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September 8, 2008

Nicholas Cormier
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Notice of Decision – Administrative Plan Review No. 08-022

Dear Applicant:

Enclosed is the City of Malibu Notice of Decision for Administrative Plan Review No. 08-022 for the project located at 27012.5 Pacific Coast Highway. Please obtain the property owner(s) signatures, notarize, and return the Acceptance of Conditions Affidavit to the City of Malibu, attention Tiffany Edwards, Assistant Planner.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (310) 456-2489 extension 374, should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ryan Scates
Office Assistant

cc: Tiffany Edwards, Assistant Planner



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PLANNING DIVISION

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REVISED NOTICE OF DECISION

Administrative Plan Review No. 08-022
Capital Improvement Project No. 08-004
Coastal Development Permit Exemption No. 08-037
Categorical Exemption No. 08-072
27012.5 Pacific Coast Highway

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Malibu has **APPROVED** an application from Nicholas Cormier, representing property owner, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), for construction of a steel soldier pile wall, permanent concrete barriers and micropiles to stabilize a failed slope. The project is located between the catch basins identified as PM 51.7 and 50.9, between Via Escondido Drive and Sea Vista Drive, located on the landward and seaward side of Pacific Coast Highway, addressed for permitting purposes as 27012.5 Pacific Coast Highway.

1. Administrative Plan Review for conformance to the City's property development and design standards.

Project Description

This approval allows for construction of a steel soldier pile wall, permanent concrete barriers and micropiles to stabilize a failed slope. The project is located between the catch basins identified as PM 51.7 and 50.9, between Via Escondido Drive and Sea Vista Drive, located on the landward and seaward side of Pacific Coast Highway.

The project schedule is expected to last nine to 11 months in duration in the fiscal year 2008-2009. The project will start with the reconstruction of the northbound shoulder by installing a steel soldier pile wall constructed with timber, to function as a debris catchment wall along the northbound lane of Pacific Coast Highway. The wall is not to exceed eight feet in height at its highest point. Pursuant to Malibu Municipal Code (M.M.C.) Section 17.40.030(A)(4), retaining walls may not exceed six feet in height. However, this project is within Caltrans' jurisdiction and Caltrans requirements supersede local restrictions pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 90-155.6(92), which states, "The department may do any act necessary, convenient or proper for the construction, improvement, maintenance or use of all highways which are under its jurisdiction, possession or control."

The work will continue in the center divider, culminating in installation of a concrete barrier, micropiles and tiebacks along the southbound lane of Pacific Coast Highway. The permanent concrete barrier will replace an existing temporary concrete barrier along the southbound lane of Pacific Coast Highway. The permanent concrete barrier height will not exceed that of the existing barrier. The micropiles will be constructed in a Caltrans right-of-way. Underground tiebacks will be constructed in the Caltrans right-of-way, and in easements obtained by Caltrans from affected property owners. Work consisting of grading, excavation, and backfill to existing conditions will take place on a temporary construction easement, obtained by Caltrans from affected property owners. The applicant shall provide the City of Malibu with a construction schedule a minimum of one month prior to the start of construction. The applicant shall provide

the City of Malibu with a copy of all temporary and permanent easements obtained by Caltrans a minimum of one month prior to the start of construction.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the Planning Division has analyzed the proposal as described above. The Planning Division has found that this project is listed among the classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant adverse effect on the environment that, and therefore, shall be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Accordingly, a CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (c)—existing highways and 15301(d) –restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures. The Planning Division has further determined that none of the six exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption applies to this project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2).

Administrative Plan Review Findings

The proposed development has been reviewed for conformance with the property development and design standards of the City of Malibu Municipal Code Section 17.40.040. Staff has determined that the proposed project conforms to the property development and design standards of the City of Malibu Municipal Code, with the exception of the proposed debris catchment walls subject to Caltrans requirements, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 90-155.6(92).

The proposed requests have also been reviewed by the City Biologist, Public Works Department and City Geologist, and have been determined to be consistent with all applicable City goals and policies.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN REVIEW NO. 08-022:

The Planning Manager has **APPROVED** the project subject to the following conditions listed below.

Conditions of Approval

The proposed project is approved subject to the conditions listed below:

For compliance with the following conditions, contact the PLANNING DIVISION.

Conditions

1. The applicants and owners, and their successors in interest, shall indemnify and defend the City of Malibu and its officers, employees and agents from and against all liability and costs relating to the City's actions concerning this project, including (without limitation) any award of litigation expenses in favor of any person or entity who seeks to challenge the validity of any of the City's actions or decisions in connection with this project, with the exception of the sole act of negligence by the City. The City shall have the sole right to choose its counsel and property owners shall reimburse the City's expenses incurred in its defense of any lawsuit challenging the City's actions concerning this project.

2. This approval allows for construction of a steel soldier pile wall, permanent concrete barriers,

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3. The permit and rights conferred in this approval shall not be effective until the property owner signs, notarizes and returns the Acceptance of Conditions Affidavit accepting the conditions set forth below. The applicant shall file this form with the Planning Division within 30 days of this decision.
4. Except as specifically changed by conditions of approval, the proposed development shall be conducted in substantial conformance with project as described above. In the event the project plans conflict with any condition of approval, the condition shall control.
5. Minor changes to the approved plans or the conditions may be approved by the Planning Manager, provided such changes achieve substantially the same results and the project is still in compliance with the Malibu Municipal Code. An application with all required materials and fees shall be required.
6. Violation of any of the conditions of this approval shall be cause for revocation and termination of all rights thereunder.
7. The approved administrative plan review shall expire three years from the date of approval, (September 8, 2011), unless a time extension has been granted, or work has commenced and substantial progress made (as determined by the Planning Manager) and the work is continuing

under a valid building permit. If no building permit is required, the administrative plan review approval shall expire after three years from the date of final planning approval. The expiration date shall be suspended until an appeal and/or litigation regarding the subject permit is resolved.

8. The Planning Manager may grant up to four one-year extensions of the expiration of an administrative plan review approval, if the Planning Manager finds that the conditions, including but not limited to changes in the zoning ordinance, under which the administrative plan review approval was issued have not significantly changed.

Site- Specific Conditions:

9. This permit runs with the land and binds any future owners of the property.
10. No grading or work on Public Trust Lands is permitted as part of this approval.
11. The applicant shall provide the City of Malibu with a construction schedule a minimum of one month prior to the start of construction.
12. The applicant shall provide the City of Malibu with a copy of all temporary and permanent easements obtained by Caltrans a minimum of one month prior to the start of construction.

Biology

13. No construction or vehicle/ equipment staging shall occur west of the centerline of Via Escondido Drive such that no potential impacts occur to the Escondido Creek Habitat.
14. No landscaping is proposed as part of this project, therefore none is approved. Should the project require landscaping, a detailed landscape plan prepared by a licensed landscape architect shall be submitted to the City Biologist for review prior to any plantings.

Review of City Action

Any person aggrieved with the Planning Manager's decision of the administrative plan review may file a Request for Review form no later than September 18, 2008, 2008, by 5:00 p.m. after the Notice of Decision is issued. Request for Review forms are available at the Planning Division public counter during normal business or by calling (310) 456-2489 ext. 245.

Please contact **Tiffany Edwards** in the Planning Division at **(310) 456-2489, extension 353**, for further information.

Date: September 8, 2008

Approved By: _____


Tiffany Edwards
Assistant Planner

27012.5 Pacific Coast Highway
APR No. 08-022
CDPE No. 08-037
CE No. 08-072
September 8, 2008

ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned property owner(s) acknowledges receipt of the City of Malibu Planning Division's decision of approval and agrees to abide by all terms and conditions thereof **Administrative Plan Review No. 08-022**, dated **September 8, 2008** and submitted plans dated **April 16, 2008** for the project located at **27012.5 Pacific Coast Highway**. The permit and rights conferred in this approval shall not be effective until the property owner(s) signs and returns this notarized affidavit to the City of Malibu Planning Division within thirty (30) of the decision or prior to issuance of building permits.

9/11/08
Date

Karl Price
Signature of Property Owner

KARL PRICE
Print Property Owner's Name

Date

Signature of Property Owner

Print Property Owner's Name

ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
County of Los Angeles } SS

On _____ before me _____,
Date (Insert Name of Notary Public and Title)

personally appeared _____

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(Notary Public's signature in and for said County and State) (seal)

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ROUTE: 07-LA-1-KP 82.8/83.3

Memorandum

*Flex your power!
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To: MR. O. C. LEE-07
Sr. Transportation Engineer

Date: November 08, 2005

Attention: Mr. Hoa Luu

File: 07-LA-01-PM51.6/KP83.07
EA 07-4L2201
Escondido Beach Landslide

From: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
Geotechnical Services
Office of Geotechnical Design - South

Subject: Geotechnical Design Report

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide geotechnical data and analysis for remediation of an unstable slope located approximately at Post Mile 51.6 on the Pacific Coast Highway (Inter State Route 01). A site location plan is shown on Figure 1. The slope appears to be part of an older and larger landslide prone area (Figure 2, Feature 1).

The affected area is approximately 225 m long and 66 m to 100 m wide. Aerial photos of the area were obtained from the Caltrans Photogrammetry Archives. These photos were taken in 2003 (Figure 2).

Initially, as described in the Preliminary Geotechnical Report dated August 23, 2002, the primary area of concern was the down slope on the south side of the highway (Figure 2, Feature 2). During the severe winter storms of December 2004 to February 2005 a localized slope failure (Figure 2, Feature 4) occurred upslope on the north side of the highway. The failure was triggered by surface flow and infiltration of storm water. In addition, new movement at depth was triggered on the south side as a result of the 2004-2005 winter storms. This report presents data and analysis for both slopes (hereinafter called Escondido Beach Landslide).

Cracks on highway pavement were observed during a February, 2005 inspection, as shown in the attached photographs (Figure 3a and 3b). These photographs show that a series of curvilinear cracks have developed at the top of the slope primarily in Lane No. 2 of the eastbound Pacific Coast Highway (Figure 2, Feature 2). A distinct curvilinear scarp has formed and a maximum differential settlement of about 50 mm across the scarp was

measured during the site inspection. This may be compared to 6 to 10 mm differential settlement measured during July 2002. Minor cracking in Lanes 1 and 2, which was observed in early 2002 at the eastern end of the affected area has propagated further towards the east. Minor cracks crossing Lanes 1 and 2 of the westbound highway were also observed during the site inspection in February 2005. Figure 3b shows the localized slope failure on the up slope side. The down-slope area is densely vegetated and highly uneven, typical of a slope that has undergone past movement.

Geology and Seismicity

The geology in the area of the Escondido Beach Landslide consists of Late Pleistocene age landslide debris and Pleistocene age alluvium consisting of gravel sand and clay, overlying the Miocene age Trancas and Modelo Formations consisting primarily of siliceous and clay shales (Figure 4a). The alluvium is of high permeability and consists of all sizes from silty clay to cobbles. The shales of Trancas and Modelo Formations are characterized by stiff clay to silty clay interbedded with silty fine sands [4]. The clay and sands occur as separate thin laminae but at some locations the sands are massive enough to be distinguished as a separate unit. The materials are extensively folded and faulted. Numerous small slickensided fractures cut across the bedding. These structural imperfections are not revealed until the material is failed in shear tests [3]. The surface geology has been modified as a result of relocation of the Pacific Coast Highway in 1940-47 [3] and placement of fill whenever emergency repair work was done in the past. Probably the excavated, dried slide mass (landslide debris) was compacted and placed as fill during the past emergency repair work [2].

The nearest seismic source is Malibu Coast-Santa Monica-Hollywood-Raymond (MMR) Fault (Figure 4b). Based on the 1996 Caltrans Seismic Hazard Map (CSHM), this reverse/oblique fault is located about 0.7 km north from the project site. The Malibu Coast Fault is a reverse/oblique fault with probable magnitudes of 7.5 (Mw) and slip rate of 0.3 mm/y. Based on the Caltrans' current policy of taking the Peak Bedrock Acceleration (PBA) from Reverse/Oblique fault as equal to 110% of that from Strike Slip (ST) fault with the same MCE and distance, and in accordance with the attenuation by Sadigh et al (1997), the design PBA at the site should be taken as 0.8g.

The site is not located within any Alquist Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone as defined by the California Geological Survey [5]. Because the minimum site to fault distance is 0.7 km, susceptibility to ground rupture hazard is considered low. Based on the subsurface conditions, the site is not susceptible to liquefaction. The potential for other secondary seismic hazards including lateral spreading are considered to be very low.

