

Project 184

Alder Creek Spoils Disposal Site Restoration Report

August 2007

Alder Creek Spoils Disposal Site Restoration Report

Table of Contents

1.	Introduction.....	1
2.	Background	1
3.	Restoration	2

Appendix A

Appendix B

Alder Creek Spoils Disposal Site Restoration Report

1. Introduction

This report is the result of a collaborative effort between the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), Project 184 Ecological Resources Committee (ERC), USDA Forest Service (Forest Service), and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). This restoration report was developed to satisfy the Alder Creek Spoils Disposal Site requirements set forth in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order Issuing New License October 18, 2006, Appendix A – Section 4(e) Condition No. 63 (Condition 63) and the Project 184 Settlement Agreement.

Condition 63 states:

“Condition No. 63 – Alder Creek Spoils Disposal Site

Within 1 year of license issuance, the licensee shall also develop a plan for restoration of the spoils disposal site that is approved by the FS prior to filing the plan with FERC. The plan shall be implemented once it is approved. The FERC license boundary shall be adjusted to include the Alder Creek spoils site.”

The Alder Creek Spoils Site report addresses the restoration of the Mill to Bull Tunnel spoils handling site near Alder Creek. This restoration took place in 2003, during the Settlement Agreement negotiations; therefore, this requirement was completed before the issuance of the FERC License in October 2006. This report documents the work completed and the process undergone to restore the Alder Creek Spoils Disposal Site.

2. Background

In the mid-1980s, PG&E constructed the El Dorado Tunnel to bypass a section of the El Dorado Canal that was damaged by a large landslide. Tunnel spoils from the El Dorado Tunnel were stored at the Alder Creek Spoils Disposal Site.

In 1997, prolonged rainfall caused several more landslides west of the El Dorado Tunnel along a two mile section of the canal. On February 8, 2001 the FERC issued an Order Amending License in order to construct a bypass tunnel to replace the damaged portion of the El Dorado Canal from Mill Creek to Bull Creek (Mill to Bull Tunnel). The Alder Creek Spoils Disposal Site was used again as a transfer station during construction of the Mill to Bull Tunnel. The site was used to load trucks to haul the spoils to the off-site spoils stockpile locations: Sand Flat, Webber Mill, and Plum Creek spoils sites.

The Alder Creek Spoils Site, shown on page RP1 of the attached as-built plan set (Appendix A), is located near Alder Creek. During the collaboration meetings for the Project 184 Relicensing, a requirement for EID to restore the site was established. In 2003, EID developed a plan for restoration of the Alder Creek site. Several meetings were held with the Forest Service to review the restoration plan. Approval for the final

Alder Creek Spoils Disposal Site Restoration Report

plan was given by Kathy Hardy of the Forest Service on May 19, 2003. The approval letter is included in Attachment 1 to Appendix B (see following paragraph).

Appendix B contains a copy of the EID letter to FERC, dated August 25, 2003, which requests approval of the Alder Creek Spoils Site Restoration Plan. Attachment 1 to the letter contains the compete history of all correspondence regarding the Alder Creek Spoils Site.

3. Restoration

The restoration plan is illustrated in the plan set in Appendix A. The plan included removal of all remaining spoils and fine sediment with the goal of restoring of the site to its natural state. In October 2003, the work was contracted to Macauley Construction by EID. All construction work was inspected by EID staff. Geotechnical observation and testing was provided by Carlton Engineering under contract with EID. The restoration included:

- Removal of all remaining tunnel spoils
- Grading of the site to provide a natural slope
- Revegetation with USFS approved seed and fertilizer
- Erosion control measure of geotextile fabric on disturbed soils
- Placement of wattles and straw bales
- Installation of rip rap ditches for drainage
- Placement of logs, rocks and other natural features as access barriers
- Placement and compaction of aggregate base on the Camp 1 Road

On November 24, 2003 EID staff met with Ron Hancock to view the completed project work and received final acceptance from the USFS.

Appendix A

E.I.D. TUNNEL SPOLLS HANDLING AREA RESTORATION PLAN

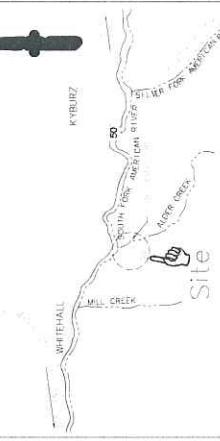


1

Sheet Index

- RPI1 COVER SHEET
- RPI2 DETAILS
- RPI3 RESTORATION PLAN - PART I
- RPI4 RESTORATION PLAN - PART II
- RPI5 SPECIFICATIONS - FABRICATION
- RPI6 SPECIFICATIONS - EROSION CONTROL FABRIC
- RPI7 PHOTO EXHIBIT

