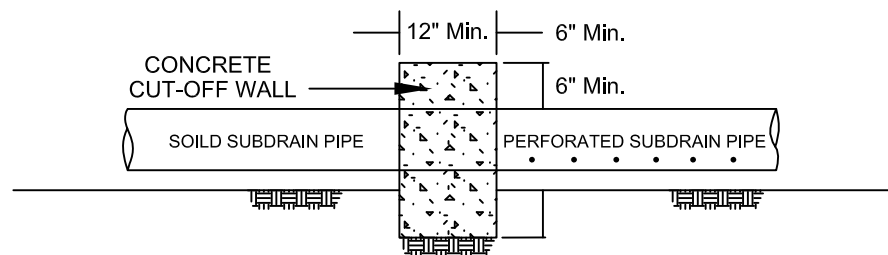
# GEOTEXTILE SUBDRAIN

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR GRADING

## FRONT VIEW



## SIDE VIEW



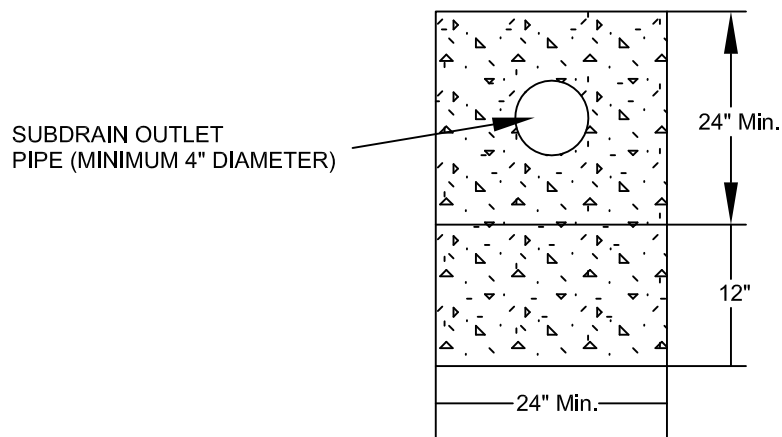
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# RECOMMENDED SUBDRAIN CUT-OFF WALL

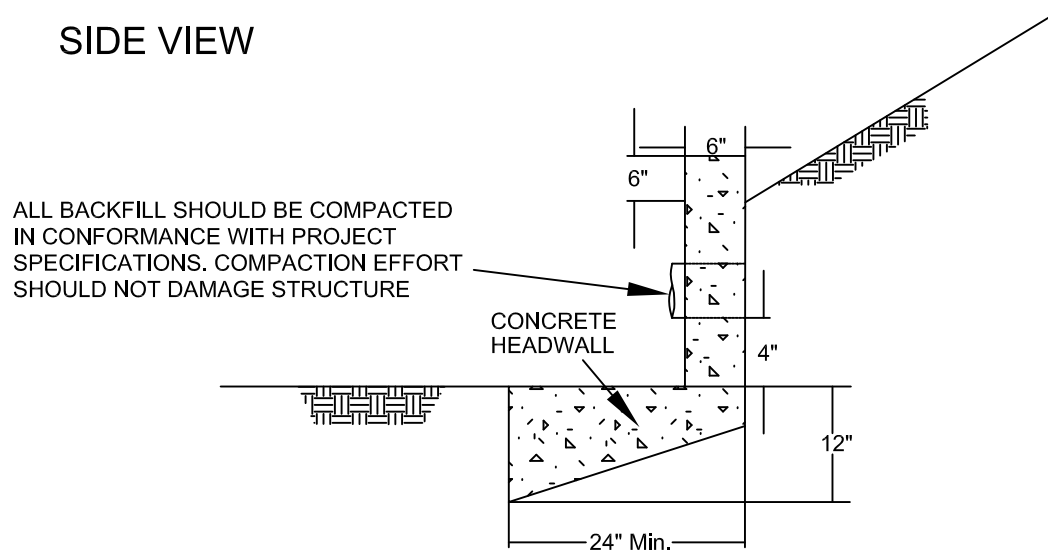
STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR GRADING