The history of this slope movement hereinafter referred to as Escondido Beach Landslide has been well documented [2]. Movement in eastbound lanes was first noticed in February 1978. By early March, 1978 a scarp about 1.2 m high had developed along the median and movement was continuing. The highway fill as well as the adjacent Garvey property to which it was keyed moved out on Malibu Cove Colony Road. The movement was generally along an S30°W alignment [2].

During mid March 1978 a drilled pile system was installed on the North side of the median to protect the northbound lanes (Figure 5). The system consisted of 250 mm x 250 mm H beams in 600 mm diameter drilled holes at 3 m centers and filled with concrete. The pile tip elevation was about 10.7 m below profile grade. Wood lagging was placed between the piles. During late March 1978, six 40 mm diameter slotted PVC horizontal drains were installed into the slide mass from Malibu Cove Colony Road. These drains initially flowed at 20,000 gallons per day and by mid April 1978 the flow had decreased to 2300 gallons per day (last reported May 16, 1978). Two slope indicators were installed during mid April 1978. These were read weekly upto May 12, 1978. The slope indicator readings along with observations on survey stakes indicated that movement had slowed with no gross change during the three-week period ending May 5, 1978 [2].

A drainage gallery was also installed after the 1978 failure (exact construction date unknown). The landslide repair recommendations [2] describe the gallery placed 6 m north of the centerline (the actual location is probably closer to the median within the No. 1 westbound lane). The gallery was constructed with 0.9 m diameter, 15 m deep holes backfilled with Class 2 permeable material. The gallery appears to be functional to this day and a submersible pump is being used to pump out the water collected in a well located on the freeway median.

In 1993 due to reactivation of the slide emergency repair work was carried out [1]. The following chronological information relating to this work was compiled from discussions with Caltrans staff:

- (i) 6 horizontal drains were installed along Malibu Colony Road. These are still operational.
- (ii) In September 1993, 5 slope indicators and 3 wells were installed. Two of the slope indicators were installed at highway level near the hinge point, two along Malibu Cove Colony Road near the toe of slope and one at mid-slope location. The wells were installed at the top, mid-slope and toe locations.
- (iv) In 1995 a reconstruction of the roadbed was carried out and in order to achieve the necessary width. A guardrail wall was built along the eastbound shoulder with a concrete barrier on the top. The two slope indicators and a well at the top of the slope were paved over during this reconstruction effort.

During October 2001 the submersible pump installed to pump ground water out of the drainage gallery was withdrawn and an attempt was made to clean the well and gallery by flushing water at high pressure. The submersible pump functioned only for about a week. Therefore, in March 2002, a 150 mm diameter water well was re-drilled at the same location and a new submersible pump was installed in the well. The new pump is reported to be working properly.

During April-June 2002, the Caltrans Ventura Regional Survey Office installed thirteen survey monuments. In addition, two slope indicators and one water level monitoring well were installed at the highway level during July 2002 (Table 1). During February 2005 two new slope indicators were installed on the westbound shoulder of the highway. These were installed within the zone of the slope failure that occurred during the winter storms of December 2004 to February 2005. A location map of the existing instrumentation is shown on Figure 6.

Table 1: Instrumentation installed in July 2002 and February 2005

Instrument ID	Type	Location* (m)	Depth (m)	Installed
SI_07_02	Slope inclinometer	211+47 9.2 m RT CL RTE 01	19.8	July 2002
SI_08_02	Slope Inclinometer	211+48 8.2 m LT CL RTE 01	30.5	July 2002
W4_02	Monitoring well	211+75 8 m RT CL RTE 01	18	July 2002
SI_09_05	Slope inclinometer	211+87.8 m 6.3 m LT CL RTE 01	24.4	Feb. 2005
SI_10_05	Slope Inclinometer	212+35.9 m 6.5 m LT CL RTE 01	18.3	Feb. 2005

*Locations and elevations are approximate

Geotechnical Information

A study of landslides along Pacific Coast Highway from Colorado Avenue to Latigo Shore Drive is available [3]. The study was authorized by assembly Bill 4129 and was done during 1958-59. Relevant conclusions from this report are presented in Appendix B.

Geotechnical investigations have been conducted in the project vicinity by various agencies [3,6]. These reports contain information on the shear strength and other characteristics of the soils that may be similar to those present at the Escondido Beach Landslide location. A summary of this information is provided in Table 1 Appendix B.

During July 2002, Standard Penetration Tests (SPT) were conducted in three boreholes at selected depth intervals. The boreholes were drilled for installation of slope indicators and a monitoring well (Table 1). Undisturbed and disturbed soil samples were collected. The Caltrans Laboratory in Sacramento conducted classification and strength tests on the samples. Log of test borings (LOTBs) were prepared by the drafting department. The boring logs are attached for information (Appendix A).

During the severe winter storms of December 2004 to February 2005 a localized slope failure (Figure 2, Feature 4) occurred on the upslope north of the westbound highway. In order to determine if this movement signaled the development of a larger compound slide involving both sides of the highway, it was decided to conduct a drilling investigation and install two slope indicators (Table 1). During the drilling investigation punched core samples (114 mm diameter) were collected and preserved in core boxes. These samples are available for visual inspection at the Core Room inside the Caltrans facility located at 5900 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento 95819. Please contact the undersigned for arranging a viewing. Pictures of the core samples are included in Appendix A.

Bore Log Data

The boring records (SI_07_02 and SI_08_02) dated July 2002 indicate that the subsurface materials comprise about 8 to 9 m thick rusty brown mottled silty sand to clayey sand with isolated seams containing little to some (15 to 40%) gravel sized material. This is followed by about 5 m to 6 m thick clayey sand (SI_07_02) to sand (SI_08_02) with seams containing significant gravel and isolated cobble/boulder sized material. The upper 8 to 9 m of the mottled rusty brown strata may be filled materials consisting of weathered Modelo Formation materials. Unweathered Modelo Formation was encountered at 14 to 18 m depth below pavement level at SI_08_02. The interface between the weathered and unweathered material was characterized by alternating sequences of sandy and clayey materials. The sequences were relatively thinner at location SI_07_02.

Water level in monitoring well W4_02 fluctuated between 14.8 m, and 11.4 m below pavement level between July 2002 and May 2005. A cross section and idealized soil profile prepared on the basis of the survey data and boring logs is shown in Figure 7a and 7b

Historical Slope Indicator Data

As described above, slope indicators have been in place at the Escondido Beach Landslide March 1978 [2]. Inclinometers were again installed during the emergency repair work of 1993. Previous records [7] indicate that two slope indicators installed during 1993 near the

hinge point, indicated 4 mm movement in the N-S direction at 7.3 m depth. These readings were taken in March 1994. A field note dated 08/01/2001 reports that SI-3 located at mid-slope location was sheared at approximately 10.2 m depth. SI-4 and SI-5 are located at the toe of the slope, along Malibu Cove Colony Road (just north of house numbers 27044 and 27054). SI-4 was reported sheared at approximately 10.2 m and SI-5 reported no movement.

On April 18, 2002, readings were taken for slope indicators that were installed in 1993. The readings were taken by the Foundation Testing & Instrumentation (FT&I) group in Sacramento. Geotechnical Services Norwalk Office provided previous slope indicator readings and, field references to read the instruments. SI-3 showed about 114 mm movement since 10/19/93. No readings could be taken in SI-4 since it was sheared about 9.8 m below the top of the casing. No movement was detected in SI-5 since 10/18/93. A summary of the above-mentioned records is given in Table 2.

Table 2: Summary of Observed Cumulative Displacements

Inclinometer ID	Location on slope	Installed	Cum. Displacement* (mm)				Depth of movement (m)
			N-S				
			03/94	10/95	08/97	04/02	
SI-1	Top	09/93	4	12	NA	NA	7.3
SI-2	Top	09/93	4	NA	30	NA	7.3-9.5
SI-3	Mid	09/93	0	NA	30	114	10
SI-4	Toe	09/93	0	NA	25	NA	9.8-10
SI-5	Toe	09/93	0	NA	NA	0	

*Cumulative displacement since 09-10/93

Recent Slope Indicator Data

Slope Indicator Data Analysis prior to December 2004: Based on the available data from SI_07_02 and SI_08_02 it appeared that movement was occurring along a planar surface with a steep head scarp at or just below the highway elevation (Figure 6a). The slope inclinometer data did not suggest deep-seated movement. The highway fill constructed during the emergency repair of March-April 1978 moved down and outwards along with the highly disturbed Modelo Formation materials on the down-slope side. Instability at the interface of the weathered and unweathered Modelo Formation due to groundwater seepage may also have contributed to the observed movements. The location where the slide surface daylights cannot be determined, due to Right-of-Way restrictions and dense vegetation on the slope.

Slope Indicator Data Analysis after December 2004: Slope indicator data collected between December 2004 and March 2005 showed an increase in movement due to the winter storm (Figure 8). Readings of the two slope indicators, SI's 0702 and 0802, within the area of concern showed (1) significant increase of movement along the existing shallow shear zone at SI_0702, and (2) a newly detected deep-seated movement along a deeper shear zone at SI_0802 (Figures 9 and 10). According to the slope indicator readings, the shallow shear zone is about 5.2 m below the highway and the deep-seated shear zone is about 13.5 m below the highway

Approximately 20 mm additional movement along the shallow shear zone was observed due to the rainstorm, which resulted in a cumulative movement of 47 mm since the installation of the slope indicator. This shallow shear zone is affecting primarily the eastbound lanes and reflects the widening of the pre-existing pavement cracks (Figure 3a), and subsidence of eastbound lane No.2.

The deep-seated movement with shear zone at 13.5 m below the roadway surface, caused uniform movement of 5 mm at both slope indicators, SI's 0702 and 0802, after the rainstorm. The deep-seated shear zone was ascertained by the consistent displacement profiles of both SI's 07_02 and 08_02 at the depths near 13.5 m. This deep seated movement will affect the entire highway section and the slopes above and below the highway.

Two readings of the newly installed Slope Indicators SI_09_05 and SI_10_05 have not shown detectable movement after they were installed in February 2005. On the basis of currently available data it is not possible to conclude definitively if the disturbed soil masses on the north and south side of the highway are part of a single landslide zone.

Geotechnical Analyses

A series of stability analyses were performed to model the observed slope distress on both sides of the highway (Table 3, Case 1 and 2). A separate analysis was also run to analyze stability of the entire slope encompassing the affected area on either side of the highway (Case 3). These analyses were performed using the SLOPE/W software (Geoslope Inc.). The first two runs (Case 1 and 2) were performed to back calculate soil properties with incipient failure (Factor of Safety (FOS) ≤ 1 , along a failure surface defined approximately on the basis of the observed depths of movement and visible cracking on the eastbound and westbound sides of the highway (Figure 3a, 3b). Case 3 models the recent movement observed in SI_0802 at a depth of 13.5 m, using the back calculated soil properties from Case 1 and 2. A piezometric surface was entered into the models based on observed ground water table and data from previous explorations [6]. Case 3 indicates that the entire slope has a Factor of Safety close to unity.

Table 3: Summary of Stability Analyses Results

Case	Soil Parameters	Method	Min. FOS	Figure
1	Table 5	Spencer	0.962	7
2	Table 5	Spencer	0.971	8
3	Table 5	Spencer	1.071	9

Estimated Soil Properties

The estimated soil properties presented in the following table (Table 4) may be used for design purposes. The values presented were back calculated based on slope stability analyses results, field observations, and previous geotechnical data.

Table 4: Recommended Soil Strength Parameters

Soil Description	Depth (m)	Total Unit Wt. (kN/m ³)	Cohesion (kN/m ²)	Angle of internal friction (deg.)	Ka *	Kp
Fill	0-8	19	28.8	29	0.40	2.46
Weathered Modelo and Landslide debris	0-8	14.4	7	8	0.75	1.3
Unweathered Modelo Formation	>8	15.7	33.5	5	0.80	1.2
Pleistocene Alluvium (near the shore)	> 14	20.6	0	30	0.33	3

Ka, Kp: Coefficient of active, passive earth pressure

Recommendations

The following recommendations are offered on the basis of the review of geotechnical data and analyses, and results of the field exploration:

- (1) Based on the slide geometry (possibility of a compound slide affecting both sides of the highway) and considering the existing field conditions and R/W constrains, we recommend that a soldier pile wall in combination with tieback anchors, or a contiguous bored pile wall, or a micropile wall with tiebacks should be constructed. The proposed system (piles, tiebacks) can be designed and constructed within the State R/W. The length of the wall would be in the order of 220 meters, with height

ranging from 5 m to 14 meters (Figure 3). The design should provide for the following improvements:

- (i) Grading and restoration of recently failed slope (Feature 1 in Figure 3) on the westbound side of the highway. A geosynthetic-reinforced slope may be constructed. This office will provide a design if requested. *District?*
- (ii) Improvement of the eastbound highway fill within the slope failure zone either by replacement, or other ground improvement procedures (iii) subsurface drainage wells and pumps at the toe of the slope on the westbound side. *District*
- (2) Geotechnical staff from this office should be consulted during the design and construction phases. This office should be contacted if soil or groundwater conditions other than those described in this report are observed during any stage. The contractors should be made aware that cobbles/boulders, caving soils and groundwater problems are likely to be encountered during construction. 
- (3) Stability of the slopes will improve if surface water infiltration and subsurface water leakages above the slide area are diverted, or prevented and new horizontal drains are installed and/or the existing horizontal drains are cleaned and made more effective. This would require involvement of the City of Malibu and property owners. *district*
- (4) It may become necessary to install new drainage systems in the future and/or, maintain the existing drainage system.