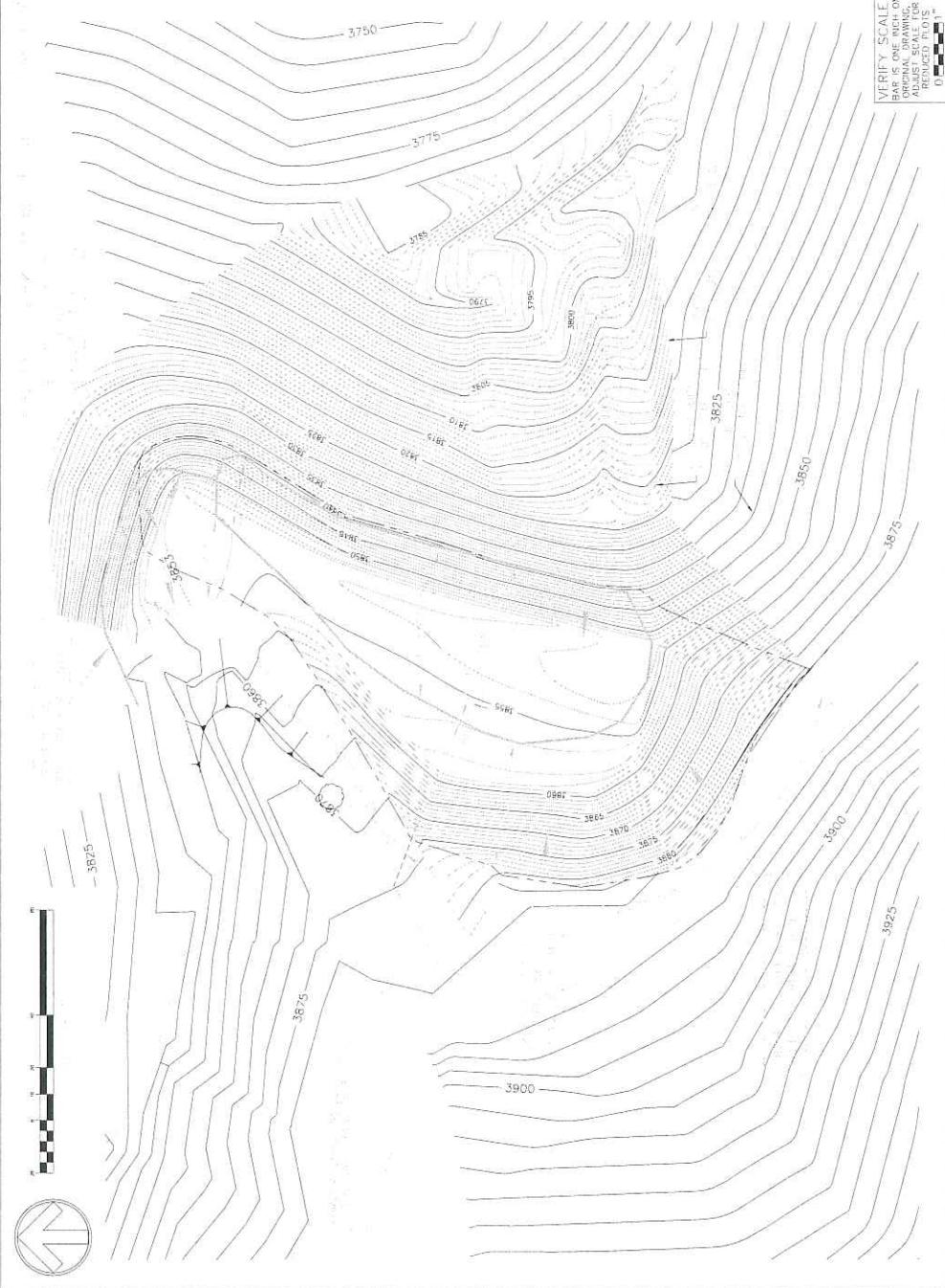
Vicinity Map



General Notes

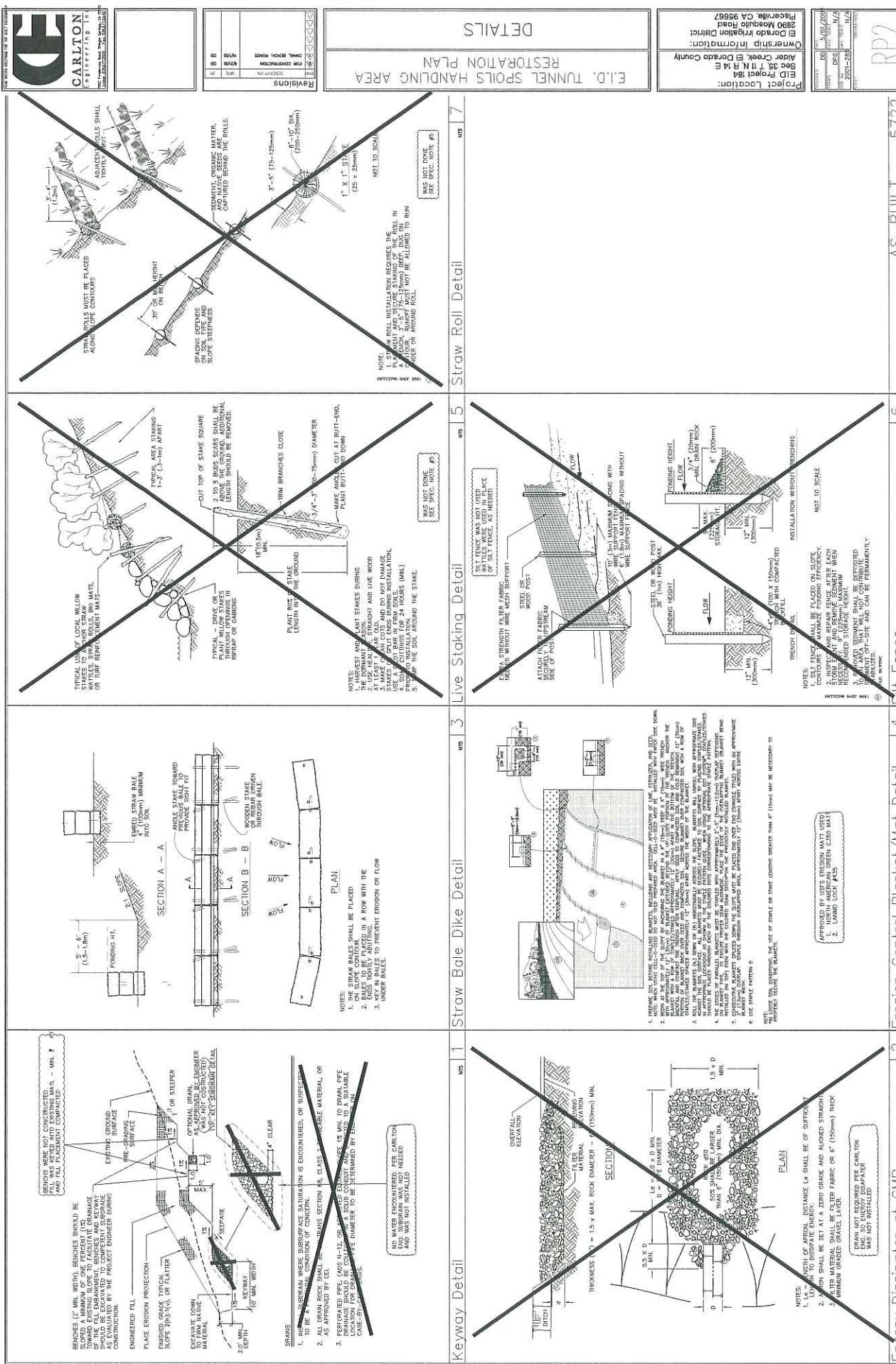
This plan is a detailed restoration plan for the E.I.D. Tunnel Spolls Handling Area. The plan includes contour lines, spot elevations, and various restoration details. The project is located in Section 35, Township 11 N, Range 1 E, Dredge District 2390, Modoc County, California. The plan is intended for use by the Dredge Rigging Board and the Dredge District. It is a reduced copy of the original drawing, which is one inch on the original drawing equals 100 feet on the ground.