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## FRONT VIEW



## SIDE VIEW



NOTE: HEADWALL SHOULD OUTLET AT TOE OF SLOPE  
OR INTO CONTROLLED SURFACE DRAINAGE DEVICE

ALL DISCHARGE SHOULD BE CONTROLLED

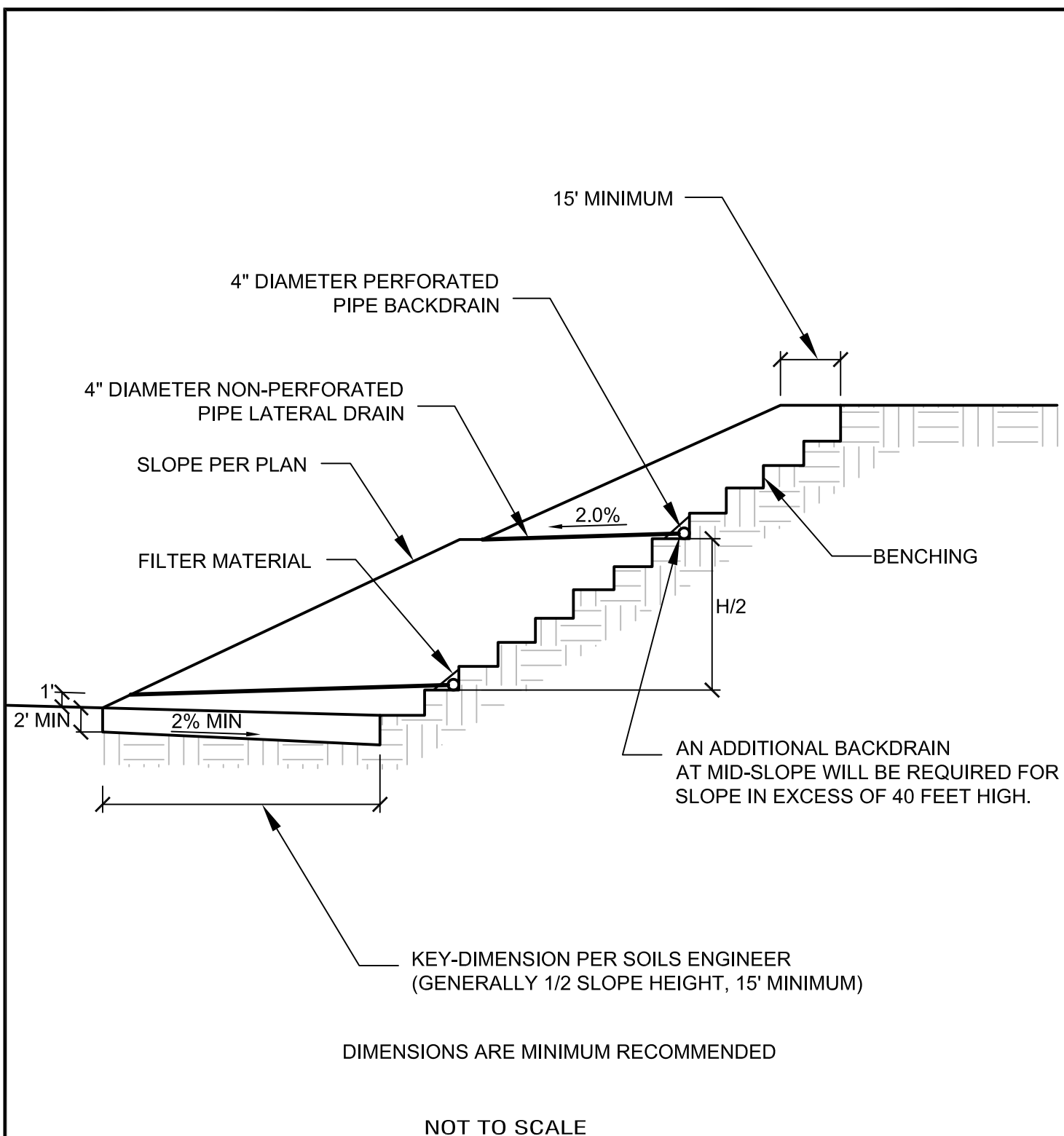
THIS DETAIL IS A MINIMUM DESIGN AND MAY BE  
MODIFIED DEPENDING UPON ENCOUNTERED  
CONDITIONS AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

NOT TO SCALE

# TYPICAL SUBDRAIN OUTLET HEADWALL DETAIL

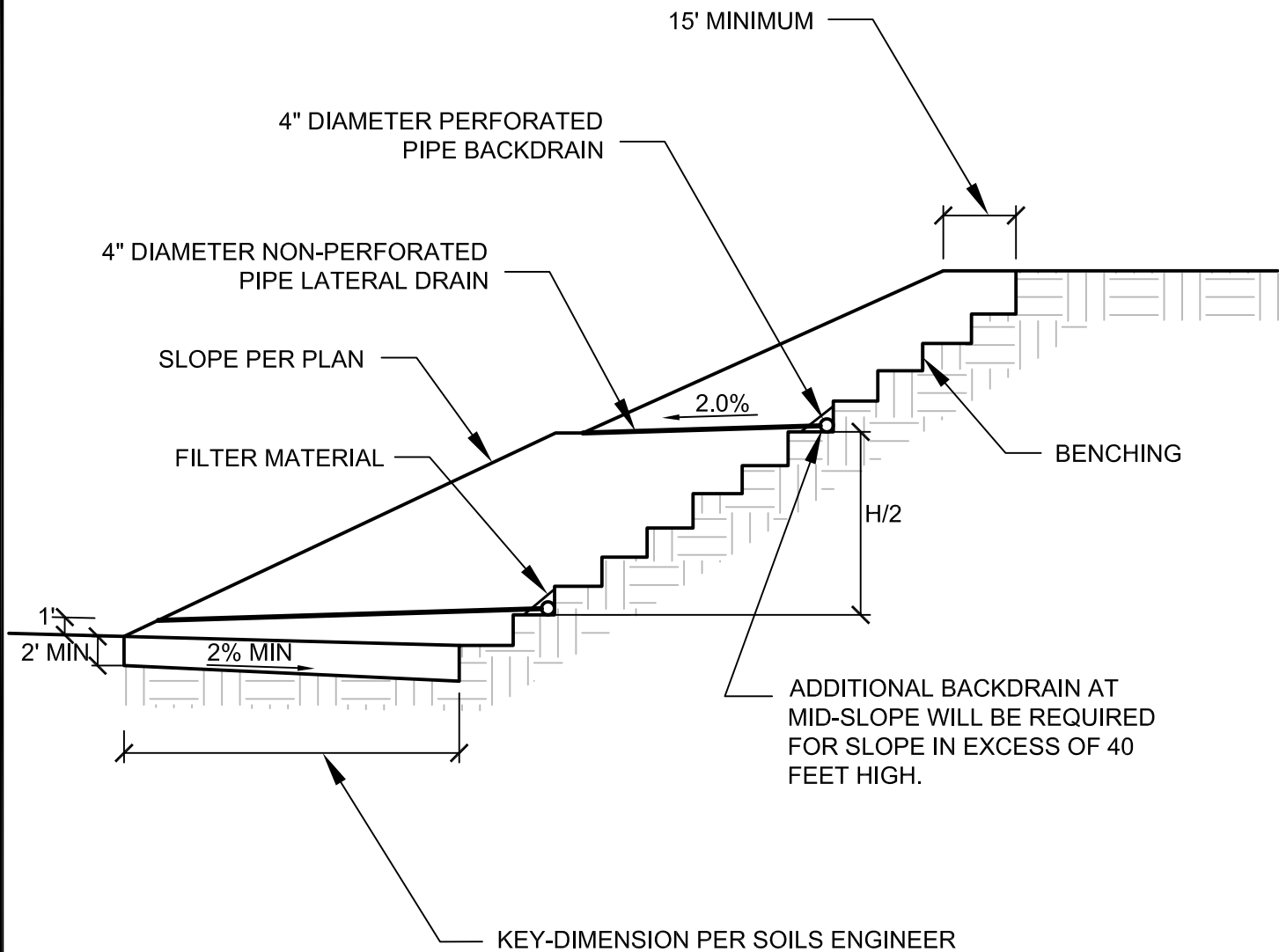
STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR GRADING