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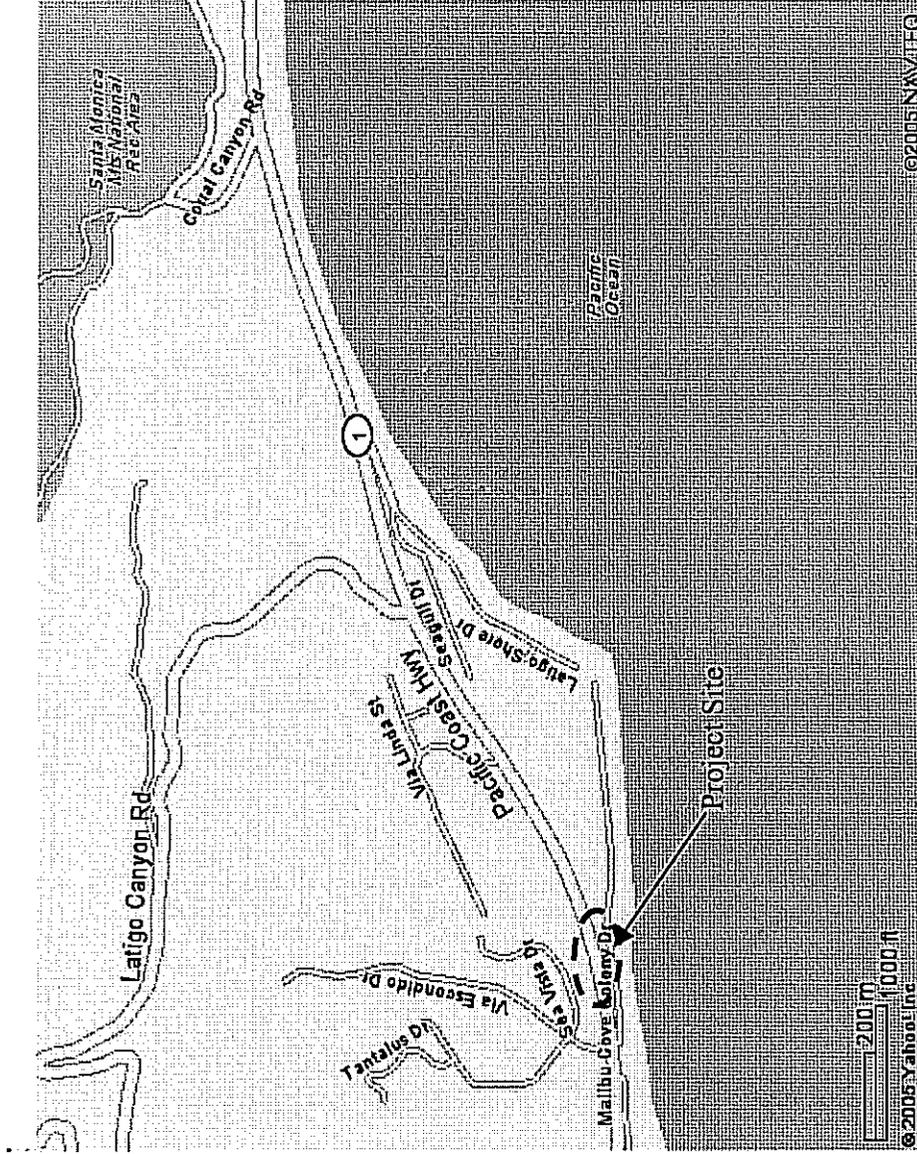
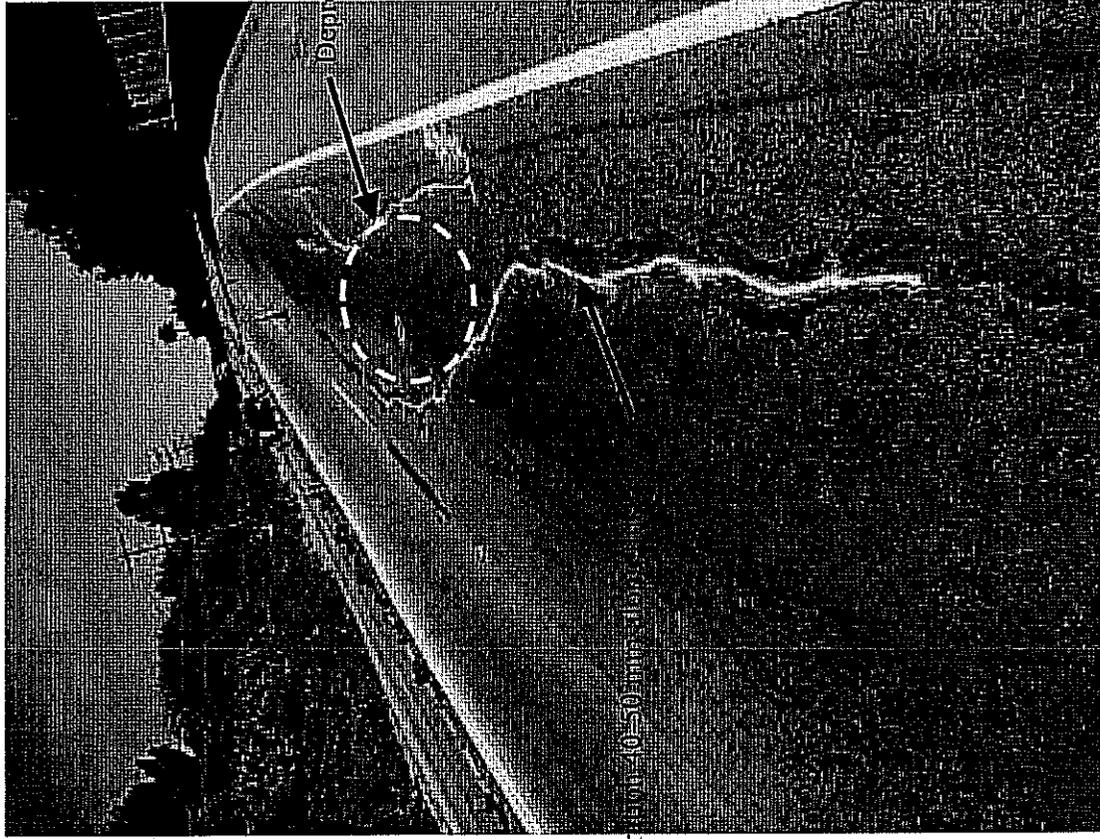


Figure 1: Site Location Map

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Vertical separation 40-50 mm (1.5-2 in)

Figure 3a: Pre-existing cracks on the eastbound side of the highway that have widened (February 2005)

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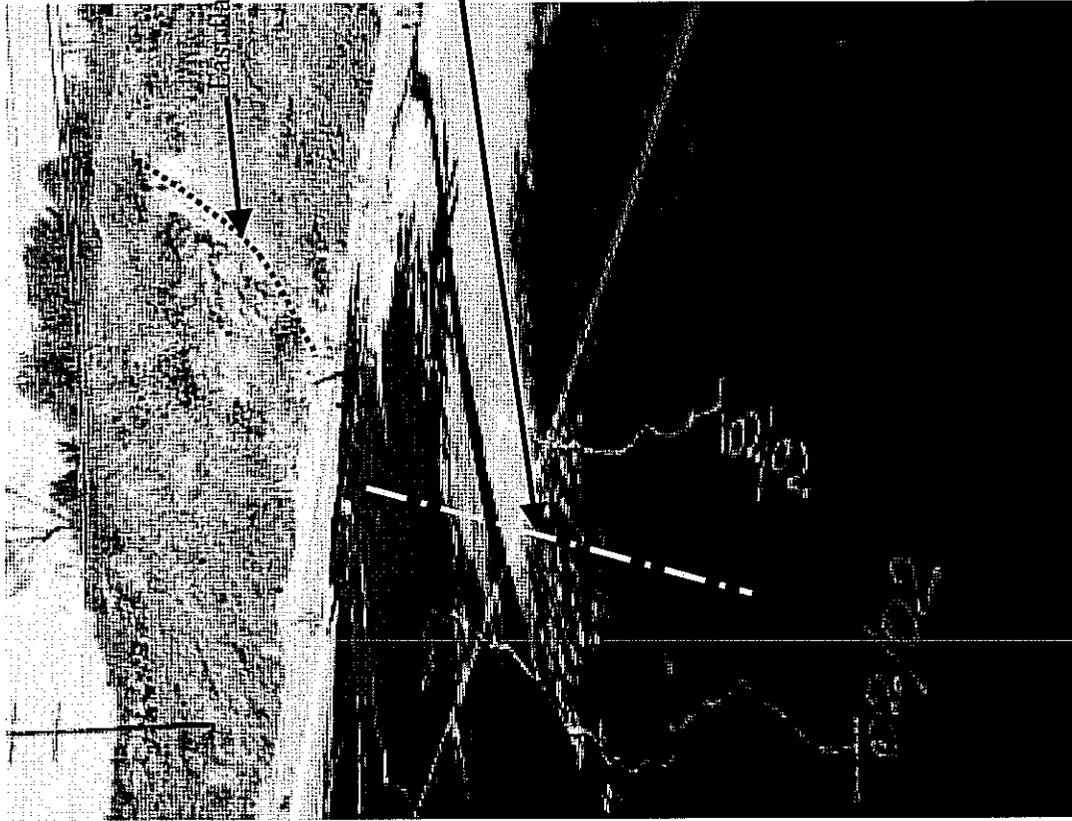


Figure 3b: Showing pavement cracks aligned with the east flank of the recently reactivated old landslide (February 2005).

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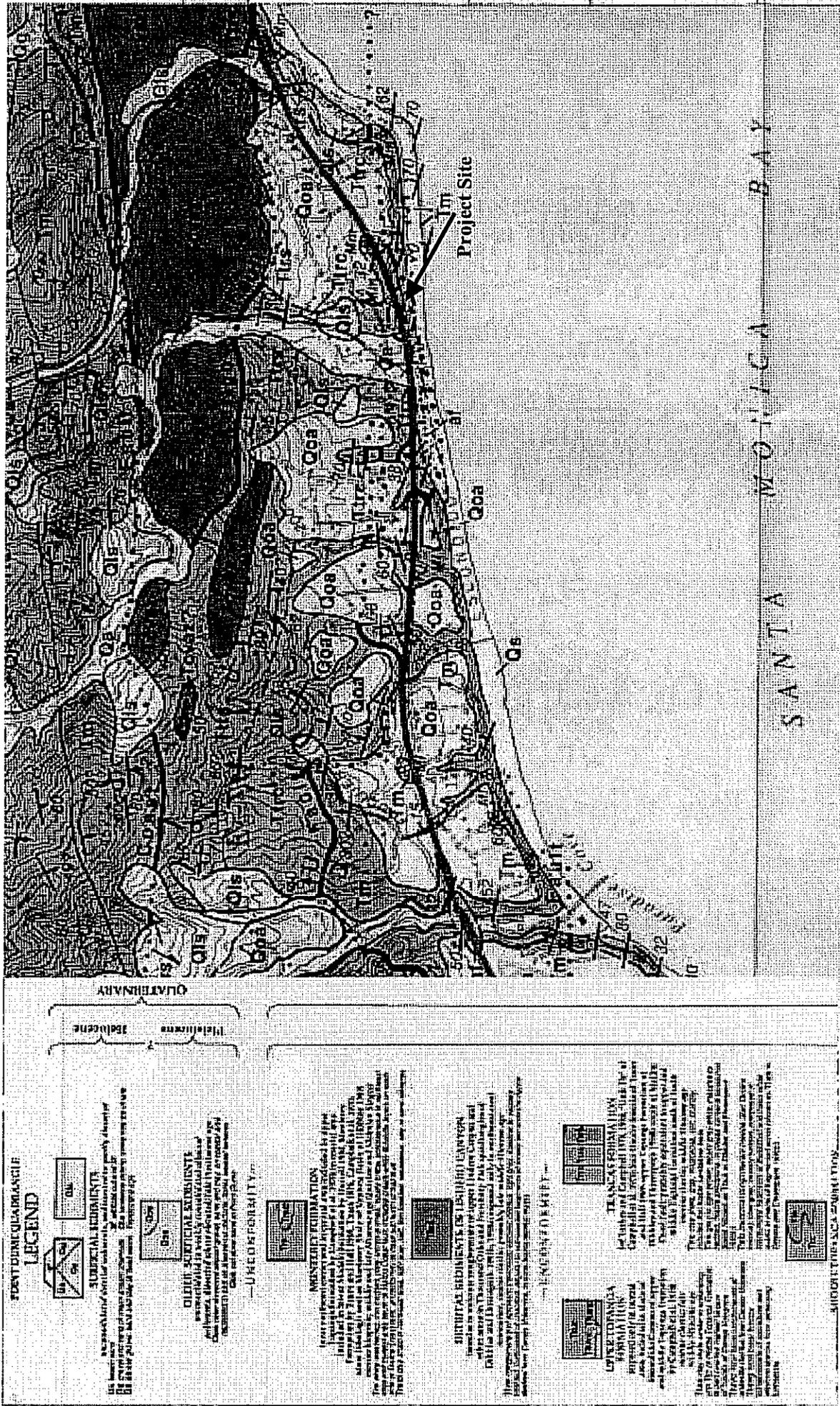