VERIFY SCALE
BAR IS ONE INCH ON
ORIGINAL DRAWING
ADJUST SCALE FOR
REDUCED COPIES
0



AS-BUILT 5722

RPI

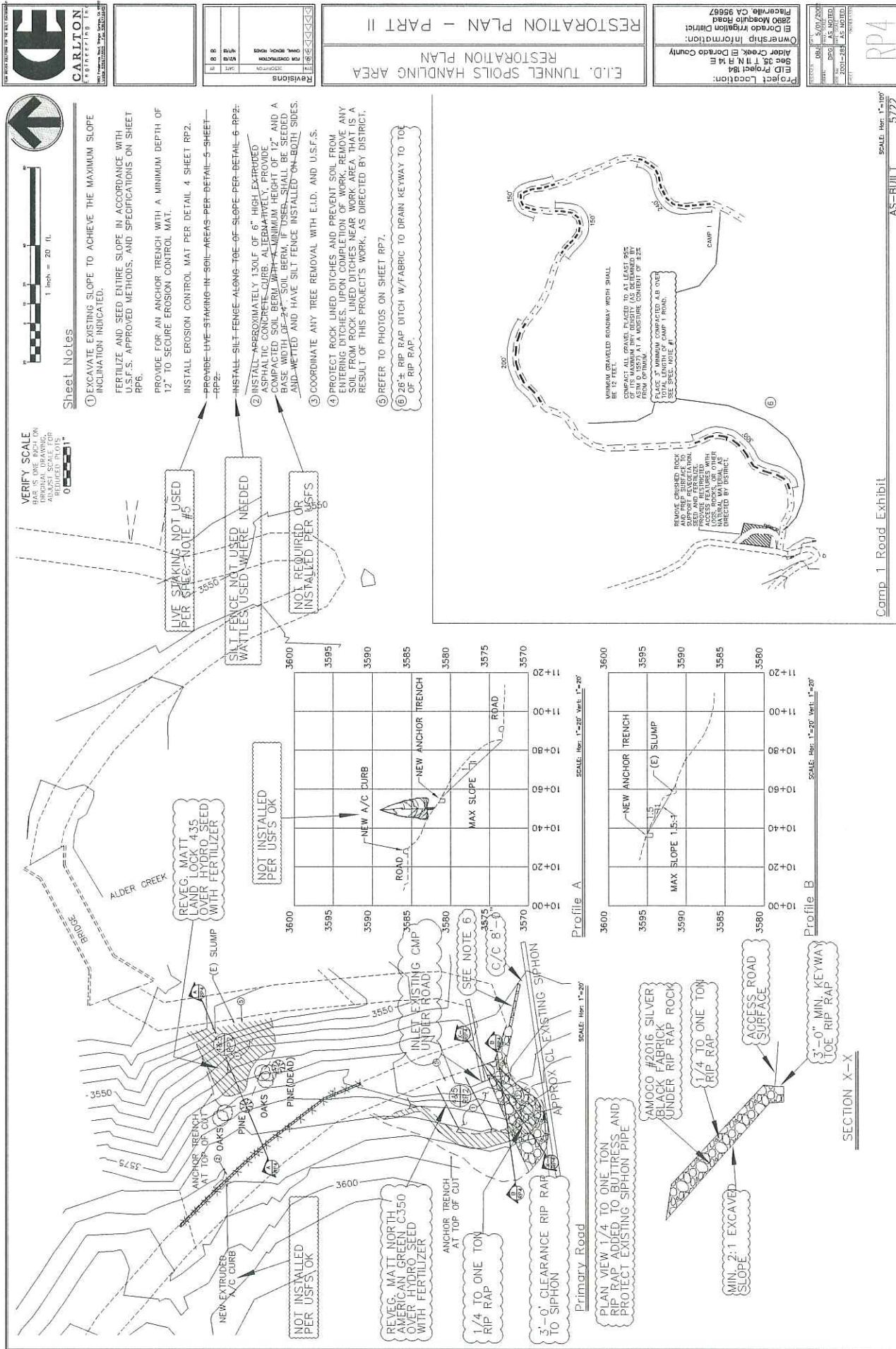


R P 2
AS-BUILT

5722

Straw Roll Detail

Erosion Dissipator at CMP



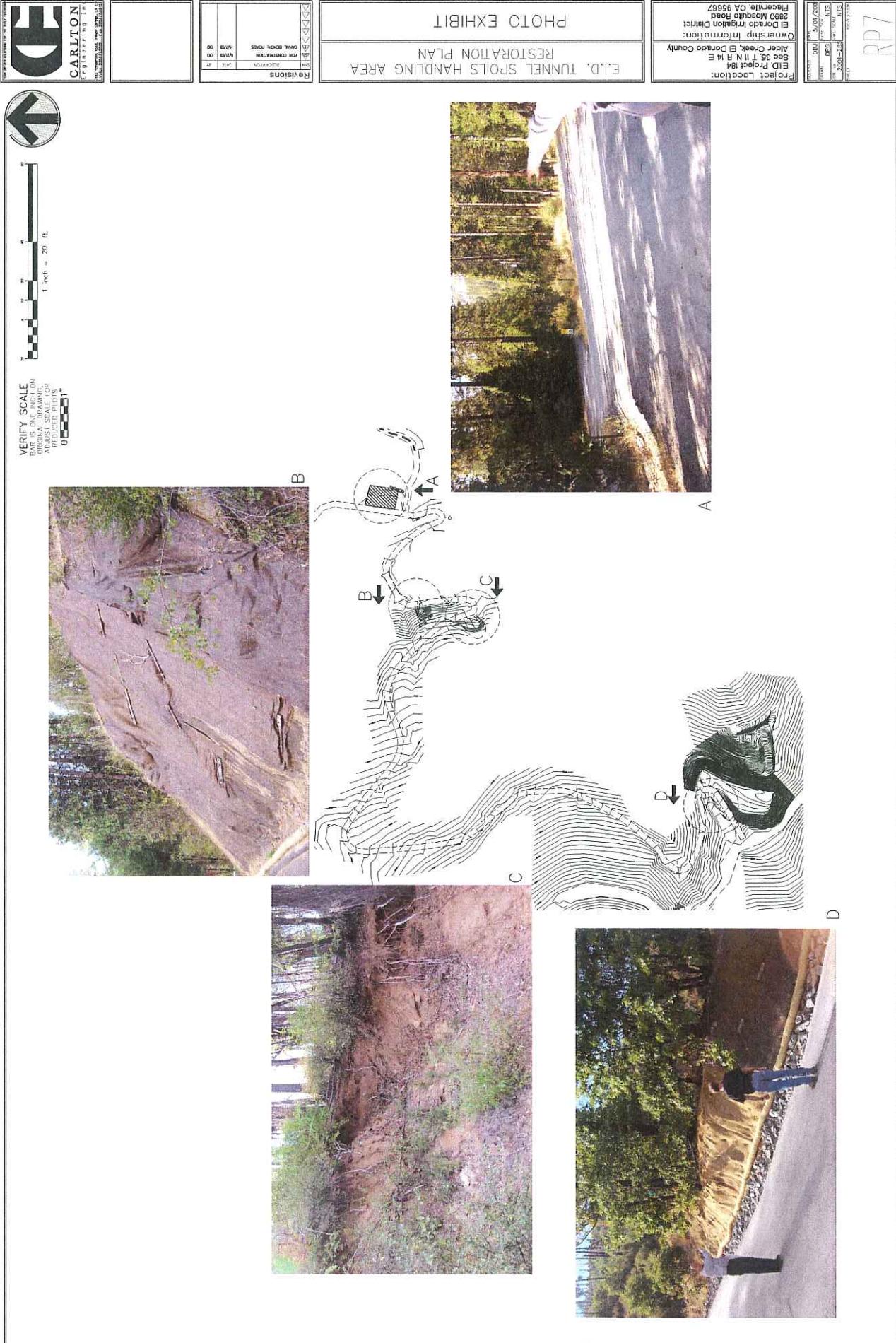
Comp 1 Road Exhibit

AS-BUILT
5/22

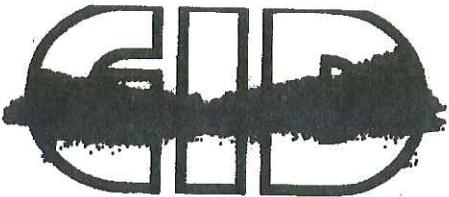
EARTHWORK		
<p>PART 1 - GENERAL</p> <p>1.1 SCOPE A. All stripping, filling, excavation and grading for areas to receive building, concrete work, providing and placing earth fill.</p> <p>1.2 RELATED WORK SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE A. Excavation Borking Trenching</p> <p>1.3 COORDINATION AND SCHEDULING The Contractor shall coordinate and schedule the work with other trades to avoid conflicts and conflicts of work.</p> <p>B. Meet with Owner prior to commencing operations to determine access and status of the site.</p> <p>C. Scheduling of operations shall be done to provide completion of work within the stipulated schedule.</p> <p>D. Protect all existing structures from damage. Take measures insuring existing structures which are scheduled to remain are left in serviceable condition as beginning of the grading operations.</p> <p>E. Contractor shall familiarize himself with existing site conditions and shall use any equipment or method required to accomplish the earthwork specified herein.</p> <p>1.4 PROTECTION</p> <p>A. Protect existing work, new work, and work of others in progress against damage, following the sequence of repair, repair or replace same should any damage occur.</p> <p>B. Adequate protection measures shall be provided to protect workers and passengers by the site. Streets and adjacent property shall be fully protected throughout the operation.</p> <p>C. Provide for surface drainage during the period of construction in a manner to avoid creating a nuisance to adjacent areas.</p> <p>D. Water as required to suppress dust nuisance.</p> <p>E. Open to be kept free of mud, dirt, or similar nuisances resulting from Earth Work Operations.</p> <p>1.5 SITE SURVEY A. Site survey was made by Cullen Engineering Inc. Report information was furnished the Contractor who referred to start of construction. Notify Engineer and Owner of any deviations.</p> <p>B. If unknown utility lines are encountered during work, notify Engineer and Owner immediately for instructions.</p>		
<p>PART 2 - PRODUCTS</p> <p>2.1 FILL MATERIAL A. All fill shall be of approved legal materials from required excavations, supplemented by imported fill, if necessary. Approved local materials are defined as follows: 1.5 cu. yds. of crushed rock and aggregate aggregate in 30 cu. yds. of fill. 1.5 cu. yds. of sand, topsoil or subgrade material 1 cu. yds. of fill. 2. Import fill materials shall be graded to meet the requirements of the engineering specification, when tested in accordance with ASTM Specification D4318-24; an expansion index less than .20%, when tested in accordance with IBC Specification 29-9; and a eight inch (.20') maximum particle size, when tested in accordance with ASTM Specification D422-72.</p> <p>C. Gravel fill; imported washed gravel, free from vegetation and debris, 1" maximum, and none passing #4 sieve.</p> <p>PART 3 - EXECUTION</p> <p>3.1 REQUIREMENTS A. Lay out all work, establish grades, field locate existing underground utilities, set up grade stakes, markers, and other materials and protection of utilities; oil lines to be protected by placing them in protective boxes, when required, to prevent damage to them.</p> <p>B. Contractor shall excavate and fill as necessary and fine grade the site to levels and slopes indicated.</p> <p>C. Excess soils from excavation that are not needed or useable for fill shall receive a compactive effort and be stabilized.</p> <p>D. Deposit waste material in legal, licensed solid waste disposal site. Open burning of combustible waste will not be permitted.</p>		
<p>PART 4 - GENERAL</p> <p>C.350 Reinforced Geotextiles</p> <p>C.350 Reinforced Geotextile Specifications</p> <p>PART 1 - GENERAL</p> <p>1.01 SCOPE This work consists of furnishing materials and performing all work necessary to install North American Green C350 Reinforcing material(s) on slopes or as directed by the engineer.</p> <p>PART 2 - PRODUCTS</p> <p>2.01 MATERIALS</p> <p>A. General Reinforcement Material shall meet the requirements of the following specifications:</p> <p>2.0.1.35% Reinforced Geotextile</p> <p>Fully Reinforced Permanent Triple Net Decoupled Fiber Erosion Control Turf Reinforcement Mat</p> <p>The erosion control turf reinforcement mat shall consist of a rolled mechanically formed and bonded into synthetic netting to produce a reinforcement mat in a fully stabilized state to 0.3 in (0.08 cm) permanent strength portions and at least to 0.3 in (0.08 cm) on permanent mats. The reinforcement material shall be North American Green C350 or approved equal. Product performance documentation using soil test specifications based on the USA RUSLE method must be submitted for review. Product must be guaranteed to perform to the maximum performance standards under full contract conditions as stated above.