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## TYPICAL SLOPE STABILIZATION FILL DETAIL

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR GRADING



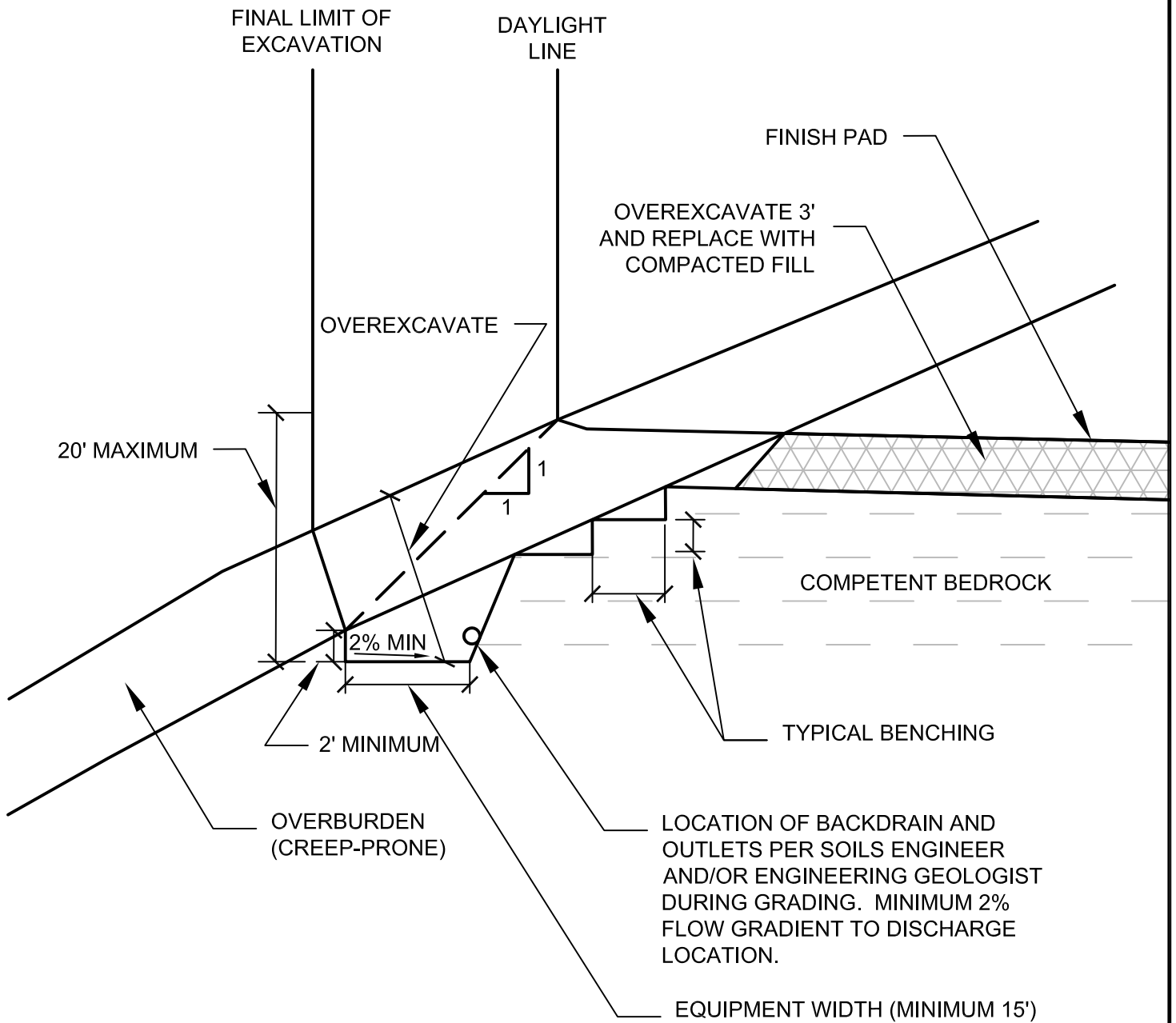
DIMENSIONS ARE MINIMUM RECOMMENDED

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## TYPICAL BUTTRESS FILL DETAIL