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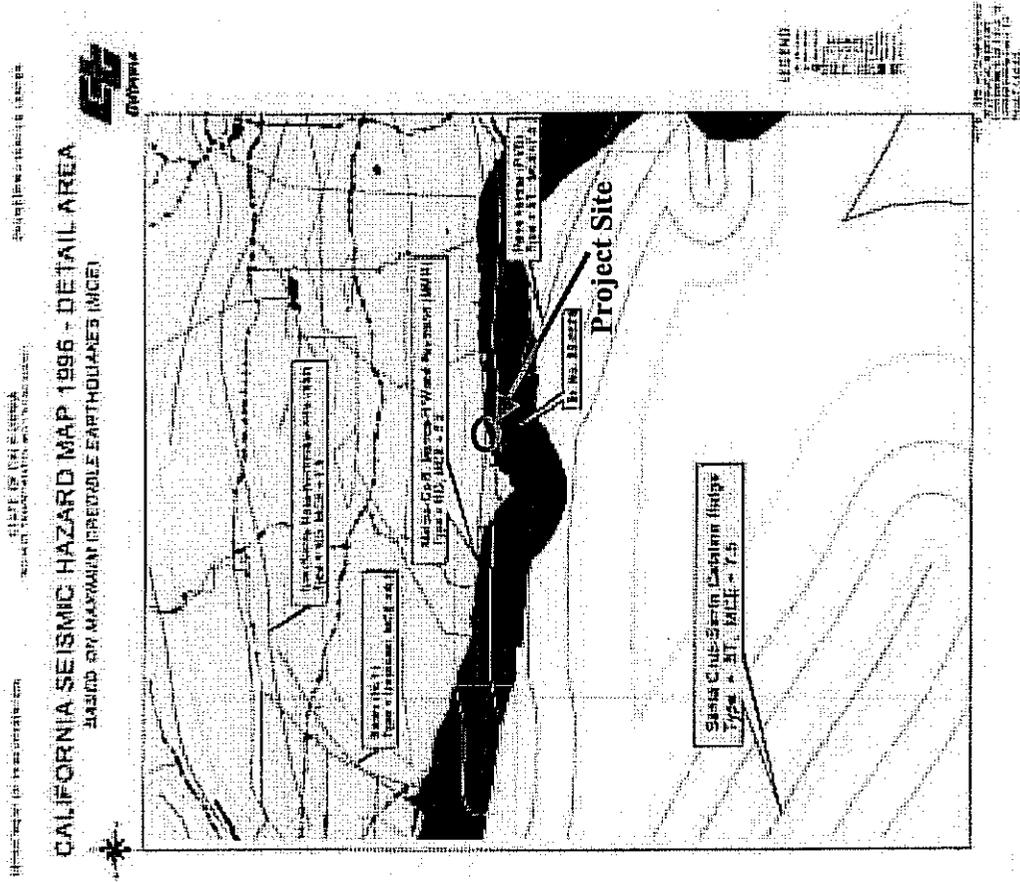


Figure 4b: Faults in the Project Vicinity

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Figure 5: Drilled Pile system installed in 1978

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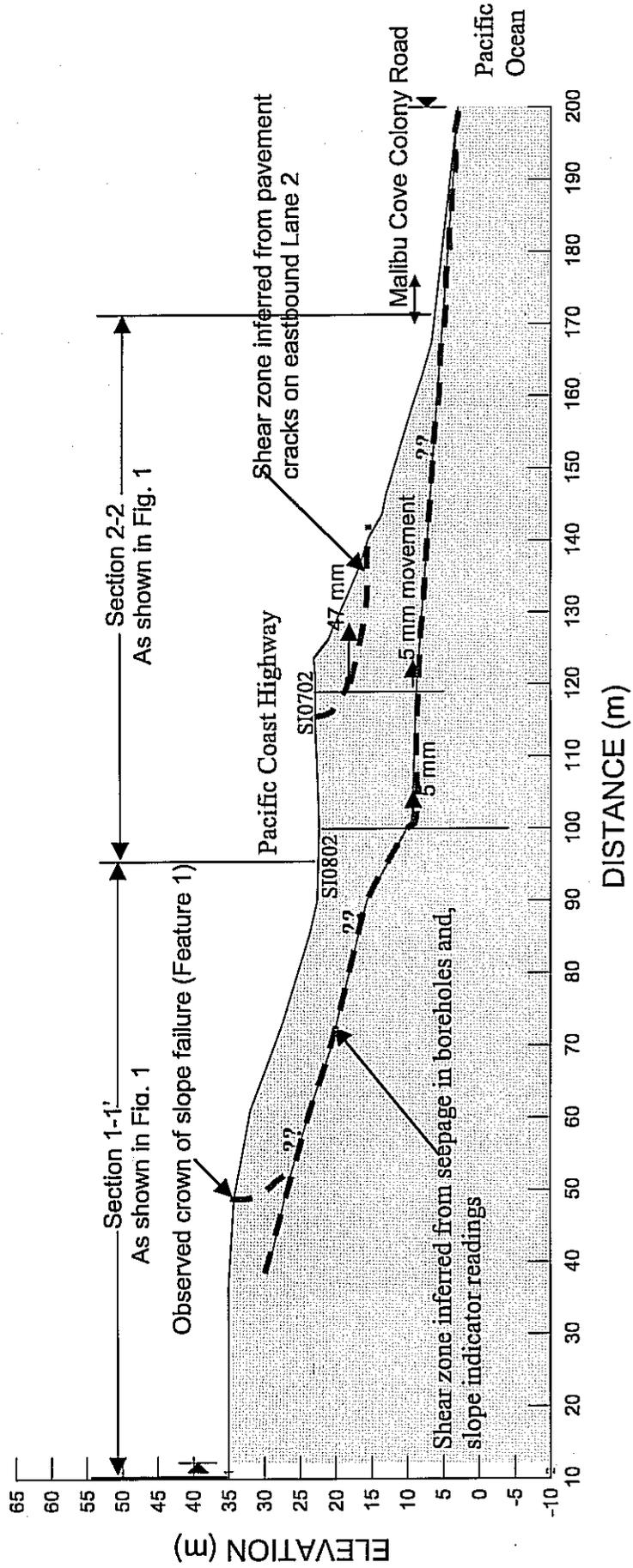


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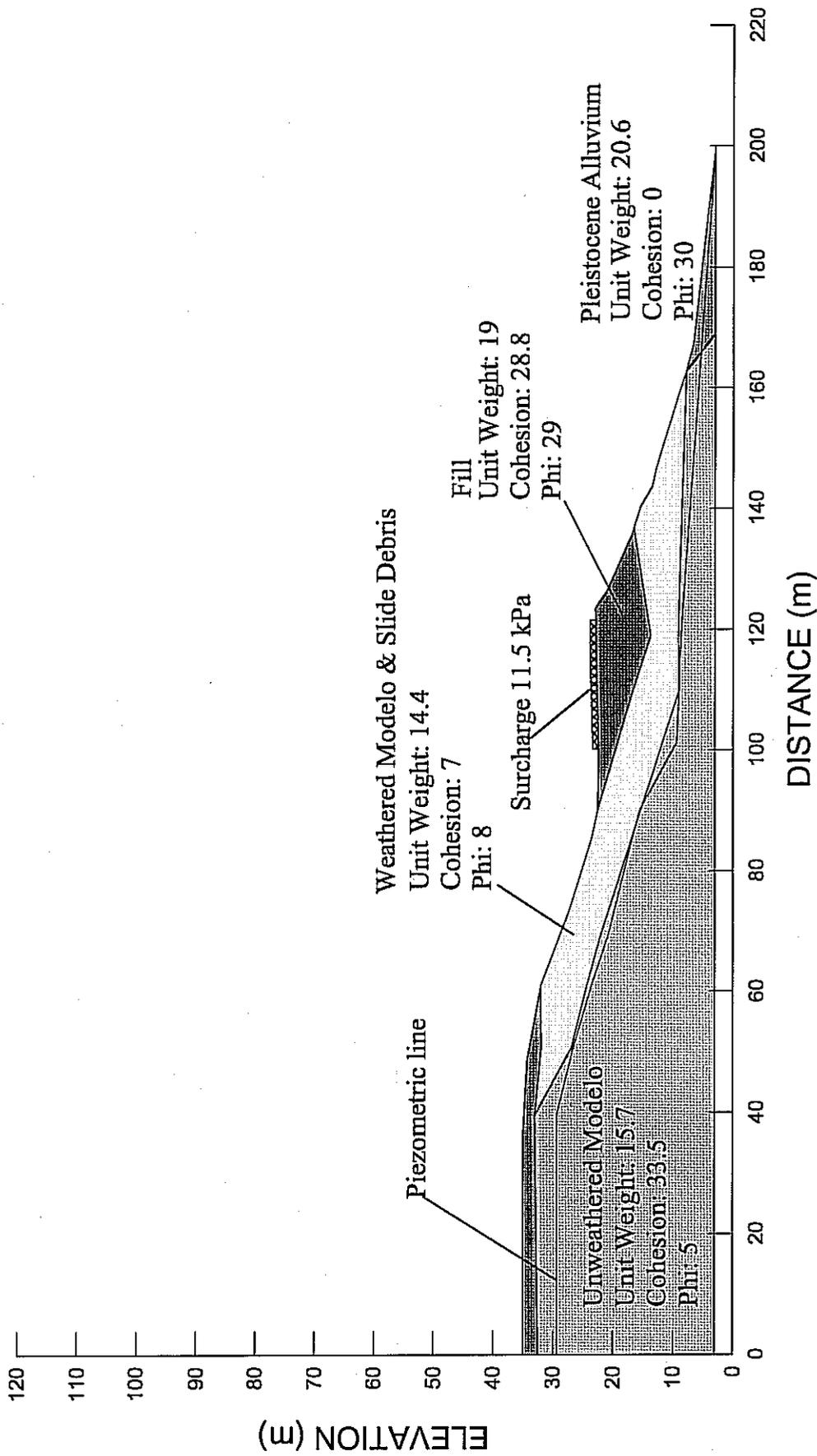
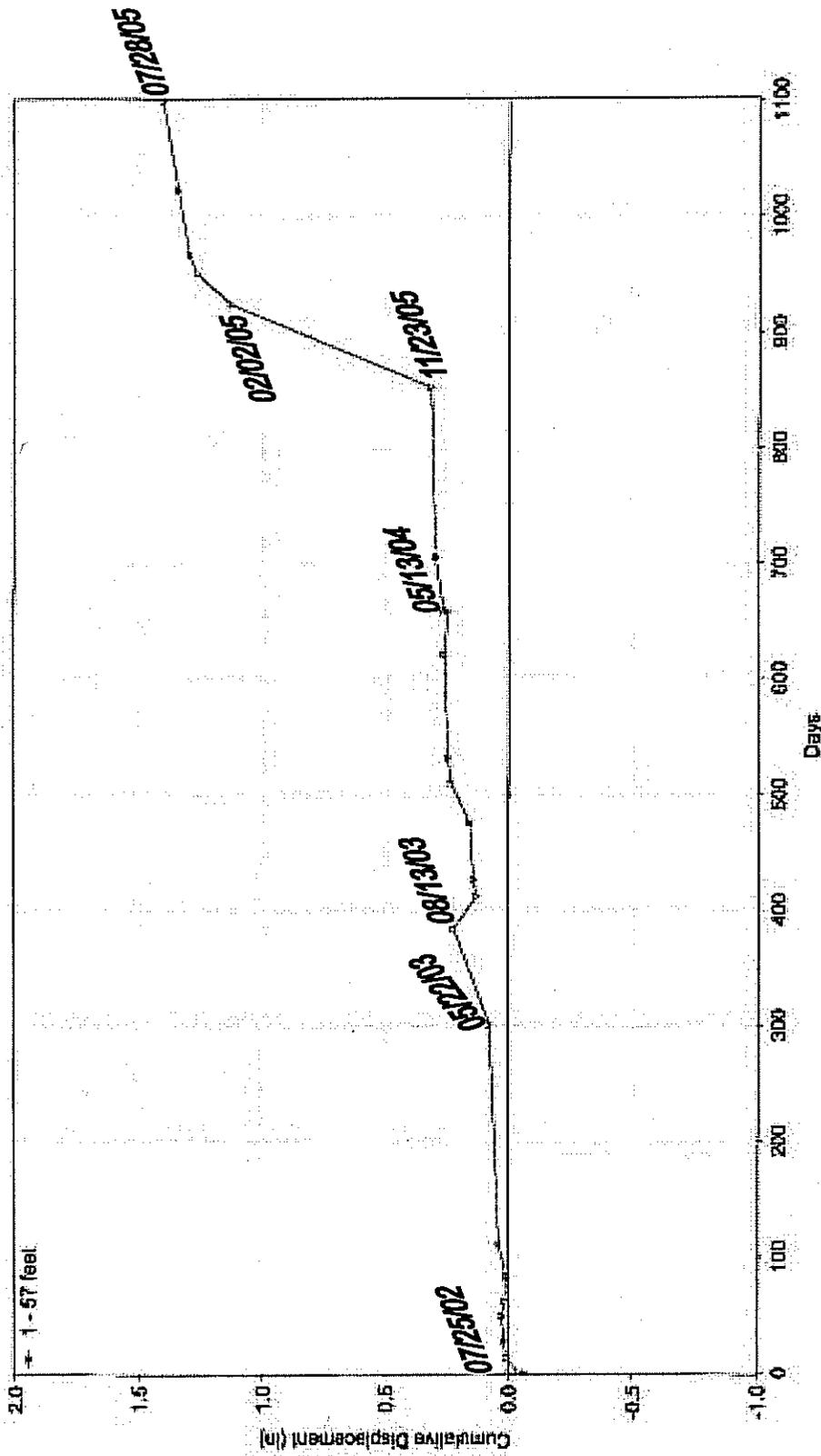