</p> <p>A. Three Dimensional Permanent Net with Coated Fiber Erosion Control Turf Reinforcement Matting (North American Green C350)</p> <p>1. Matrix: 100% coconut fiber, min. wt. 5. lbs/ft² (3.5 kg/m²). 2. Netting: HDPE, heavy weight HDPE stabilized polyethylene with 0.5 in (1.3 cm) openings. Center, super heavyweight, expanded UV stable polyethylene (5 in (1.3 cm) openings). Bottom, UV stabilized polyethylene with 5 in (1.3 cm) openings. 3. Stiching: Non-woven polypropylene fibers at 1 in (3.8 cm) centers. 4. Poly mesh: 35 ft (10.6 m) (61.2 m), (40 yds (33 m)²). 5. Mesh weight: 1.05 lbs (16.8 kg). 6. Net weight: 2.05 lbs (3.7 kg).</p> <p>B. General Reinforcement Material shall be anchored with "U" shaped 11 gauge wire stakes or wooden stakes with a minimum top width of 1 in (2.5 cm) and length of 6 in (15.2 cm). Fastener type (metal or wood) shall be designated by the engineer. Length and/or wider stakes or stakes may be designated by the engineer as necessary for various site types and specific application needs.</p> <p>PART 5 - EXECUTION</p> <p>1.0.1 EXCAVATION</p> <p>The excavator shall check the geotextile upon delivery to verify that the correct material has been received. The geotextile shall be inspected by the Contractor to be free of flaws or damage occurring during manufacturing, shipping, or handling.</p> <p>1.0.2 PREPARATION</p> <p>A. The substrate soil shall be prepared as indicated on the construction drawings or as directed by the Engineer. Foundation soil shall be scraped to the tines and or grades as shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer. Over excavated areas shall be filled with compacted soil material.</p> <p>1.0.3 INSTALLATION</p> <p>A. Prepare soil before installing blankets, including application of lime, fertilizer, and seed. Note: When using Cell-O-Sets do not seed prepared areas. Cell-O-Sets must be installed with paper side down.</p> <p>B. Begin at the top of the trench by anchoring the blanket in a 12 in deep wide trench. Backfill and compact the trench after stapling the blankets (A) down or (B) horizontally across the slope.</p> <p>C. Refer to manufacturers slope guide for correct slope pattern.</p> <p>D. Fill the trench with topsoil and backfill the area with approximately 3 in (.75 cm) of overfill.</p> <p>E. When blankets must be spliced down the slope, place blankets end over end (flange style) with approximately 4 in (10.2 cm) of overlap. Staple when overlapped area, approximately 2 in (30.5 cm) apart.</p> <p>F. Top slope pattern B.</p> <p>1.0.4 MEASUREMENT</p> <p>A. North American Green C350 Reinforced Geotextiles, including triple netting, shall be measured at the contract unit price per square yard and shown in the bid schedule. All blanketed areas shall be measured separately.</p> <p>B. Measurement may not be required to determine by Owner.</p> <p>1.0.5 PAYMENT</p> <p>A. Quantities shall be paid for at the contract unit price, including triple netting, for all work performed. All payments will be made by owner.</p> <p>B. Payment may be by Lump sum or other determined by Owner.</p> <p>1.0.6 PROTECTION OF FINISHED WORK</p> <p>The contractor shall maintain the blankets until all work on the contract has been completed and accepted. Maintenance shall consist of the repair of areas where damaged by any cause. All denuded areas shall be repaired to reestablish the conditions and grade of the soil prior to application of the covering and shall be rereacted, resodded, and remulched as directed.</p> <p>3.07 ALTERNATIVES</p> <p>Alternatives shall be evaluated by the Engineer when proper and thorough documentation is supplied by the Contractor. Alternatives shall meet or exceed the specifications herein.</p>		

AS-BUILT 5722

RD5



Appendix B



PRIO: 1A

El Dorado Irrigation District

In Reply Refer to: M0803-146

August 25, 2003

Magalie R. Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington D.C. 20426

03 AUG 26 AM 9:56
FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION
FILED
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

093

Subject: El Dorado Irrigation District (District), FERC Project No. 184
Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel
Request for Expedited Approval of Alder Spoils Site Restoration Plan

Dear Ms. Salas:

In accordance with the Commission's Order Modifying and Approving the Geology and Soils Plan Pursuant to Article 68 (issued June 6, 2001), the El Dorado Irrigation District (District) hereby submits an original and eight copies of the restoration plan for the Alder Creek Spoils Site. The Commission's approval of the plan is requested on an expedited basis to enable the District to complete site restoration work prior to the onset of the upcoming winter season.