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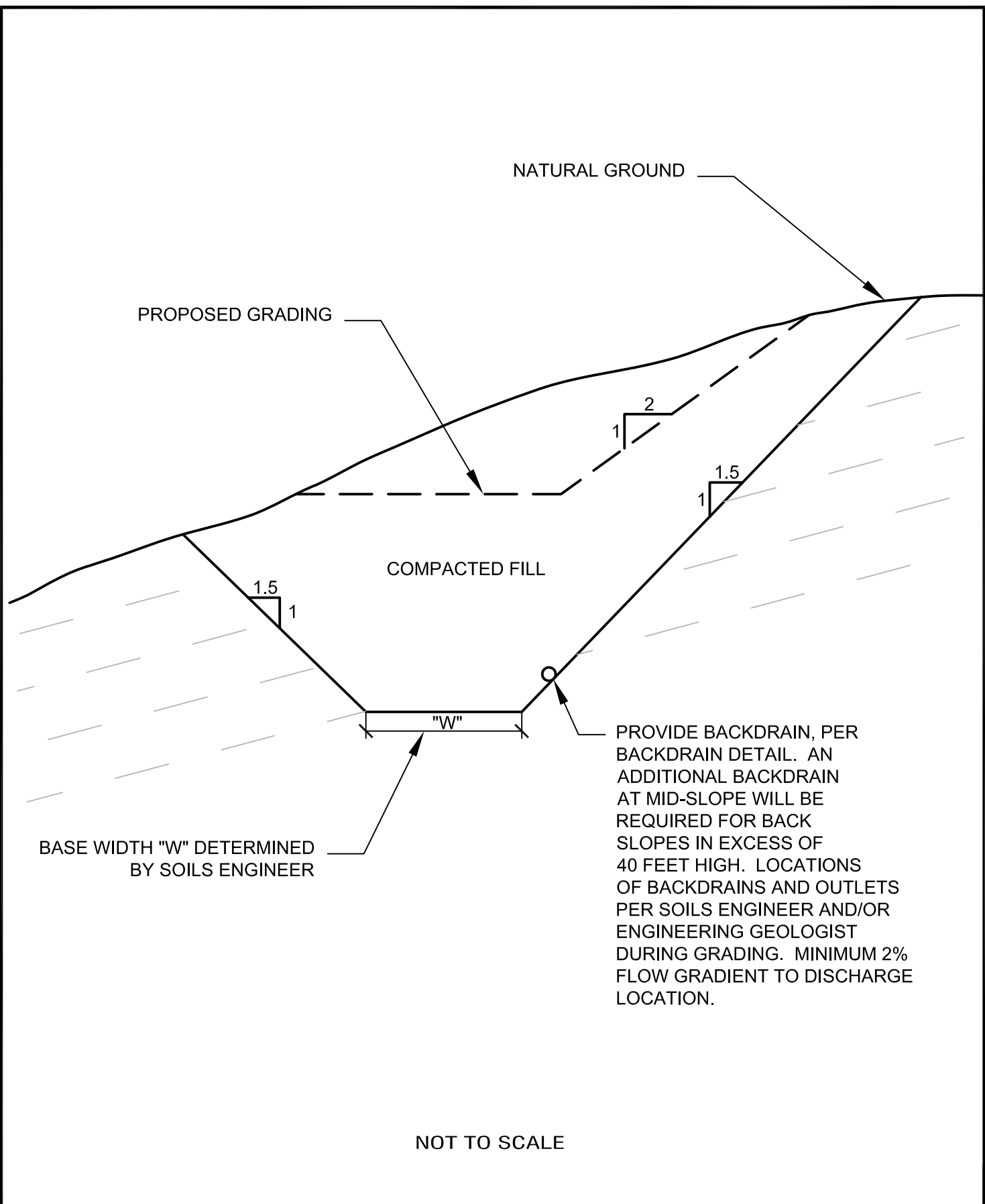


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## DAYLIGHT SHEAR KEY DETAIL

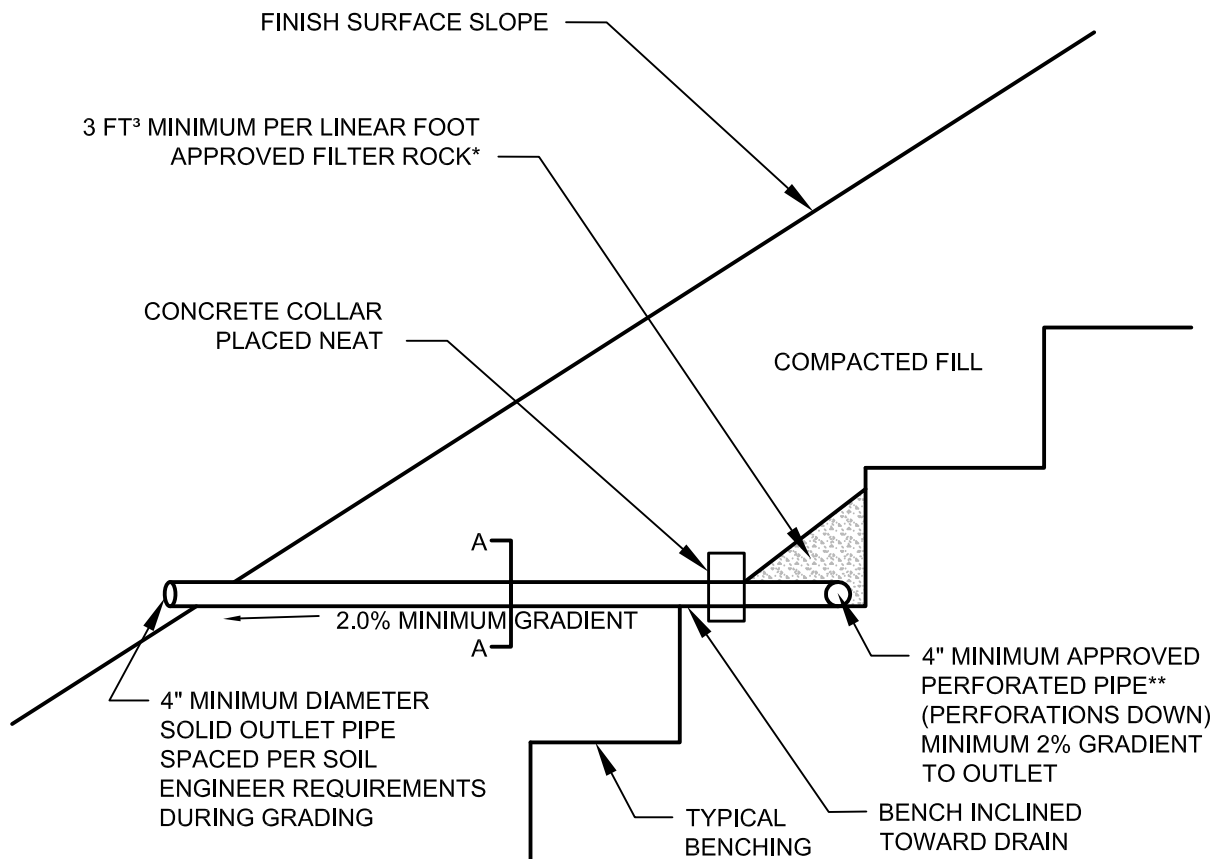
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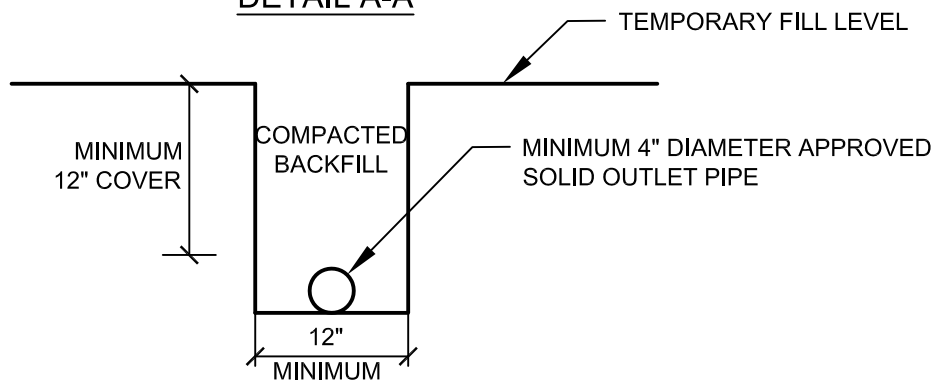


