American River Flood Control District CA CVFPB Encroachment Permit – Installation of Swimming Pool 5091 Teichert Ave, Sacramento Staff Report

Discussion:

The homeowner at 5091 Teichert Avenue in River Park requests endorsement of the attached permit application for the installation of a concrete lined swimming pool adjacent to the landside levee toe in River Park. The pool is to be installed entirely on the homeowner's side of the property line. The proposed pool will be placed approximately 10-feet from the toe, will be 6 to 7-feet deep and will have a 4-feet wide concrete apron sidewalk around its perimeter.

Typically, swimming pools adjacent to levees are a concern due to the possibility that a homeowner could leave the pool empty during a high-water event. An empty pool has a very small relative weight, or downward force, so it is essentially a magnet for seepage to surge up to it from the saturated levee foundation. A filled pool has a high weight relative to the surrounding soil and does not present this seepage threat mechanism. Accordingly, all proposed pools adjacent to the levee must be supported by a geotechnical analysis that looks at the conditions of the proposed pool if it were kept empty during a high-water event. The applicant worked with a geotechnical engineer to perform the required analysis and has submitted it with the application. The geotechnical analysis concluded that the pool would not exacerbate the existing seepage conditions under the worse-case empty pool scenario.

Recommendation:

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Trustees endorse the permit application for installation of the pool at 5091 Teichert Avenue.

APPLICATION FOR A CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD **ENCROACHMENT PERMIT**

Application No. _

(For Office Use Only)

1. Description of proposed work being specific to include all items that will be covered under the issued permit.

Our family/applicant requests approval for construction of a concrete lined swimming pool placed approximately 10-feet from the landside levee toe. The pool will be 6 to 7-feet deep and will be ringed with a 4-foot wide concrete sidewalk apron. I've attached geotechnical evaluation and seepage analysis for a complete description of the proposed pool with no signs of concern.

2.	Project Location:	5091 TEICHERT AVE SACRAM		County, in Section	
	Township:	(N) (S)	, Range:		(E) (W), M. D. B. & M.
	Latitude:	<u>38.58120</u> Lor	ngitude:	-121.43906	Desires I
	Stream:	American River , Le	evee :	Unit No. 04 American F	Designated Floodway:
	APN:	005-0041-014-0000			
3.	Dominic & C	Chelsea Leber		of5091 Teichert Av	
		Name of Applicant / Land Owner			Address
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	City	Sta	te	Zip Code	Telephone Number
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		Name of Applicant's Representative			Company
	City	State	e	Zip Code	Telephone Number
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5. I	Endorsemen	t of the proposed project from the	e Local Ma	intaining Agency (LMA):	
We	e, the Trustee	es of <u>American River Flood Contr</u> Name of LMA	ol District	approve this pla	an, subject to the following conditions:
	Conditio	ns listed on back of this form	Cor	nditions Attached	☐ No Conditions
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6. Names and addresses of adjacent property owners sharing a common boundary with the land upon which the contents of this application apply. If additional space is required, list names and addresses on back of the application form or an attached sheet.

Name	Address	Zip Code
William & Shaye Schrick	5081 TEICHERT AVE	
Ben Hagan	5101 TEICHERT AVE	
7. Has an environmental determination been Act of 1970?	n made of the proposed work under the Califo ✔ No Pending	ornia Environmental Quality
If yes or pending, give the name and address	of the lead agency and State Clearinghouse	Number:
SCH No.		
8. When is the project scheduled for construct	tion? Nothing will be scheduled until this is	approved.
9. Please check exhibits accompanying this a	application.	
A. 🗌 Regional and vicinity maps showir	ng the location of the proposed work.	
B. Drawings showing plan view(s) of	the proposed work to include map scale.	
 C. Drawings showing the cross section banks, flood plain, 	on dimensions and elevations (vertical datum	?) of levees, berms, stream
D. Drawings showing the profile eleva	ations (vertical datum?) of levees, berms, floo	d plain, low flow, etc.
E. 🔄 A minimum of four photographs de	picting the project site.	
	Signature of Applicar	h <u>11/05/202</u> nt Date
Include any additional information:	Date	
Include any additional information:		



Project No. S2658-05-01 September 22, 2023

Dominic Leber 5091 Teichert Avenue Sacramento, California 95819 dominicleber@yahoo.com

Subject: TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM LEVEE SEEPAGE AND STABILITY EVALUATION FOR PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL 5091 TEICHERT AVENUE SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

References

- 1) United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Sacramento District, *Record Drawings American River Watershed Project (Common Features), California, Left (South) Bank Levee Strengthening Contract 2)*, October 9, 2012.
- 2) USACE, Sacramento District, American River, California, Common Features Project, General Reevaluation Report Final Report, December 2015.
- 3) Pool Plan Excerpt Unattributed, provided via email by Client on August 16, 2023.
- 4) California Department of Water Resources, Urban Levee Design Criteria, May 2012.