The magnitude of the Alder site restoration work is greatly reduced over the original plans due to the change in disposition of the Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel spoils. The original plan was to stockpile all tunnel spoils (estimated at roughly 35,000 cubic yards) at the Alder spoils site. With the project changes approved by the U. S. Forest Service and Regional Water Quality Control Board and submitted to FERC over the 2001-2002 period, all tunnel boring machine spoils were transferred to three off-site locations for reuse on USFS road surfacing projects. The Alder Spoils Site Restoration Plan is now essentially a minimal action, with Alder site restoration work limited to restoring the much smaller area used as a transfer station for loading trucks to haul the spoils to the off-site spoils stockpile locations (i.e., Sand Flat, Webber Mill, and Plum Creek spoils stockpile sites).

From the above, the Alder Spoils Site Restoration Plan no longer addresses the approximately 35,000 cubic yards of tunnel spoils that were generated by tunnel construction and transported off-site. As shown on the attached plans, restoration is now limited to re-contouring approximately 1,300 cubic yards of pre-existing earthen and El

Dorado Tunnel spoils material that was used to establish a transfer station for off-site hauling of the Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel spoils. A supplemental engineering report on the site, which was reviewed by the USFS, has been attached to the plans. The USFS review concurs with Carlton Engineering, Inc.'s assessment regarding the geologic stability of the site.

For your information and reference, the following correspondence with the USFS, Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) summarizes the approved changes in the project design and is appended as Attachment 1:

- February 12, 2001 letter from Mr. William Wilkins of the District to Mr. Bill Croyle of the RWQCB regarding USFS decision to relocate Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel spoils to three off-site locations for reuse on USFS road projects;
- August 29, 2001 letter from Mr. George Lockwood of the RWQCB to Mr. William Wilkins of the District and Mr. John Berry of the USFS regarding a RWQCB determination that the Waste Discharge Requirements do not need to be modified for stockpiling the tunnel spoils at the three off-site locations;
- October 29, 2001 letter from Ms. Kathryn Hardy of the USFS to Mr. George Lockwood of the RWQCB regarding a change in one of the three off-site tunnel spoils stockpile sites;
- January 29, 2002 letter from Mr. William Perley to FERC's Office of the Secretary regarding factors (including the change in tunnel spoils stockpile sites) that were contributing to delays in submitting the District's Alder Spoils Site Restoration Plan and Groundwater Monitoring Plan; and
- May 19, 2003 letter from Ms. Kathryn Hardy to Ms. Ane D. Deister approving the Alder Spoils Site Restoration Plan.

In addition to the above, agency consultations and other approvals related to stockpiling the tunnel spoils at the three off-site locations are described in the District's monthly construction progress reports to FERC.

The District's tunnel construction contractor (Traylor Brothers, Inc.) vacated the Alder construction site and spoils transfer area in July 2003. The District has since been performing site abandonment and clean-up work. The District is now working to implement the USFS approved restoration plan in the next several weeks in advance of the upcoming rainy season. The District estimates that the work will likely commence in mid-September and be completed prior to October 15, 2003.

The District respectfully requests the Commission's expedited review of the enclosed Alder Spoils Site Restoration Plan as soon as possible so that construction activities can be completed, erosion control measures can be in-place, and the site can be revegetated prior to the onset of the rainy season. To facilitate your review, the District is available for teleconferences or on-site inspections at your staff's convenience.

Letter No. M0803-146
To: Magalie R. Salas



August 25, 2003
Page 3 of 3

If the Commission has questions regarding the restoration plan, please contact the District's engineering consultant, Mr. Dana Dean, at (530) 677-5515, or the District's Project Engineer, Mr. Dan Downey, at (530) 642-4176.

Sincerely,

EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ane D. Deister" above "General Manager".

Ane D. Deister

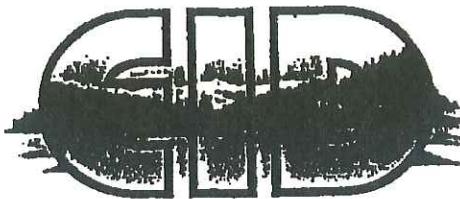
General Manager

ADD/DD/RL:map

Enclosures: 9 sets of Plans and Attachment 1

- c: James Goris, Tom Papsidero, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426
- Jon Morgan, Director, El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct. Bldg. C, Placerville, CA 95667
- John Berry, Kathryn Hardy, U.S. Forrest Service, 100 Forni Rd,
Placerville, CA 95667
- Bill Croyle, Scott Kranhold, Regional Water Quality Control Board
3443 Routier Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- Dave Rogers, Tom Erdman, MWH Global, 1340 Treat Blvd., Suite 300, Walnut
Creek, CA 94597-7966
- Dave Jermstad, Dana Dean, Carlton Engineering, Inc., 3932 Ponderosa Road,
Suite 200, Shingle Springs, CA 95682
- Rick Lind, EN2 Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 2260, Placerville, CA 95667
- David Powell, Mark Korkowski, Dan Downey, El Dorado Irrigation District

ATTACHMENT 1



El Dorado Irrigation District

In Reply Refer To: M0201-032

February 12, 2001

Mr. Bill Croyle, P.E.
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
3443 Routier Road, Suite A
Sacramento, CA 95827-3098

Subject: El Dorado Canal Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel
Waste Discharge Requirements
FERC Project 184
Project No. 99004H

Dear Mr. Croyle:

Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-00-215 for the El Dorado Canal, Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel (WDRs), describe: placement of tunnel spoils to be generated during the project on an existing spoils pile; discharge of groundwater encountered during tunneling to Mill Creek; and containment and re-circulation of tunnel boring machine process water. Since adoption of the WDRs in September, revisions in District construction plans, and agreements with the US Forest Service include a change in the disposition of the tunnel spoils and in construction dewatering processes.

The Forest Service has determined that the tunnel spoils are to be considered a commodity, and that the spoils will be transported off the District's project site (using the existing stockpile as a transfer point) to three stockpile locations on Forest Service land, from which the spoils will be distributed for use in Forest Service road surfacing projects.

Tunnel water is to be discharged to the District's Canal and downstream treatment and distribution system, and will not be discharged to any "waters of the State".

We appreciate your past consideration of the project's timing and permitting processes, and now request that the requirements contained in Order No. 5-00-215 be put on hold pending finalization of the current plans. Please feel free to call with any questions.

Sincerely,


William L. Wilkins
General Manager

DR:dim

February 12, 2001

Page 2 of 2

c: Ms. Kathy Hardy, U.S. Forest Service, District Ranger, Placerville Ranger District
4260 Eight Mile Road, Camino, CA 95709
Mr. Kenneth W. Pence, U.S. Forest Service, Civil Engineering Technician
Eldorado National Forest, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667
Mr. David Rogers, P.E., C.E.G., Program Manager , Harza Engineering Company
c/o El Dorado Irrigation District, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667
Mr. David Powell, P.E., El Dorado Irrigation District
2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667
Mr. James Gotis, Regional Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
901 Market Street, Room 350, San Francisco, CA 94102
Mr. Russ Kanz, State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality,
Attn: Storm Water Permit Unit, P.O. Box 1977, Sacramento CA 95812-1977
Mr. R. Kyle Ericson. P.E., CA Regional Water Quality Control Board
3443 Routier Road, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95827-3098
Mr. Leo Sarmiento, CA Regional Water Quality Control Board
3443 Routier Road, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95827-3098
Mr. Dannas J. Berchtold, CA Regional Water Quality Control Board
3443 Routier Road, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95827-3098
Mr. Stafford Lehr, California Department of Fish and Game
1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Mr. William C. "Sam" Neasham, Neasham & Kramer LLP., Attorneys at Law
11201 Gold Express Drive, Suite 202, Gold River, CA 95670



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Central Valley Region

Robert Schneider, Chair

Winston H. Hickox
Secretary for
Environmental
Protection



Gray Davis
Governor

Sacramento Main Office
Internet Address: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5>
3443 Router Road, Suite A, Sacramento, California 95827-3003
Phone (916) 255-3000 • FAX (916) 255-3015

29 August 2001

RECEIVED
AUG 31 2001

William Wilkins
El Dorado Irrigation District
2890 Mosquito Road
Placerville, CA 95667

John Berry
Eldorado National Forest
100 Forni Road
Placerville, CA 95667

EL DORADO CANAL, MILL CREEK TO BULL CREEK TUNNEL, EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, U.S. FOREST SERVICE, ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST, EL DORADO COUNTY

On 3 August 2001, an inspection of the El Dorado Canal, Mill to Bull Creek Tunnel temporary/permanent solid waste disposal sites was completed. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the report dated 3 August 2001, covering our recent inspection.