## TYPICAL SHEAR KEY DETAIL

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR GRADING



### DETAIL A-A



\*\*APPROVED PIPE TYPE:  
SCHEDULE 40 POLYVINYL CHLORIDE  
(P.V.C.) OR APPROVED EQUAL.  
MINIMUM CRUSH STRENGTH 1000 PSI

\*FILTER ROCK TO MEET FOLLOWING  
SPECIFICATIONS OR APPROVED EQUAL:

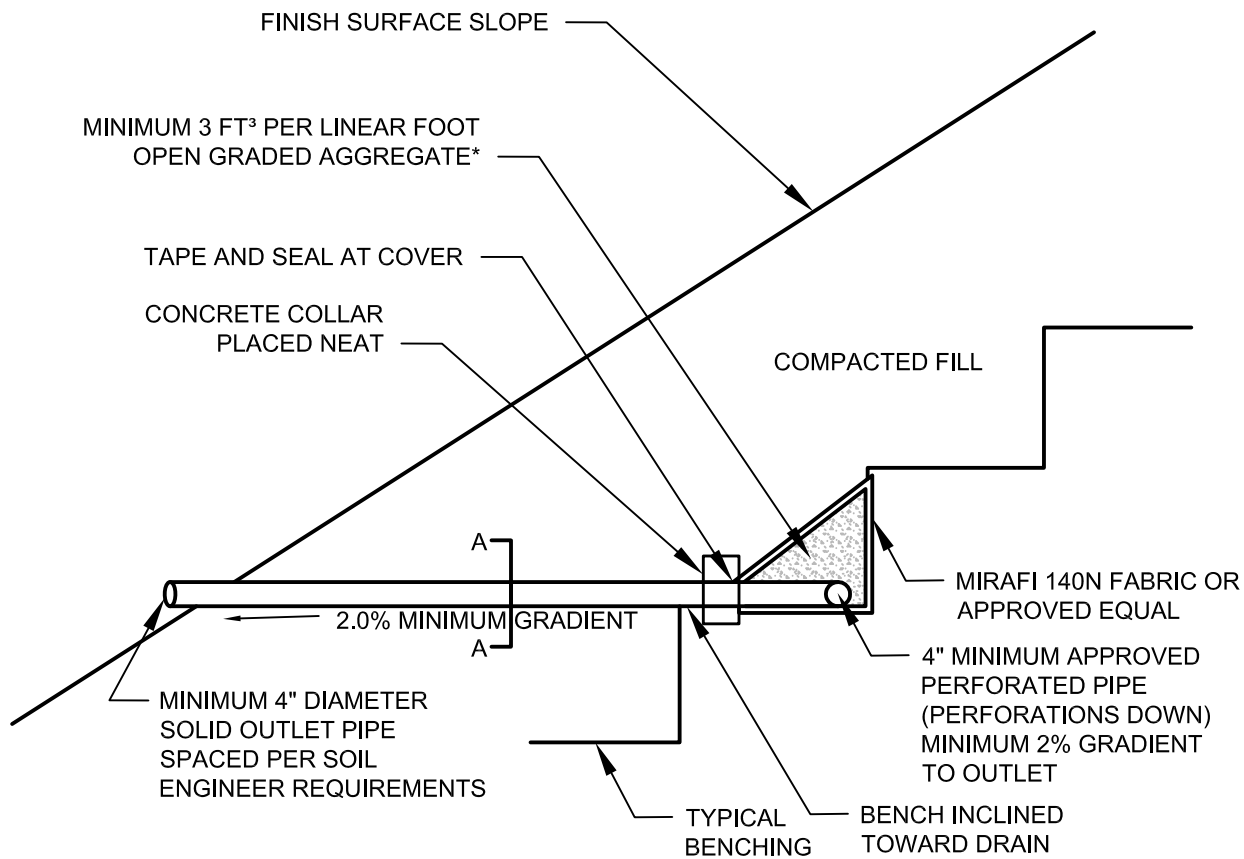
SIEVE SIZE	PERCENTAGE PASSING
1"	100
3/4"	90-100
3/8"	40-100
NO. 4	25-40
NO. 30	5-15
NO. 50	0-7
NO. 200	0-3