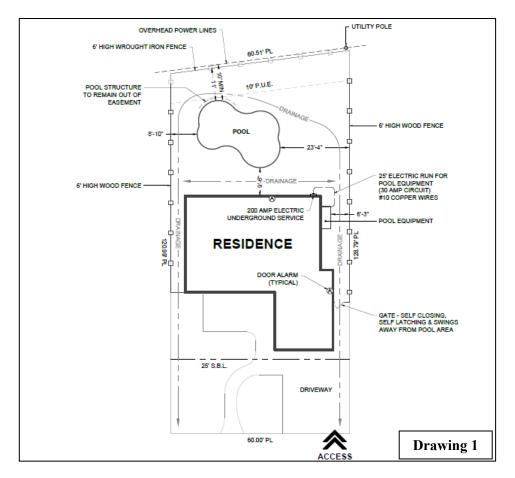
Mr. Leber:

In accordance with your authorization of our proposal (Geocon Proposal No. LS-23-305, dated August 25, 2023), we have prepared this Technical Memorandum summarizing our evaluation of potential adverse impacts to levee seepage and stability from the proposed swimming pool at your residence, located at 5091 Teichert Avenue in Sacramento, California. The approximate site location is shown on the Vicinity Map, Figure 1.

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The proposed pool will be located approximately 10 feet away from the toe of an existing levee embankment which is part of the flood protection system for the lower American River. This levee is operated and maintained by the Central Valley Flood Protection District (CVFPD) and is currently a Federally certified flood control levee. Per the CVFPD, a geotechnical analysis of slope stability and seepage (through-seepage and under-seepage) is required for proposed pools within 300 feet of levee embankments.

The purpose of our services was to evaluate the impact of construction and long-term use of the proposed swimming pool with respect to seepage and stability characteristics of the levee. Our services are not intended to evaluate the overall integrity or function of the levee, but only evaluate the potential *change* in seepage and stability characteristics of the levee caused by the proposed improvements (e.g. technical comparison of existing and proposed conditions). Specifically, we analyzed seepage conditions (through seepage and underseepage) and stability on the land-side of the levee at American River Common Features (ARCF) Station 7+800. Other analyses and evaluations including (but not limited to) levee geometry requirements, erosion protection, setbacks, and vegetation placement are by others and are not a part of this evaluation.



The proposed swimming pool will be located north of your existing residence as shown in Drawing 1 below.

The configuration of the site and location with respect to the levee and American River are shown on Figures 2 and 3. Figure 4 is an interpreted geologic cross-section (A-A') through the river, levee, and the site.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

To prepare this Technical Memorandum, we:

- Performed a limited geologic/geotechnical literature review to aid in evaluating the geologic conditions present at the site.
- Reviewed the levee improvement record drawings.
- Performed a site reconnaissance to observe current site conditions.
- Developed a geotechnical cross-section using topography and subsurface information from the record drawings. Copies of pertinent portions of the record drawings are included in Appendix A.
- Performed numerical slope stability and seepage analysis considering the current and proposed conditions. Details and results of our stability and seepage analyses are presented in Appendix B.
- Prepared this technical memorandum describing our analytical methods and presenting our findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

As part of the WRDA 1996/1999 levee improvements to the ARCF, the levee adjacent to the site was re-graded and improved with a seepage cutoff wall (slurry cutoff wall). Based on available documentation, we understand the work was done within the past 10 years, however an exact timeline for the improvements is unclear at this time. Record drawings for the project (*American River Watershed Project (Common Features), California, Left (South) Bank Levee Strengthening – Contract 2*) show the topography of the levee, width and depth of the slurry cutoff wall, and geotechnical subsurface information from an exploratory boring within approximately 100 feet of the site. This information was used to perform the required geotechnical analysis to evaluate slope stability and seepage of the levee with respect to the proposed pool.

The site is bounded by Teichert Avenue on the south, the American River South Levee on the north, and single-family homes to the east and west. Based on topographic data in the Record Drawings, average site elevation is approximately 32 feet relative to the North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83). Elevation of the top (crown) of the adjacent levee is approximately 47 feet.