We believe that these sites can be properly regulated to control fines migration with storm water runoff Best Management Practices (BMPs) required under the storm water program. We feel that it is not necessary to modify the existing Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-00-215 for the El Dorado Canal, Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel as adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, at its 15 September 2000 meeting.

We request that either El Dorado Irrigation District or Eldorado National Forest ensure that the three sites, Sand Flat, Kyburz Dump, and Weber Mill Road, are enrolled into the storm water program and employ storm water BMPs.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 255-3054 or E-mail <lockwo@rb5.s.wrcb.ca.gov>.

GEORGE W. LOCKWOOD
Waste Discharge to Land Unit
Lower Sacramento River Watershed

Enclosure

cc: Jon Morgan, El Dorado County Environmental Management Department, Placerville

California Environmental Protection Agency

Recycled Paper

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5>



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Eldorado
National
Forest

Placerville Ranger District
4260 Eight Mile Road
Camino, CA 95709
(530) 647-5300

File Code: 2770

Date: October 29, 2001

George W. Lockwood
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
3443 Routier Road, Suite A
Sacramento, CA 95827-3003

Dear Mr. Lockwood:

I am writing to update you on the status of the storage sites for the tunnel muck related to Project 184 Amendment. Since you visited the sites, we have been notified by the Placer County Department of Health and Human Services, acting as the Local Enforcement Agency for El Dorado County, that we cannot continue to use the old Kyburz landfill site without completing a postclosure land use plan. Based upon concerns for the issues associated with continued use of the Kyburz site, we selected another stockpile location.

The new site is a very large old quarry site, located on SPI lands along the Plum Creek Road, in township 11 N, range 13 east, section 36. The site is located near the center of the section, just south of road 10N40.2 (Plum Creek Road). A map of the location is attached. Carlton Engineering is preparing a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for all three storage sites.

If you have any questions, or would like to visit the new site, please contact George Elliott at (530) 621-5216 or Ken Pence at (530) 621-5244.

Sincerely,

KATHRYN D. HARDY
District Ranger

Enclosure

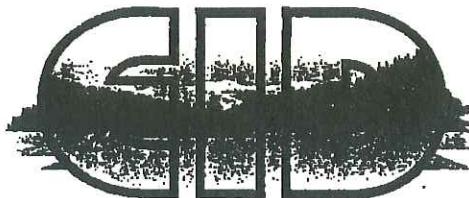


Caring for the Land and Serving People

Printed on Recycled Paper



TOTAL P.08



El Dorado Irrigation District

In reply refer to: H0102-049

January 29, 2002

Office of the Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

Subject: Mill-Bull Tunnel FERC Project No. 184
Restoration Plan and Ground Water Management Plan

Dear Secretary,

The FERC Permit issued June 6, 2001 specifies on Page 7 – Director Orders - Item “B” a spoils site Restoration Plan be submitted for Commission approval 90 days prior to completion of the tunnel work or within 6 months of the date of this order which ever is earlier. Since the Order is dated June 6, 2001, the submittal deadline of December 5, 2001 is earlier and therefore takes precedence.

Likewise, the FERC Permit issued June 6; 2001specifies on Page 7 – Director Orders - Item “C” a revised Groundwater Monitoring Plan be submitted for Commission approval under the same guidelines as the Restoration Plan.

We hereby request extension of the project completion date from December 1, 2001 to October 1, 2002 for the following reasons:

1. On September 15, 2000 the District was issued Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) No. 5-00-215 for the El Dorado Canal, Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel. This original permit required closure of the spoils storage area by December 1, 2001.
2. Despite our best efforts, several factors delayed the Mill-Bull Tunnel Notice to Proceed (NTP), including the initial mobilization and set-up phase which took several months due to the following conditions:
 - A severe water shortage situation required construction of a temporary bypass water system to meet water supply demands. The Contractor's temporary consumptive water supply system required design by a registered professional engineer and took several weeks to install, test, balance and run.
 - Site preparation including SWPPP installation took longer than the Contractor anticipated.
 - Off-site spoils stockpile sites were changed by the USFS.
 - Problems transporting the TBM over the SAD Bridge were encountered.

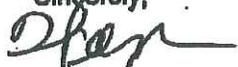
- Approval of a water treatment plant system took extra time.

Requests have been submitted to the California Water Quality Control Board for a completion date of October 1, 2002 and we hear they have no problem approving it. Also, the USFS has issued an extension to February 28, 2003.

This request for extension to October 1, 2002 for the Mill-Bull Tunnel FERC Project 184 completion date is in response to a request from Ms. Diane Murray of FERC.

Please contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,



William Perley
Program Manager

WP/tge

cc: Gerald Luticken, FERC, S.F.
Philip Scordelis, FERC, S.F.
Ken Pence, USFS
Dave Rogers, P.E., C.E.G., and MWH Vice President
Rick Lind, EN2 Resources, Environmental Compliance Manager
Dave Power, Facilities Management Director
Scott Shewbridge, Senior Engineer



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

El Dorado National Forest

Placerville Ranger District
4260 8 Mile Road
Camino, CA 95709
(530) 644-2324
(530) 647-5314 (TTY)

File Code: 2770

Date: May 19, 2003

Ane Deister
General Manager
El Dorado Irrigation District
2890 Mosquito Road
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Ms Deister:

Pursuant to 4(e) condition #15, for the Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel Amendment of License for the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 184, I approve the plan for restoration of the Alder Creek tunnel spoils handling area as described in the Carlton Engineering preliminary plans dated 5/01/2002. The plans include the minor changes to the SWPPP BMPs that were submitted to MWH on May 2, 2002. The test pits for the foundation were excavated last year, and the slope stability analysis completed by Carlton Engineering had similar results to those that were submitted to you by Forest Geologist, Tom Koler, in a report entitled "Geologic Review: Slope Stability of the El Dorado Irrigation District Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel" (Scott Gerwe, Forest Service geologist, 6/28/02).

Sincerely,

Kathryn D. Hardy

KATHRYN D. HARDY
District Ranger

CC: Mark Korkowski, EID
Rick Lind, EN2 Resources, Inc.
Beth Paulson, ENF



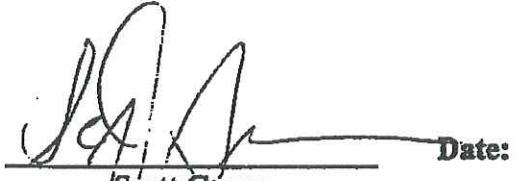
FILED THE SECRETARY
03 AUG 26 AM 10: 01
FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

USDA Forest Service
Eldorado National Forest

Geological Review

Slope Stability of the El Dorado Irrigation District Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel

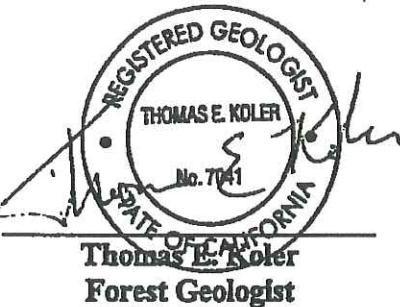
Prepared By:



Date: June 26 2002

Scott Gerwe
Geologist

Prepared and Submitted By:



Date: June 26 2002

Purpose and Scope

Purpose of this report was to provide a slope stability review of the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel spoils site (see Figure 1 for location). Part of this review included soil and rock slope stability analyses. Scope of this work is site-specific and the site is less than 2-acres in size (Carlton and Jermstad, 1997).