NOT TO SCALE

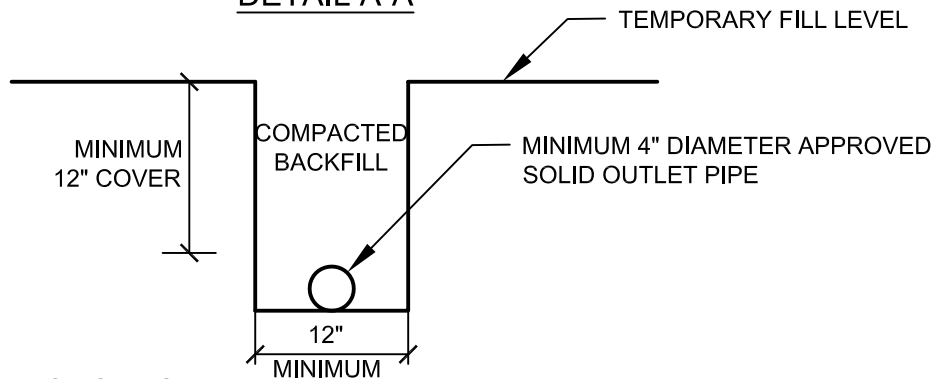
## TYPICAL BACKDRAIN DETAIL

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR GRADING





#### DETAIL A-A



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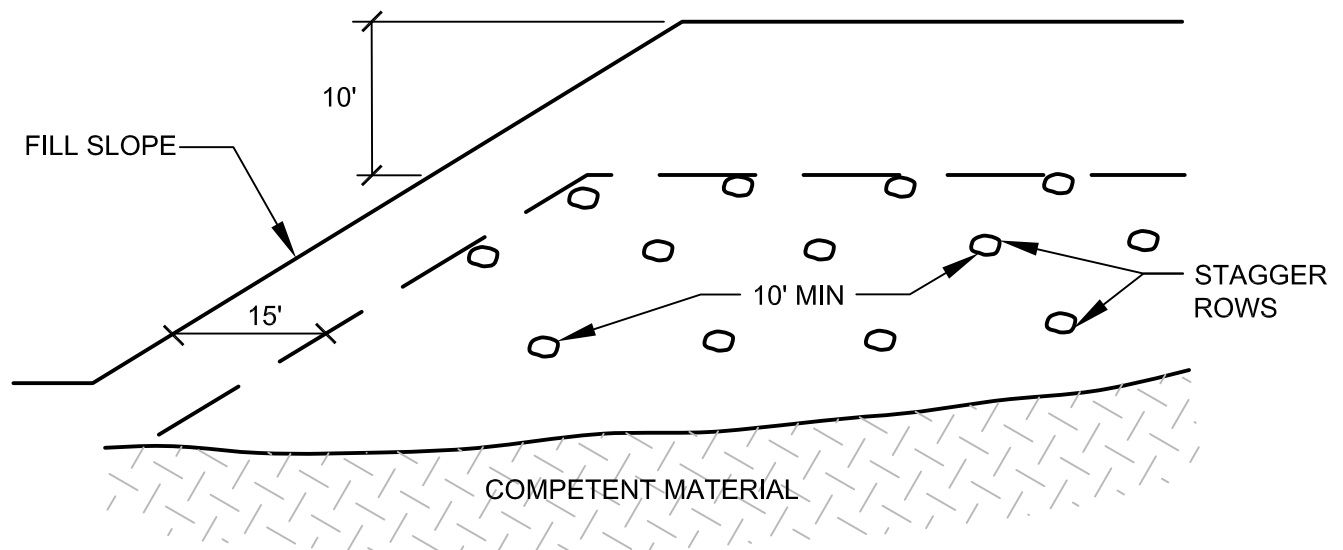
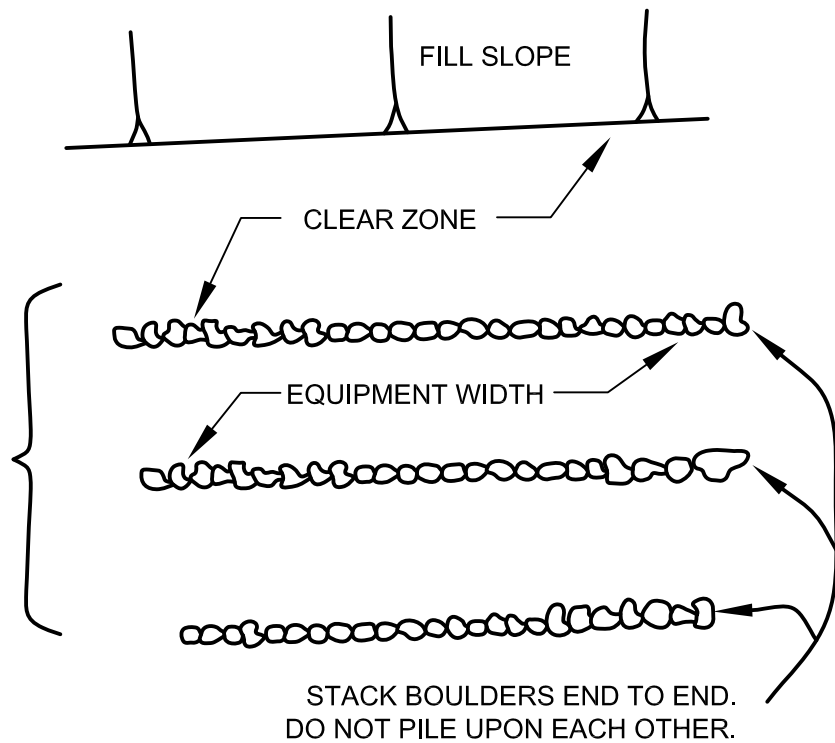
SIEVE SIZE	PERCENTAGE PASSING
1 ½"	100
1"	5-40
¾"	0-17
⅜"	0-7
NO. 200	0-3