Figure 7b: Idealized Soil Profile

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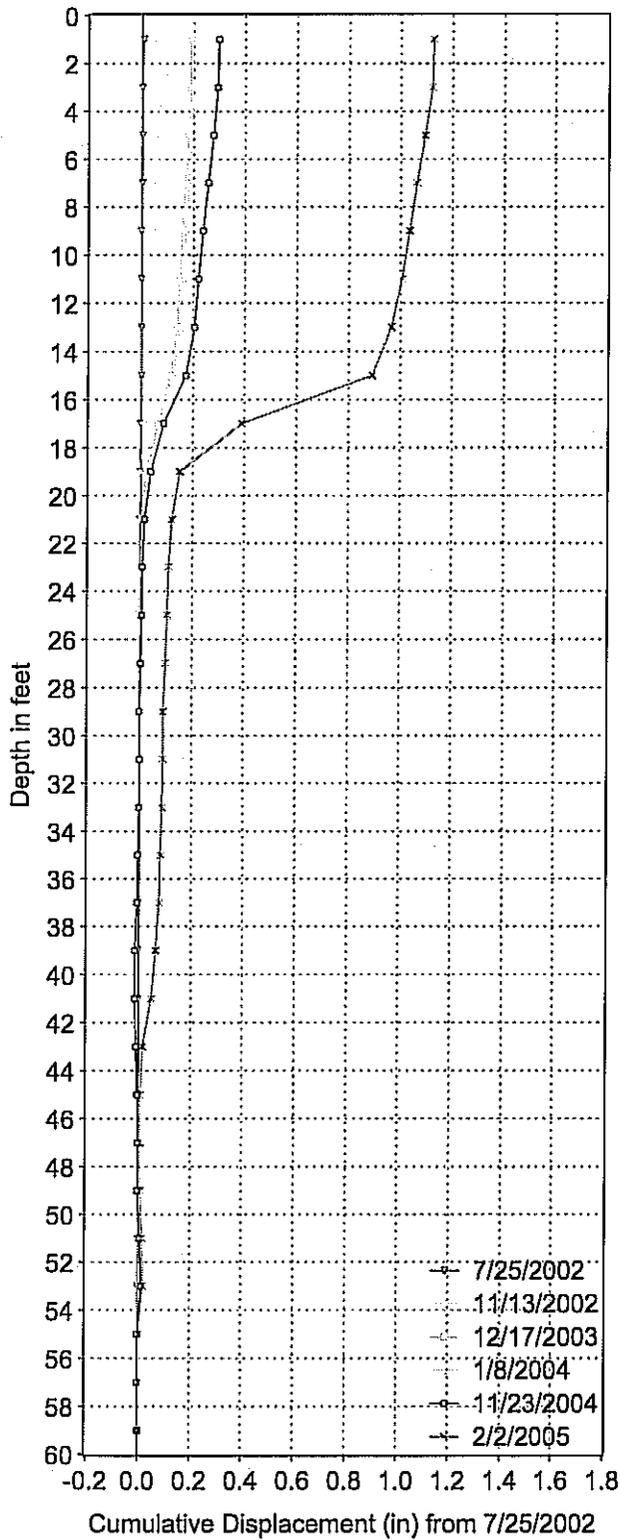


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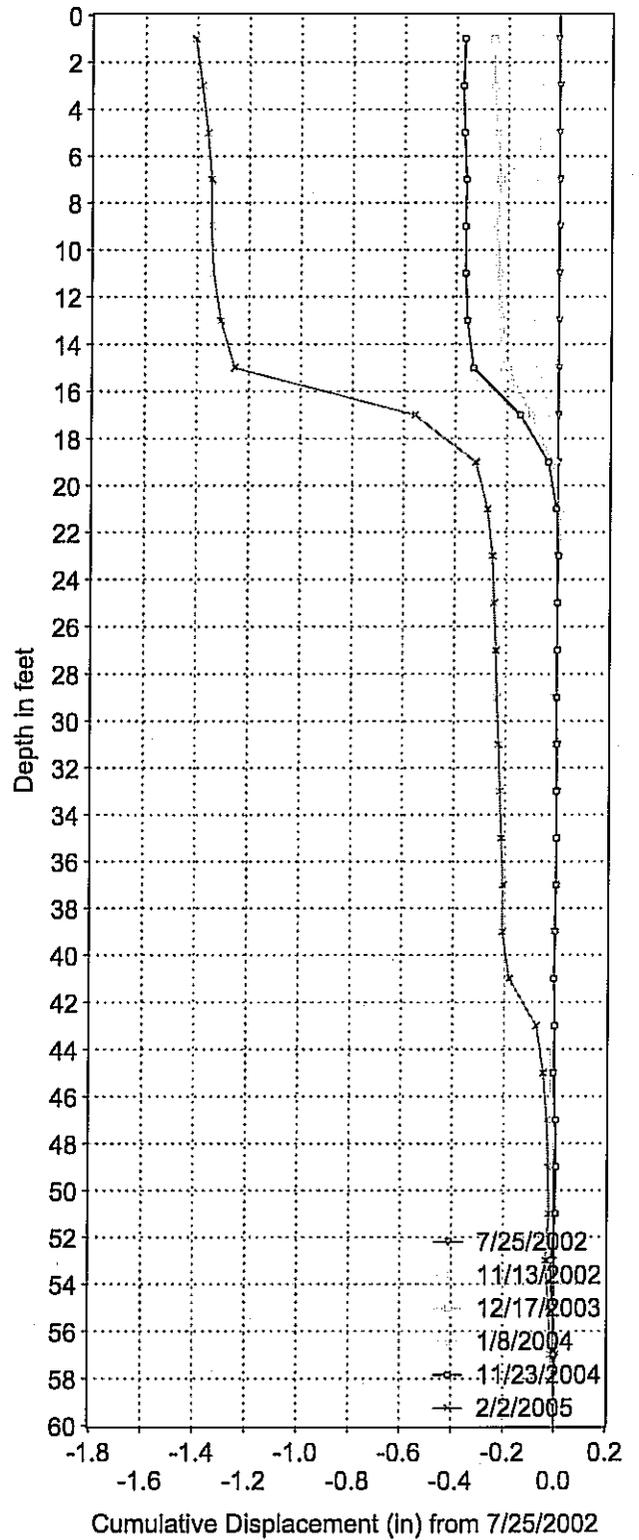
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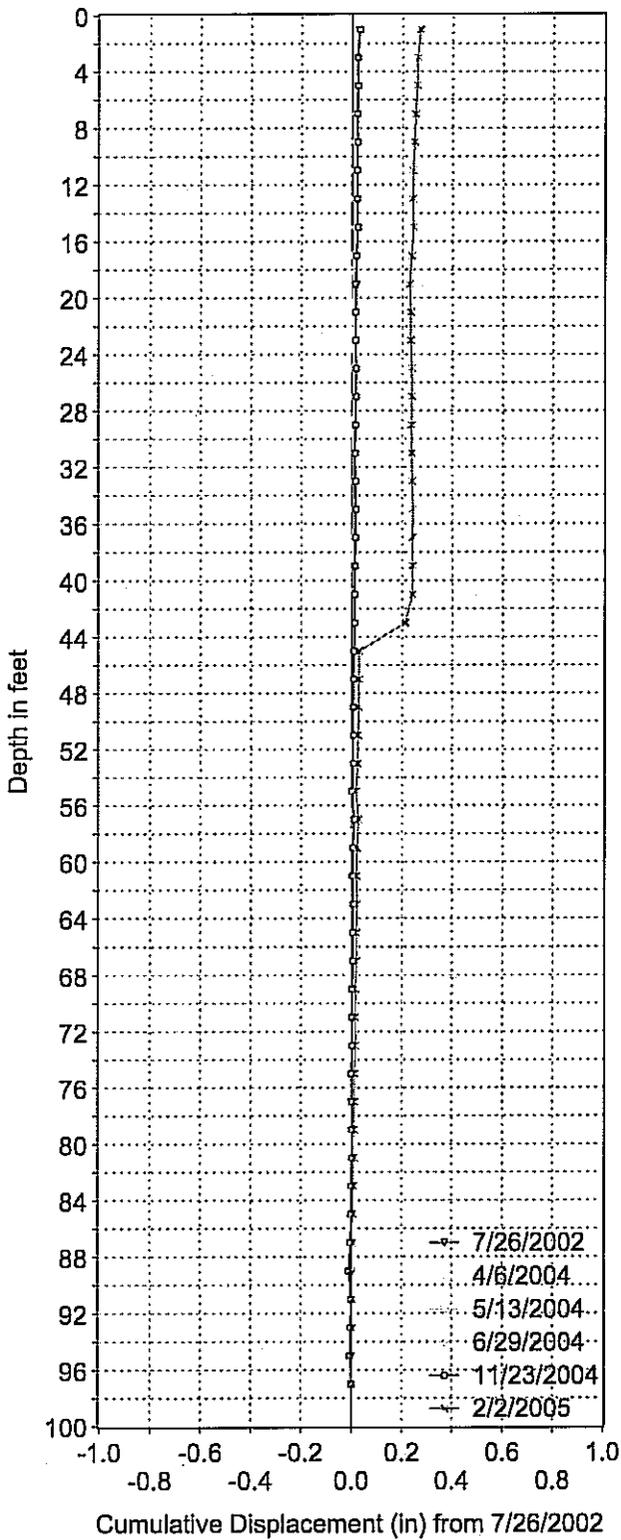