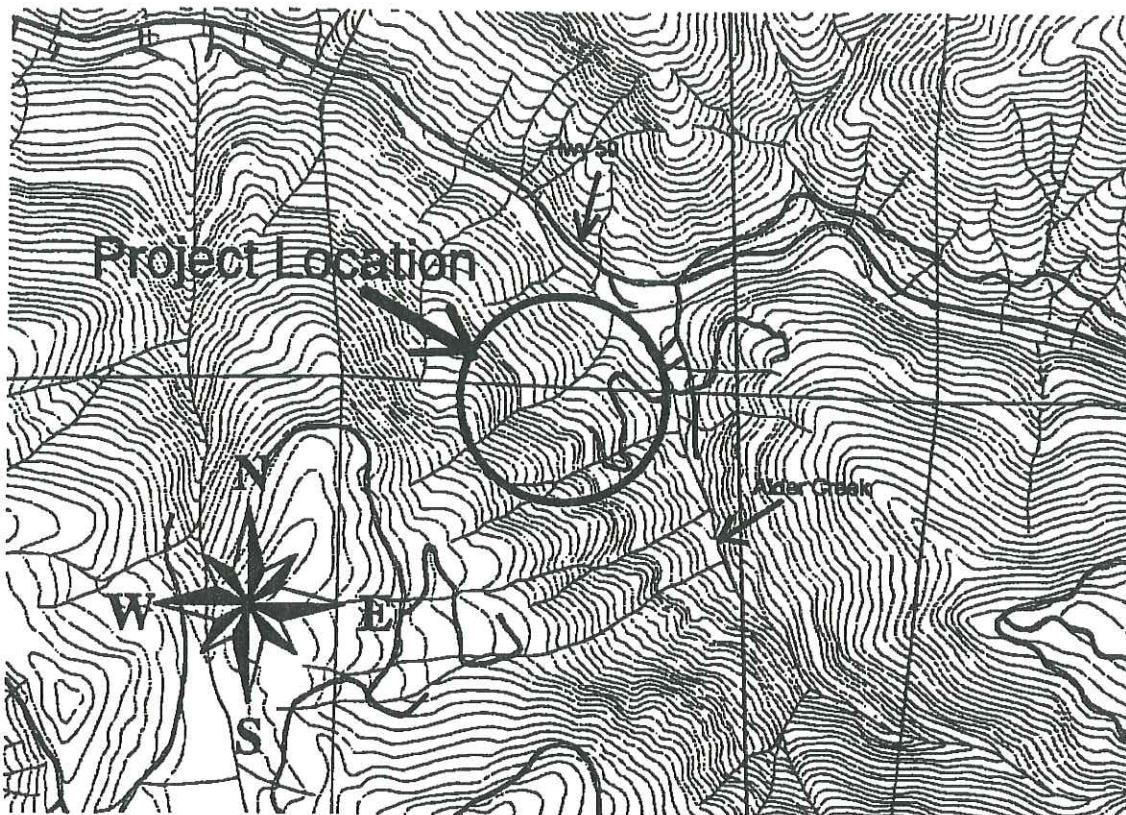


Figure 1: Project location. Site is located within the southeastern quarter of the circle (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35; T 11 N, R 14 E, Mount Diablo Meridian). Scale is approximately 2 inches = 1 mile.

Background

Ken Pence, Eldorado NF (ENF) Engineering Technician, and Cheryl Mulder, ENF Hydrologist, requested in April of this year that we provide a review and slope stability analysis of the EID spoils site for the Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel. Previous slope stability work was completed by Carlton and Jermstad (1997) using the Infinite Slope Equation, and Wright and Gamble (1984) who provided a qualitative assessment based on field observations.

Methods

The following steps were applied in our review and slope stability analysis as described in USDA Forest Service Slope Stability Guide (Hall et al., 1994).

1. Office review of available reports, maps, and logs.
2. Field measurements on the site including a field-developed cross-section portraying subsurface geometry of rock, soil and groundwater units.
3. Classification of soil and rock using the Unified Soil and Rock Classification Systems (ASTM, 1987; Williamson, 1984).
4. Reduction of field data for slope stability analyses.
5. Back-calculation of soil parameters.
6. Limit equilibrium analyses using modified Bishop and Janbu Methods of Slices (Sharma, 1992).
7. Kinematic π -S analysis for potential rock failure (Hoek and Bray, 1981).
8. Documentation of findings.

Geological Setting

Previous work documented in the Harza Construction Plan and Document Summary (2001) provides a thorough description of the geological setting. To summarize, the underlying bedrock is composed of massive intrusive igneous rock with an overall petrologic composition that is or approximates quartz granodiorite or granodiorite. This massive rock has few discontinuities and has high uniaxial compressive strength values. Overlying the bedrock are colluvial soil units that are dominated by a clayey SAND (SC, Unified Soil Classification) with minor units of poorly-graded gravelly SAND (SP), silty SAND with gravel (SM), and sandy GRAVEL with fines (GM). Previous workers have identified areas of recent landslide activity that they interpret as the re-activation of a larger deep-seated landslide. Although these workers do not provide an activity level to this older landslide it is probably a dormant-young landslide (100 to 5,000 years old) based on our cursory observations and following protocol by Keaton and DeGraff (1996).

Findings

In our review we noted that it appeared that two slope stability analyses were not completed. The first was a limit equilibrium analysis of soil slope stability under unsaturated and saturated conditions. This in itself was not problematic because the analysis results completed by Carlton and Jernstad included both static and dynamic loads. However, our curiosity was peaked to see what would happen if a kinematic groundwater wave was included in the analysis under an unsteady state (i.e., time-series analysis). The second piece of missing information was a rock slope stability analysis of the discontinuities exposed topographically. This was also not a major concern because the focus of the reports on rock stability was placed where it should be: within construction conditions of the tunnel. Therefore our analyses were simply used to fill in the "small holes" in the overall picture of the soil and rock slope stability.

Previous work documented in the Hazra Construction Plan and Document Summary (2001) provided us with a wealth of useful information. Contained within this document were the slope stability studies completed by Carlton Engineering (Carlton and Jernstad, 1997) and Wright and Gamble (1984). We used these data in combination with our field inventory to complete the two analyses that were missing from this previous work.

For the soil slope stability analysis we used deterministic back calculations using the soil data in these reports as well as soil data contained in the Slope Stability Guide (Hall et al., 1994) following examples by Koler (1998). From this analysis we built a range of values for the internal angle of friction ranging from 30° to 42° , cohesion ranging from 0 psf to 80 psf, dry soil

unit weight ranging from 80 pcf to 95 pcf, moist soil unit weight ranging from 82 pcf to 110 pcf, and saturated soil unit weight ranging from 112 pcf to 125 pcf. The 132 pcf unit weight used by Carlton and Jermstad is a bit on the high side for the SC colluvial soil they had classified but certainly within limits of dense sands and gravels from the tunnel spoils (e.g., $D_n = 65\% +$, see the modified NAVFAC DM-7 (US Department of the Navy, 1981) chart for D_n , γ , and ϕ by Hammond et al., 1992). We simulated the kinematic groundwater wave within unsteady state conditions by several iterations of the modified Bishop and Janbu Methods of Slices. Results showed that even under very unusual conditions of nearly complete saturation the factor of safety (FOS) never fell below 1.10¹. Under more common conditions of unsteady state the FOS ranged from 1.5 to over 2.0. Carlton and Jermstad had similar findings for their range of FOS under static and dynamic loads.