NOT TO SCALE

## BACKDRAIN DETAIL (GEOFRABIC)

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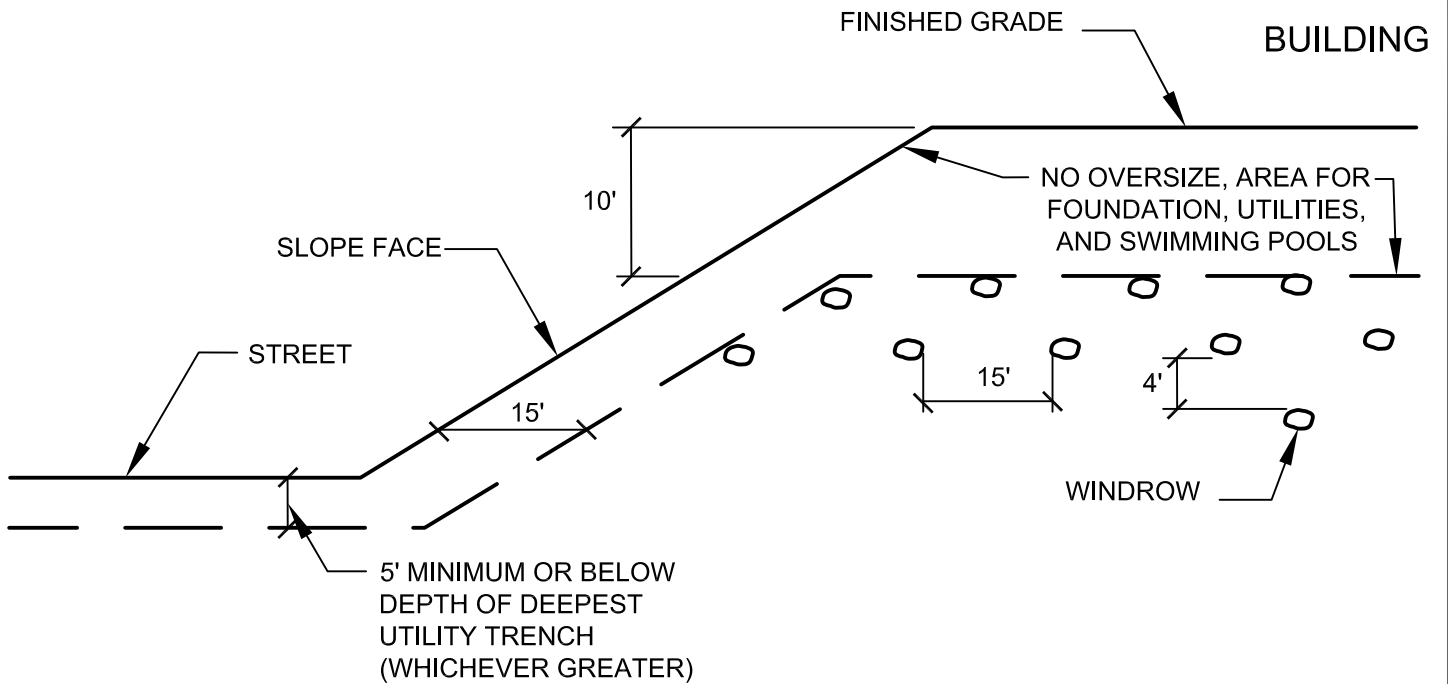
SOIL SHALL BE PUSHED OVER  
ROCKS AND FLOODED INTO  
VOIDS. COMPACT AROUND  
AND OVER EACH WINDROW.



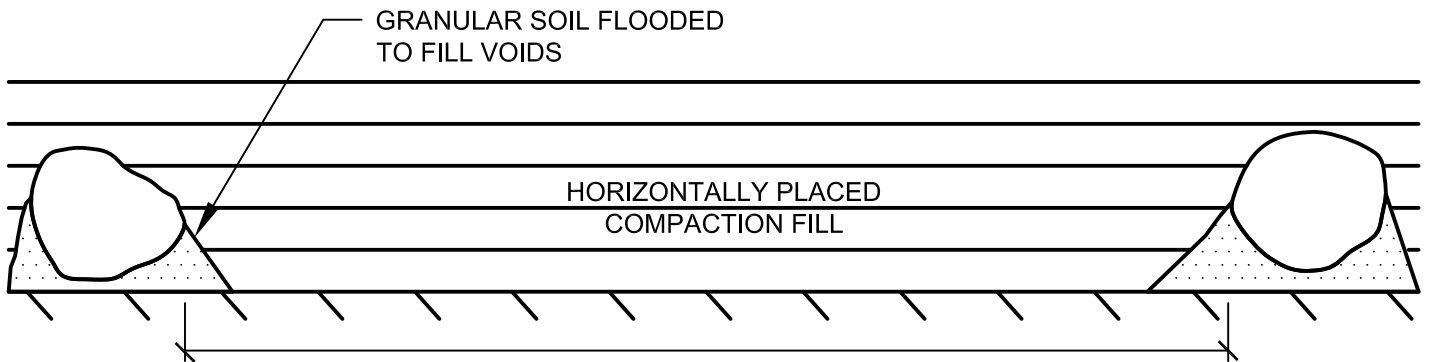
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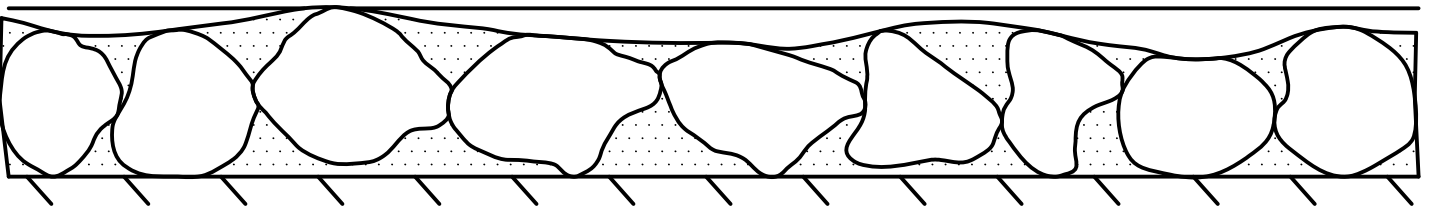
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TYPICAL WINDROW DETAIL (EDGE VIEW)