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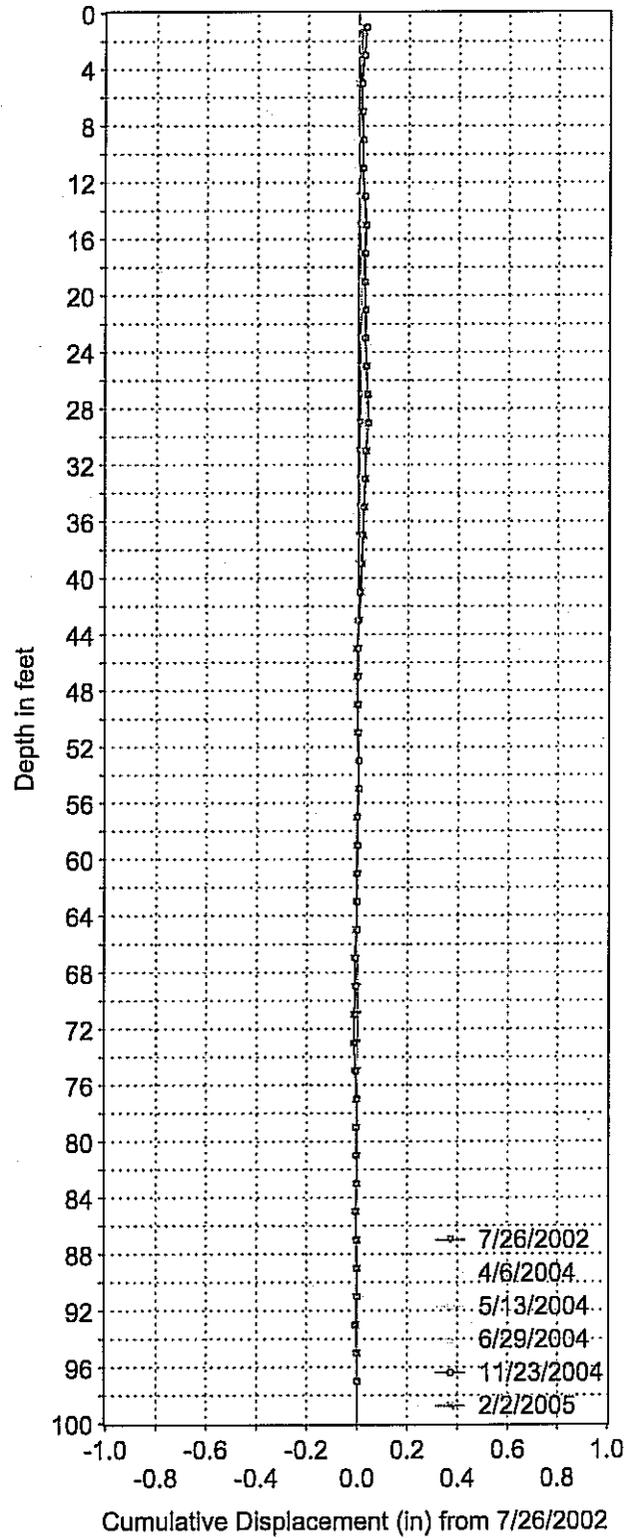
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INCLINOMETER RESULTS

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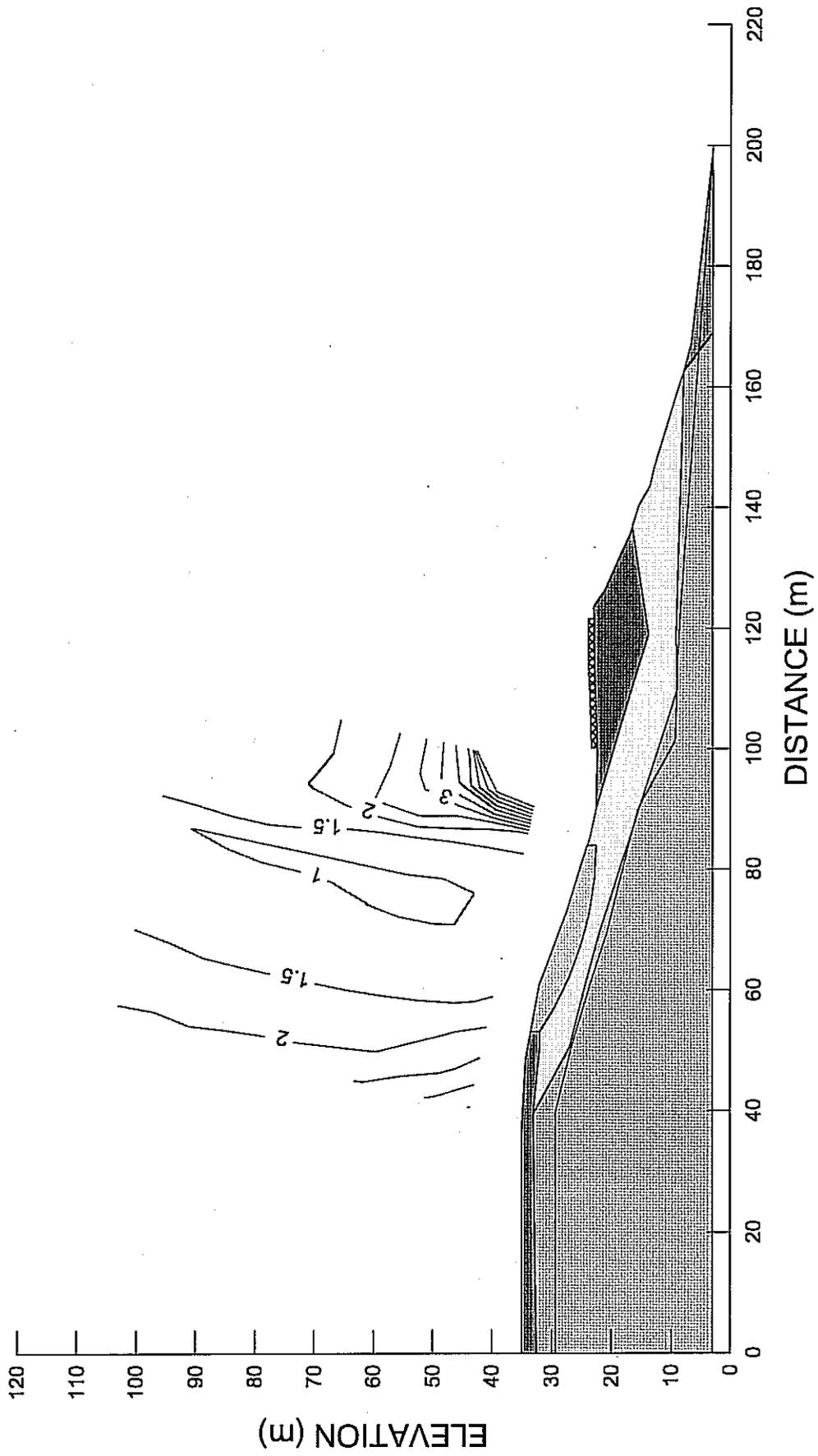


Figure 11: Stability Analyses of Upper Slope

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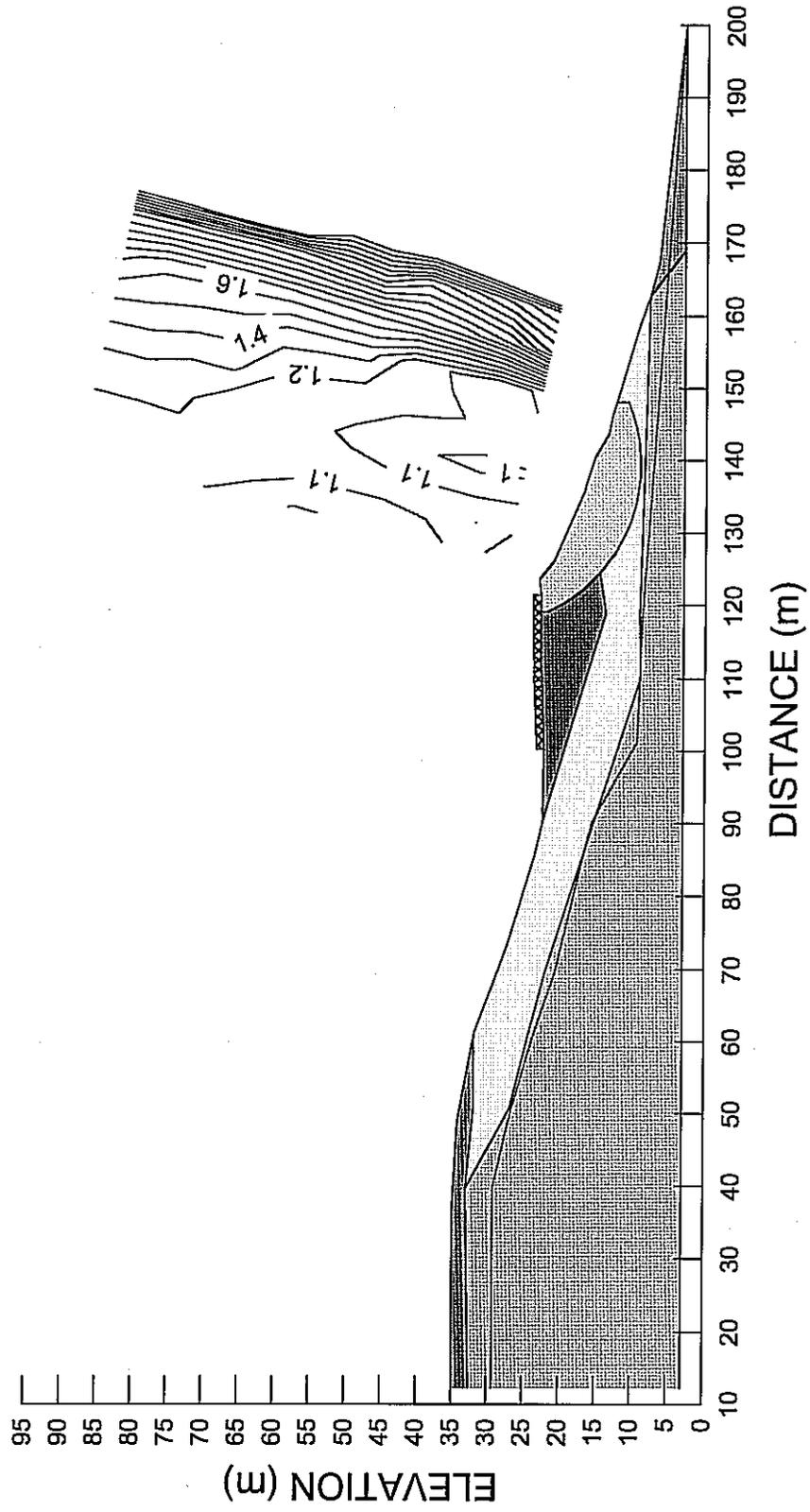