For the rock slope stability analysis we used the available structural measurements collected by previous workers. This data set has 65 measurements that show a general structural "fabric" of bedrock discontinuities dipping into the hillslope (see Figure 2). Although there is a wedge-shaped geometric relationship the fact that the intersection trace dips into the slope indicates a stable hillslope.

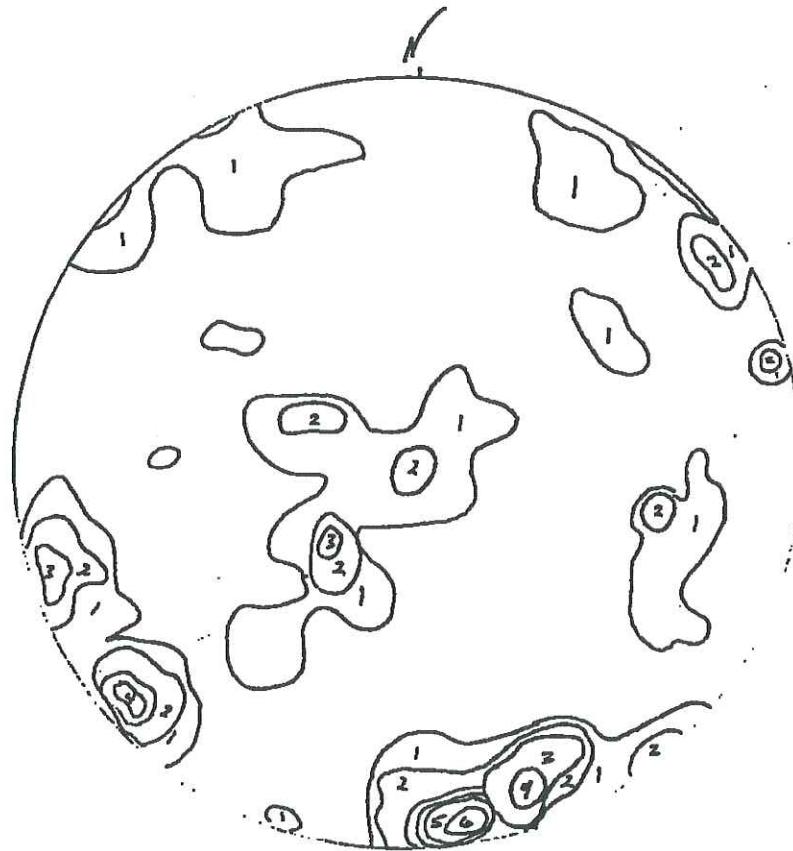


Figure 2: Rock slope stability analysis using a kinematic approach plotted on an equal area stereonet.

¹ A FOS of 1.0 equates to equilibrium of driving and resisting forces acting on the hillslope. Above 1.0 the hillslope is "stable" whereas below 1.0 the hillslope is "unstable."

Conclusions

We are in agreement with the slope stability work completed by previous workers and documented in the Harza report for FERC Project 184. For the most part this work was comprehensive but lacked two small pieces of the overall slope stability – an unsteady state limit equilibrium analysis incorporating groundwater kinematic waves, and a topographical rock slope stability assessment using a kinematic approach. These two missing pieces of analysis did not detract from the findings of the previous workers. In conclusion, the current hillslope conditions for the tunnel spoils area are stable and will remain so under the proposed future activities.

References Cited

- American Society of Testing Materials, 1987, Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure): Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol. 04-08, pp. 409-423.
- Carlton, A.V., and Jermstad, D.B., 1997, Mill Creek to Bull Creek Tunnel Spoils Plan: Carlton Engineering, Inc. Report for El Dorado Irrigation District, 7 p. with appendix.
- Hall, D.E., Long, M.T., and Remboldt, M.D., (eds.) Slope Stability Guide for National Forests in the United States: USDA Forest Service Washington Office Engineering Staff Publication EM 7170-13, 1091 p.
- Hammond, C.J., Hall, D.E., Miller, S., and Swetik, P., 1992 Level I Stability Analysis (LISA) documentation for version 2.0: USDA Forest Service Intermountain Research Station General Technical Report INT-285, 190 p.
- Harza Engineering Co., 2001, FERC Project 184 Mill [Creek] to Bull [Creek] Tunnel Construction Plan and Document Summary: Prepared for El Dorado Irrigation District.
- Hoek, E., and Bray, J.W., 1981, Rock Slope Engineering: The Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, 309 p.
- Keaton, J.R., and DeGraff, J.V., 1996, Surface observation and geologic mapping. In: Turner, A.K., and Schuster, R.L., (eds.), Landslides Investigation and Mitigation: National Research Council, Transportation Research Board Special Report 247, pp. 178-230.
- Koler, T.E., 1998, Evaluating slope stability in forest uplands with deterministic and probabilistic models: Environmental and Engineering Geosciences Vol.IV, No. 2, pp. 185-194.
- Sharma, S., 1992, A technical manual for slope analysis with XSTABL: final report on USDA Forest Service Contract INT-89416-RJV, Intermountain Research Station, 149 p.
- US Department of Navy, 1971, Soil mechanics, foundations, and earth structures: Naval Facilities Engineering Command NAVFAC DM-7.
- Williamson, D.A., 1984, Unified Rock Classification System: Bulletin of the Association of Engineering Geologists, Vol. 21, No. 3, pp. 345-354.
- Wright, V.L., and Gamble, J.C., 1984, Final engineering geology report – El Dorado Tunnel: prepared for Pacific Gas and Electric.

MEGERDIGIAN
GUNTER
CORCORAN

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20426

ORIGINAL IN FILE

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 184-132—California
El Dorado Project
El Dorado Irrigation District

FEB 11 2008

Ms. Cheri Jaggers
El Dorado Irrigation District
2890 Mosquito Road
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Alder Creek Spoils Plan pursuant to Appendix A Condition 63.

Dear Ms. Jaggers:

This is in reference to the material you filed on September 11, 2007, to comply with the U.S. Forest Services' (FS) Condition 63 contained in Appendix A of the Order Issuing New License for the El Dorado Project. Condition 63 requires you to file a plan for restoration of the Alder Creek spoils disposal site that is approved by the FS.

Your September 11 filing includes the Alder Creek spoils disposal site restoration report and a letter from the FS dated September 7, 2007, documenting their approval of the plan. The filed material satisfies the requirements of Condition 63. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (202) 502-6012.

Sincerely,

Rebecca M Martin

Rebecca M. Martin
Environmental Biologist
Division of Hydropower
Administration and Compliance



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Eldorado National Forest

100 Forni Road
Placerville, CA 95667
(530) 622-5061 (Voice)
(530) 642-5122 (TTY)

File Code: 2770

Date: September 7, 2007

Ms. Cheri Jaggers
Project 184 Coordinator
El Dorado Irrigation District
2890 Mosquito Road
Placerville, CA 95667

SUBJECT: Approval of Alder Creek Spoils Restoration Plan El Dorado Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 184

Dear Ms. Jaggers:

The Forest Service has reviewed the Project 184 Alder Creek Spoils Restoration Plan for the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 184. The plan has been developed to address a portion of Section 4(e) Condition No. 63, Alder Creek Spoils Disposal Site, of the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project license, issued October 18, 2006. The plan may be considered approved by the Forest Service. If you have questions, please call Beth Paulson at 530-642-5174.

Sincerely,

RAMIRO VILLALVAZO
Forest Supervisor

cc: Beth Paulson, SO, District Ranger, Placerville, Cindy Oswald, Placerville, Ron Hancock, Placerville