The existing levee crown width ranges from approximately 25 to 30 feet. The levee slope inclination ranges from approximately 2.5:1 (horizontal:vertical) to 3:1. The height of the levee with respect to the adjacent landside toe ranges from approximately 13 to 15 feet. Based on the record drawings, the slurry cut-off wall is approximately 2½ feet wide and extends about 70 feet below the top of the levee. Site topography and a representative cross-section (A-A') are presented in Appendices A and B.

The proposed improvements generally consist of excavating and constructing a reinforced-concrete, in-ground swimming pool to a maximum depth of 6 or 7 feet below existing grade in the backyard. The proposed improvements are limited to the "overbuild" portion of the levee landside slope, with a setback of at least 11 feet. The proposed site configuration is shown illustratively in Drawing 1 above.

EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS

As previously discussed, the purpose of our services was to evaluate the impact of the proposed improvements with respect to seepage and stability characteristics of the levee. Our services were not intended to evaluate the overall integrity or function of the levee, but only evaluate the potential *change* in seepage and stability characteristics caused by the proposed improvements. Other analyses and evaluations including (but not limited to) levee geometry requirements, erosion protection, setbacks, and vegetation placement are by others and are not a part of this evaluation.

Representative Cross-Section

Based on the available subsurface data provided in the USACE record drawings, we prepared a representative section (A-A') across the site and adjacent levee (Figure 4). The section shows the existing geometry along with the proposed swimming pool.

Soil Conditions and Parameters

To develop the design subsurface soil profile for our analyses, we reviewed data provided in the Record Drawings, including the boring log for Boring DH-25, located about 100 feet east of the site. Pertinent excerpts from these drawings are included as Attachment 1).

In general, the subsurface soil conditions consist of silty to sandy levee fill overlying layers of silt and poorly graded sand at depth. For our analyses, we assumed typical unit weight and shear strength parameters based on engineering judgment and our experience with similar soils in the local area. The material parameters used in our analyses are summarized in Table 1.

	Total Unit	it Shear Strength Parameters ¹		Permeability (cm/sec) ²	
Soil Type	Weight (pcf)	Cohesion, C (psf)	Friction Angle, φ (degrees)	Vertical	Horizontal
Stiff Silt	115	400	26	5x10 ⁻⁶	5x10 ⁻⁷
Soft Silt	110	300	24	5x10 ⁻⁶	5x10 ⁻⁷
Silty Sand	120	150	27	2x10 ⁻⁵	5x10 ⁻⁶
Sand	115	0	29	2.5x10 ⁻⁴	2.5x10 ⁻⁴

TABLE 1 SOIL PARAMETERS FOR SEEPAGE AND SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSES

Water and Groundwater Conditions

The Design Water Surface Elevation (DWSE) of the river used in our analysis was the 200,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) water surface elevation (approximate elevation 42¹/₂ feet NAD 83) as shown on the USACE Record Drawings. A review of reported groundwater elevations measured at three monitoring wells within 1¹/₂-miles of the site between 1968 to 2023 suggests that groundwater depths fluctuate seasonally and range from about 13 to 35 feet below the ground surface with an average of about 20 feet (approximate Elevation 13 feet NAVD 88). For our analysis, we used a groundwater elevation of 13 feet (approximately 20 feet below the toe of levee elevation) which is considered representative groundwater conditions during a flood event.

Analysis and Results

Using the geometry and DWSE discussed above as well as the soil and groundwater conditions presented herein, we performed finite-element seepage analysis and slope stability analysis of the representative Cross-Section A-A' for both existing and proposed conditions. We used the computer software SEEP/W 2018 and SLOPE/W 2007 by GeoSlope International to perform our analyses.

Under the DWSE, we modeled the seepage front over an infinite time period to mimic steady-state conditions. We calculated the average vertical exit gradient for both the existing and proposed conditions. Using the steady-state potentiometric water surface developed in SEEP/W, we evaluated steady-state static slope stability under static and seismic conditions for both existing and proposed conditions using SLOPE/W. Because the proposed improvements are limited to the land-side of the levee, we did not perform stability analyses for the waterside slope (water-side stability analyses were not requested by the CVFPB). Our evaluation of slope stability under seismic conditions consisted of a pseudostatic analysis that applies a seismic coefficient representing a portion of the slide mass applied as an equivalent horizontal force through the slide mass centroid. Our analysis incorporated a pseudostatic (i.e. seismic) coefficient of 0.1 which was estimated as one-third of the site-modified peak ground acceleration (PGA) obtained from the online *ATC Hazards by Location* application that is maintained by the Applied Technology Council. Results of our seepage and stability analyses are presented in Tables 2 and 3. Details and graphical presentations of our seepage and stability analyses

	SEEPAGE AN	ALYSIS RESULTS	
Location	Average Vertical I (Steady-State	Difference	
	Existing	Proposed	
A-A'	0.00	0.00	
*Cross-Section A-A' consid	lers the sheet pile wall located a	approximately 45 feet north of th	e landside levee toe.