Figure 12: Stability Analyses of Lower Slope

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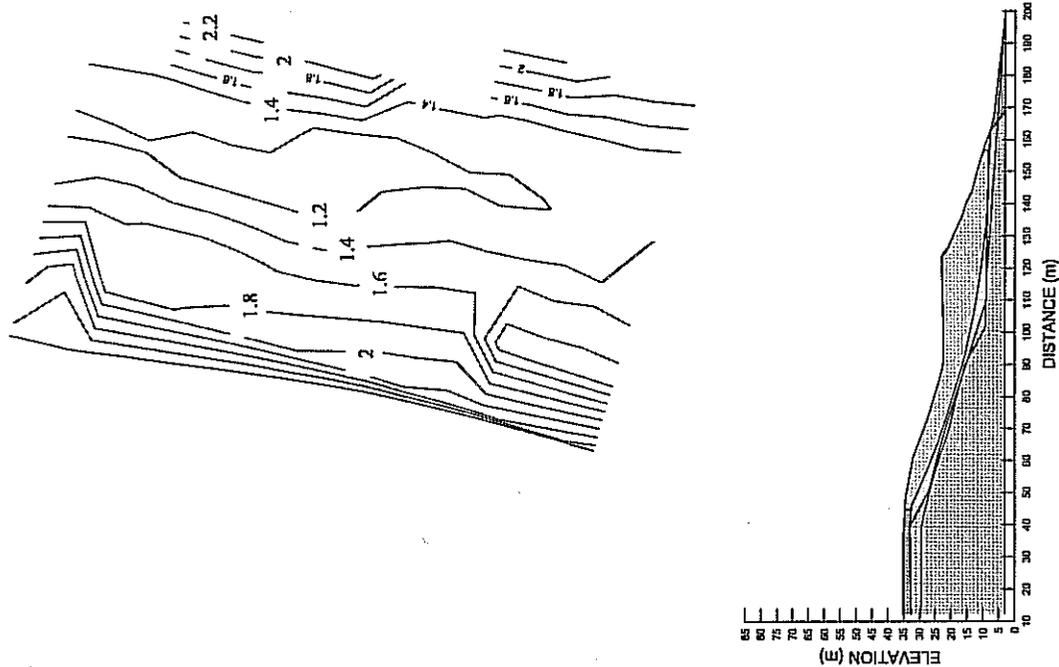
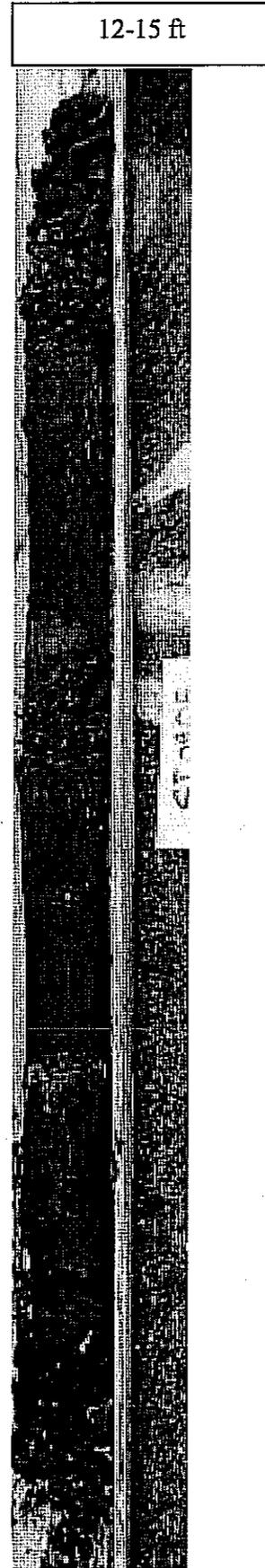
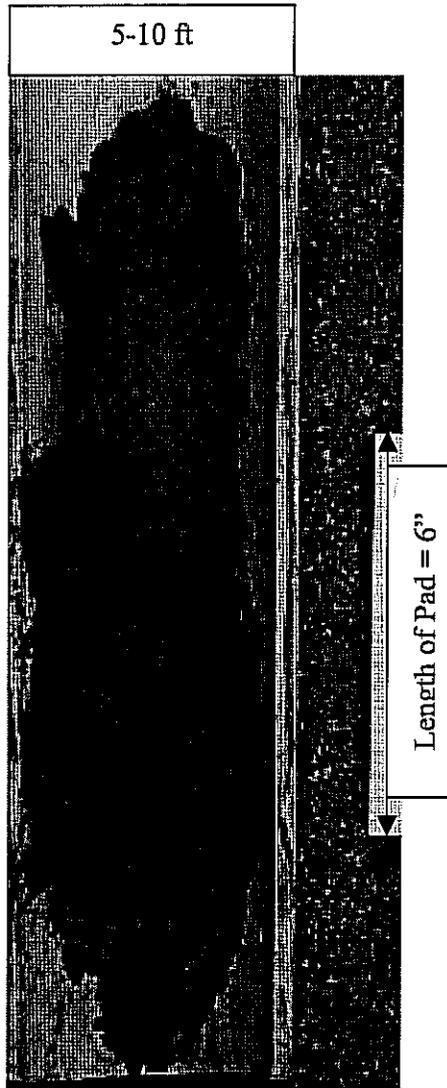


Figure 13: Stability Analyses of Upper & Lower Slope

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PICTURES OF SOIL CORES OBTAINED DURING INSTALLATION OF Slope Indicator No. SI0905 ESCONDIDO BEACH LANDSLIDE RTE 01-PM51.6, CITY OF MALIBU; CORE ROOM ID 21B

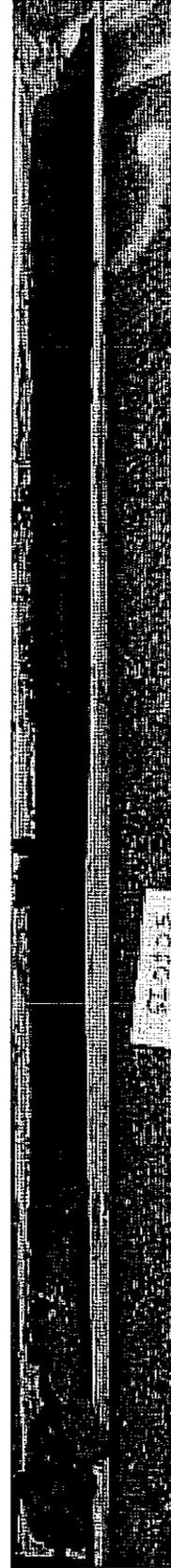
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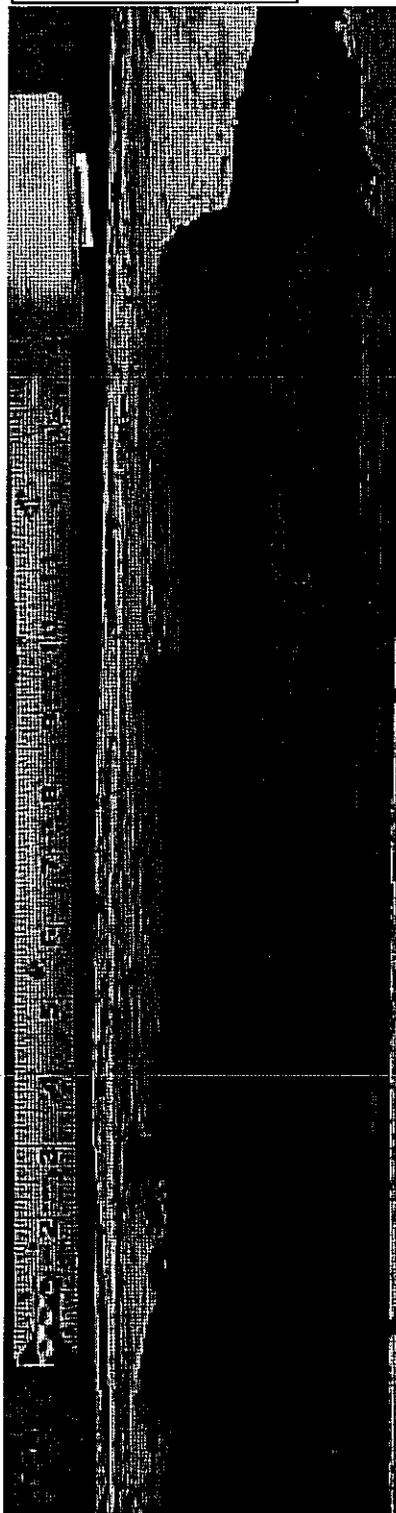


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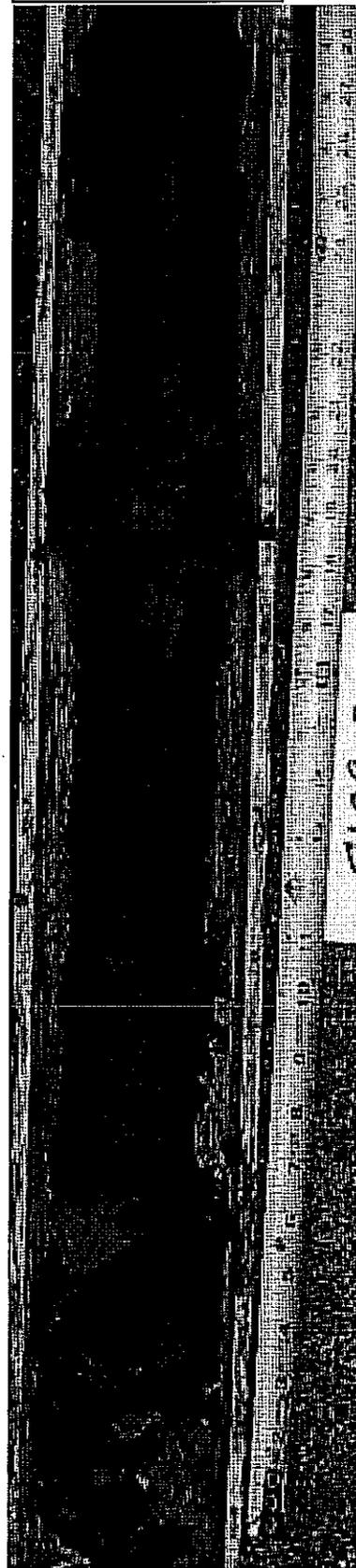
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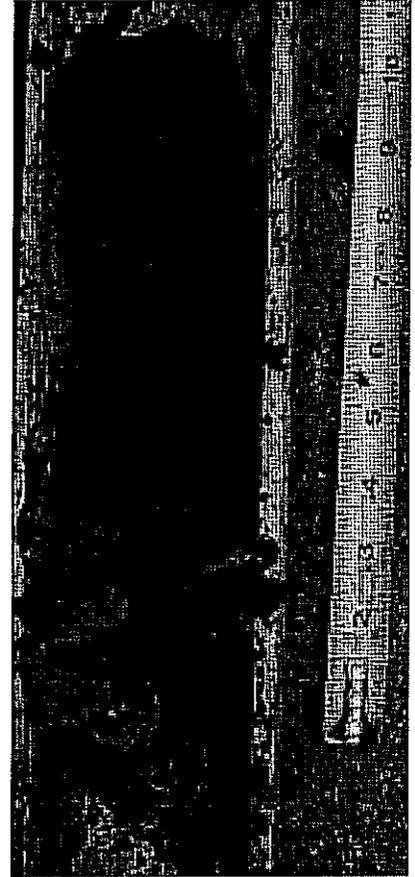
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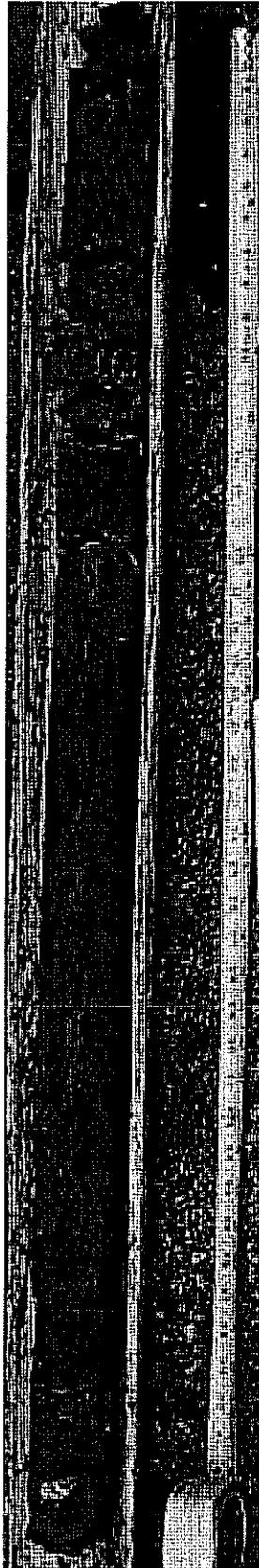


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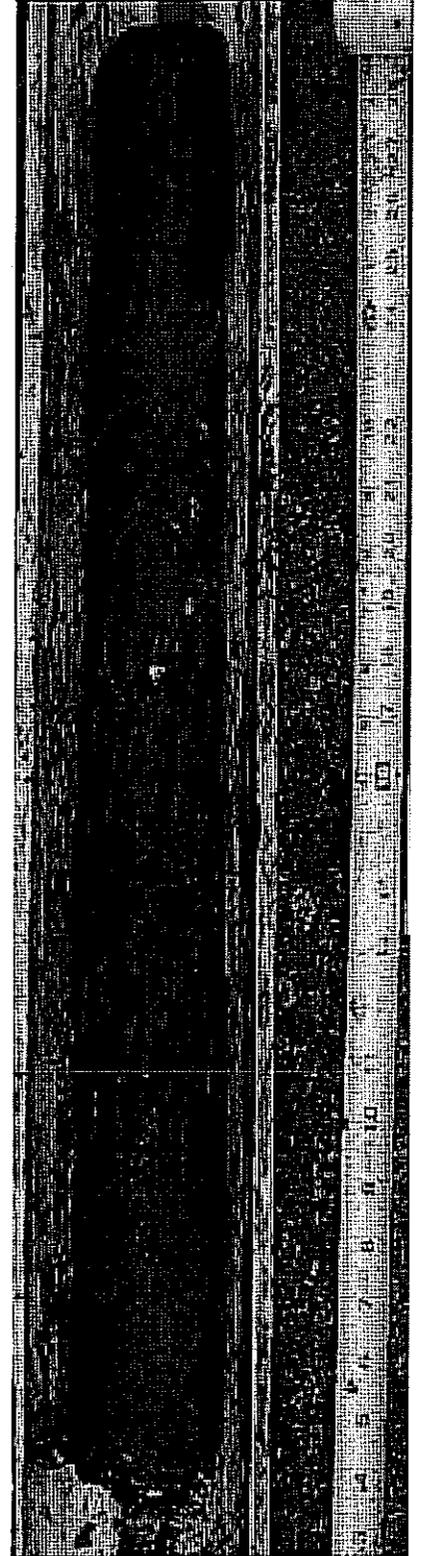
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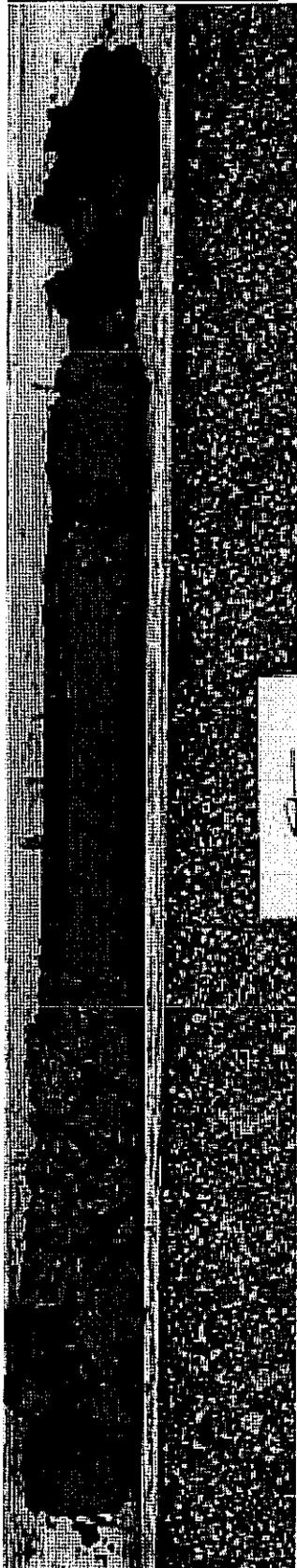