PROFILE VIEW



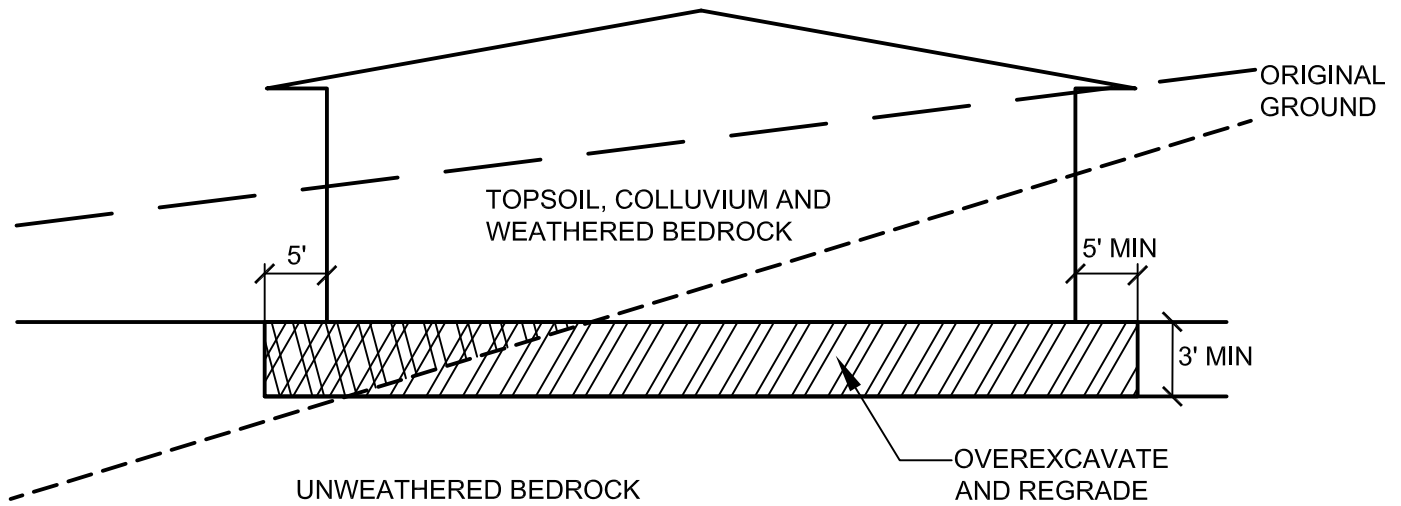
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## ROCK DISPOSAL DETAIL

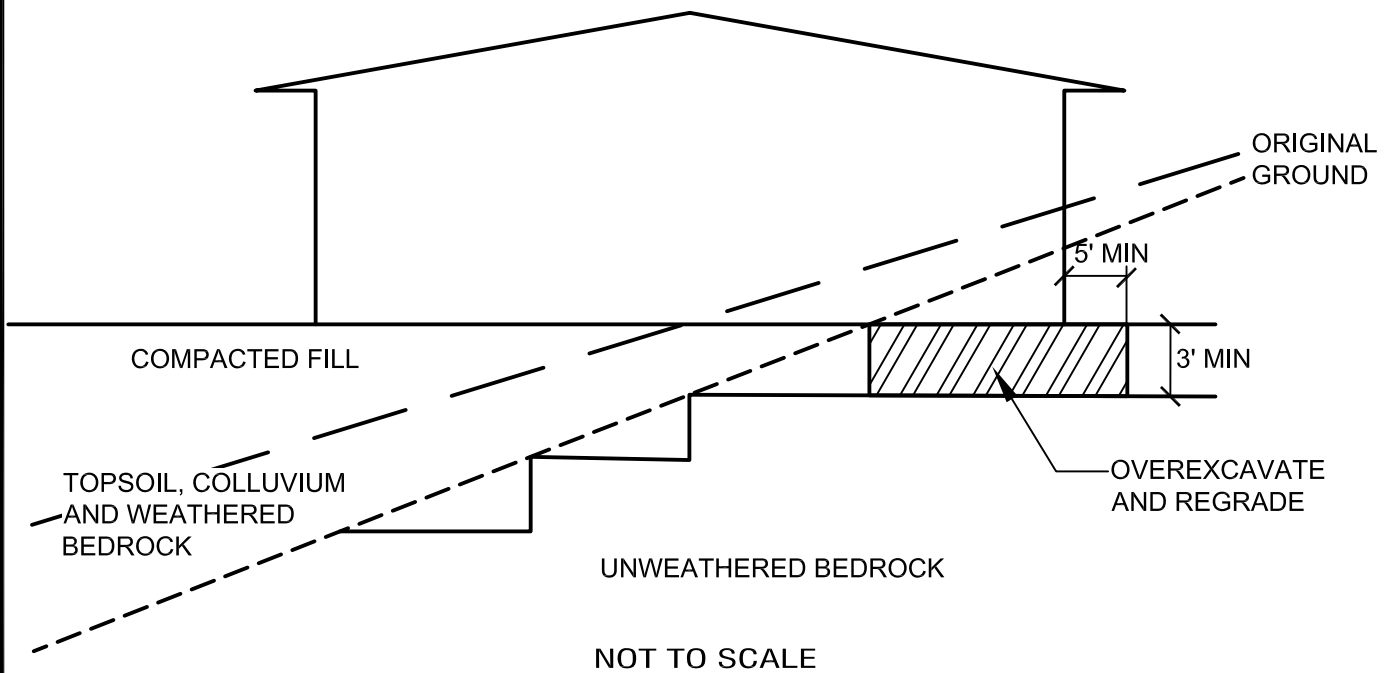
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## GENERAL GRADING RECOMMENDATIONS

### CUT LOT



### CUT/FILL LOT (TRANSITION)



## TRANSITION LOT DETAIL