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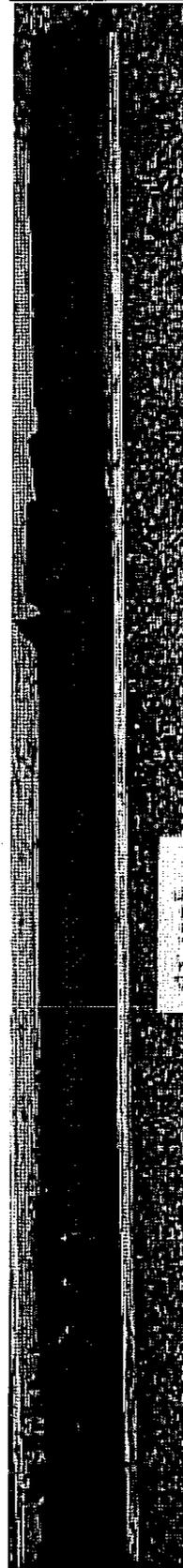
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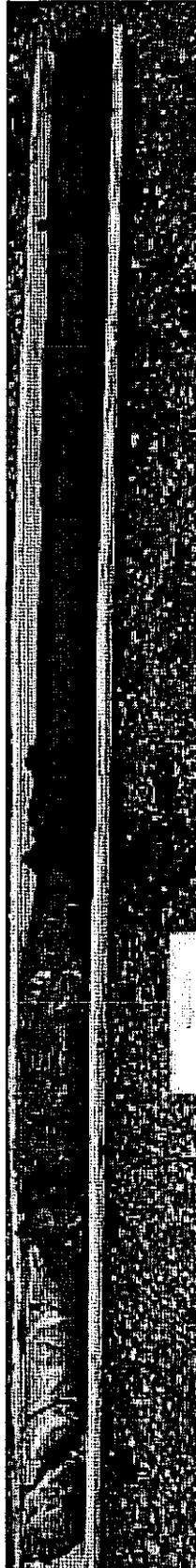
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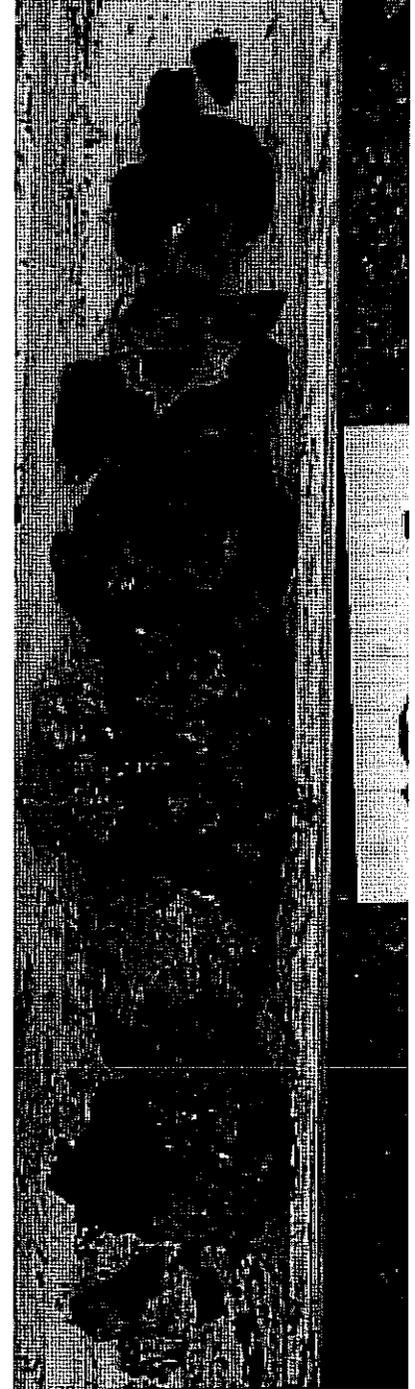
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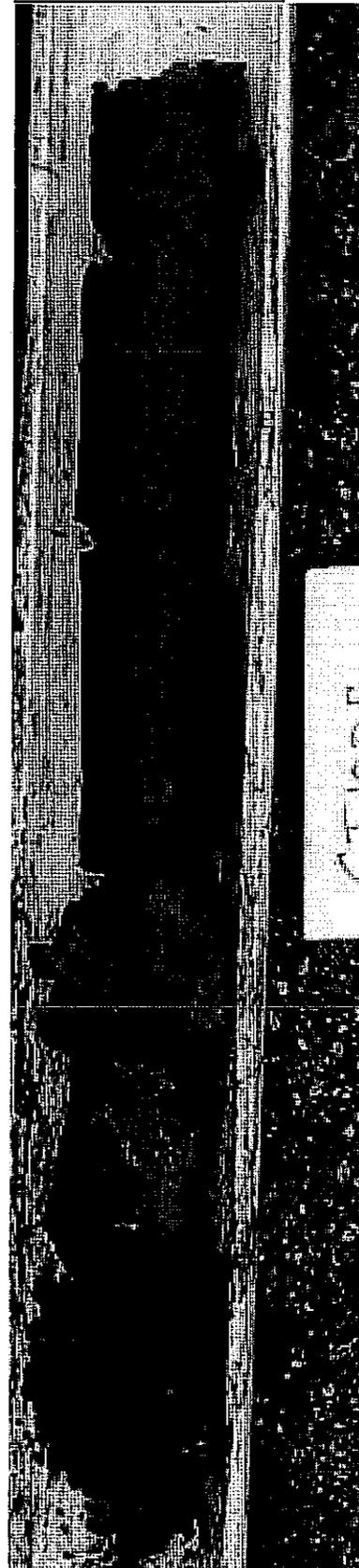
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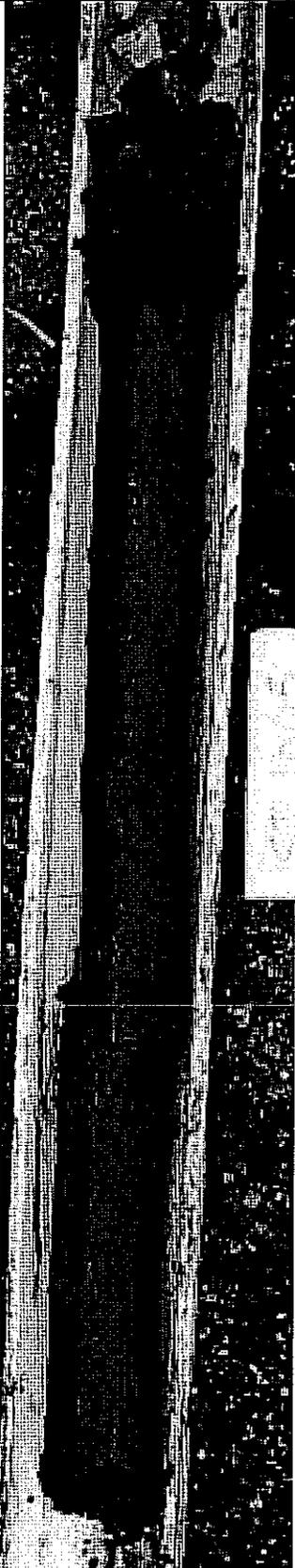


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50-55 ft



55-60 ft



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APPENDIX B

Previous Studies

An excellent study of landslides along Pacific Coast Highway from Colorado Avenue to Latigo Shore Drive is available [3]. The study was authorized by assembly Bill 4129 and was done during 1958-59. The northern extent of this study area (named Latigo Shore Landslide) is approximately 550 m to the east of the Escondido Beach Landslide. The geology at this location is described as terrace alluvium underlain by thin-bedded clay and fine sand of the Modelo Formation.

Groundwater levels (Elevation ~ 9.7 m to 9.9 m) were reported to be within a few meters of the ground surface at the Pacific Coast Highway (Elevation ~ 11.2 m). Laboratory tests of samples collected at Latigo Shore Landslide indicated that intense distortion had made the tertiary clays (Modelo Formation) plastic, and straining of this material continued under a shear stress that was much smaller than the peak strength. Field strengths obtained from back-analyses of observed movements were substantially lower than laboratory strengths at conventional and even low rates of strain. The strengths at actual rates of strain were about half of the strengths at the conventional laboratory strain rates [3].

The Pacific Pallasades Study recommended that at Latigo Shore Landslide, the most cost-effective stabilization measure would consist of interception of groundwater seeping into the slide from the North as well as reduction of seepage pressures within the slide by installation of drainage trenches or horizontal drains in the pervious alluvium that overlies the Modelo Formation. The report also recommended that the most effective scheme would be to control the development of residential areas within ancient slide zones by zoning regulations or publicity about the location of these areas [3].

Geotechnical investigations have been conducted in the project vicinity by various agencies [3,5]. These reports contain good information on the shear strength and other characteristics of the soils that may be similar to those present at the Escondido Beach Landslide location. A summary of this

Table 1: Summary of Geotechnical Information from Previous Investigations

Soil Description	Dry density kN/m ³	Water content %	Cohesion kPa	Friction angle deg	Reference No.
Pleistocene Alluvium A2	16.7	17.3	21.5	30	3 (T2,6)
Weathered Modelo Formation B1 ^a	14.4	26	23.9	24.5	3 (T2,6)
Unweathered Modelo Formation B2 ^b	15.7	26	33.5	11.5	3 (T2,6)
Modelo Formation B3 ^c	17.6	16.5	-	-	3 (T2)
Landslide debris ^d	14.8	33	40-50	20-23	5 (S3)
Landslide debris ^e	14.8	26.6	7.2	12	6 (4.1)
Bedrock ^{###}	14.4-17.6	25.5	12-25	19-29	5 (S4-6)

^a Stratum B1: Weathered Modelo: stiff brown and gray silty clay thin bedded w some light gray fine sand

^b Stratum B2: Unweathered Modelo, hard dark gray silty clay thin bedded w some light gray fine sand

^c Stratum B3: Compact fine to medium sand w silt and OCC clay seams

^d These were most likely intact B1 materials since location of Borehole was outside the landslide area

^e These were based on lab strengths calibrated by stability analyses to a Factor of Safety of Unity

Note 1: (T2,6): Table 2 & 6, (S3-6): Plate S3 to S6

Note 2: From T2 and T6 only the test strengths representing normal laboratory test rates (~200 radians/day) were selected.

The Pacific Palisades Landslide Study [3] contains a detailed analysis of the Latigo Shore Landslide located approximately 550 m east of the project site. The subsoil and groundwater conditions at this site are very similar to Escondido beach. The cross section at this location (Section 48 on Sheet GS26 of [3]) shows about 3 m of fill underlain by 3 m to 5 m thickness each of Strata A2 and Strata B1 followed by a least 36 m thickness of Strata B2. The bedding of Strata A2 and B1 generally follow the slope profile. Stability analyses were used to determine the most probable field strengths for a Factor of Safety ~1 using a failure surface inferred from field measurements. These values are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Most Probable Field Strength calculated for Latigo Shore Landslide.

Strata involved	Dry density ^b kN/m ³	Water content ^b %	Cohesion ^a kPa	Friction angle ^b deg	Reference No.
Modelo Formation 45% B2, 45%B3*	14.4-15.7	26	19	8.5	3 (row 1, T11)

^a Most probable field strength inferred from mobilized field strength and laboratory tests

^b From Table 1 above

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