TABLE 2

TABLE 3
STABILITY ANALYSIS RESULTS

Location	Condition	Factor of Safety (Steady-State)		Difference	Typical	
Location		Existing	Proposed	Difference	Requirement	
A-A'	Static	2.5	2.4	-0.1	≥1.5	
A-A'	Seismic	1.9	1.8	-0.1	≥1.5	

As shown in Table 2, the average vertical exit gradient near the land-side toe of the levee at the location of the proposed swimming pool is calculated as zero for both the existing and proposed condition. As shown in Table 3, the proposed condition results in minor decreases in the factors of safety (FS) against slope failure. This decrease is likely due to our conservative modeling of the pool as being a vertical cut face without reinforcement from the pool walls. Because the static and seismic stability factors of safety are well in excess of the typical minimum requirements (≥ 1.5), we did not analyze rapid-drawdown stability.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of our analyses, seepage and stability characteristics of the levee are not adversely impacted by the planned improvements as presently proposed, even if the proposed pool is empty during a flood event. Neither seepage conditions nor landslide slope stability appear to appreciably change. Therefore, from a seepage and stability viewpoint, the present level of protection provided by the levee does not appear to be compromised by the proposed project, including the slurry cutoff wall.

LIMITATIONS

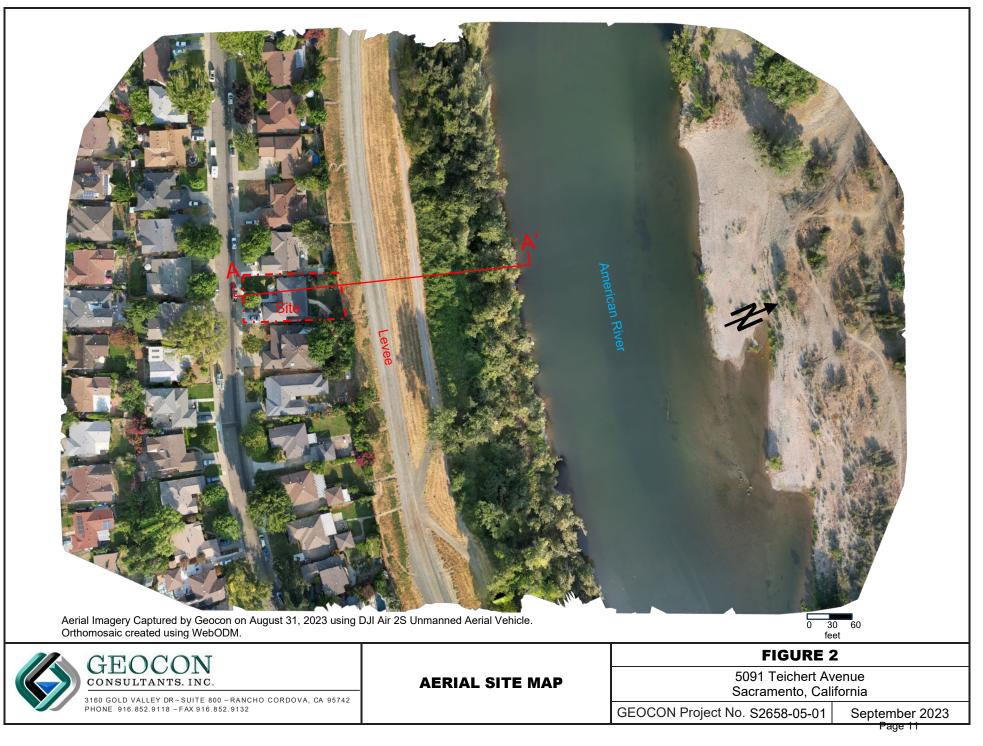
Our professional services were performed, our findings obtained, and our recommendations prepared in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical engineering principles and practices used in the project area at this time. No warranty is provided, express or implied.

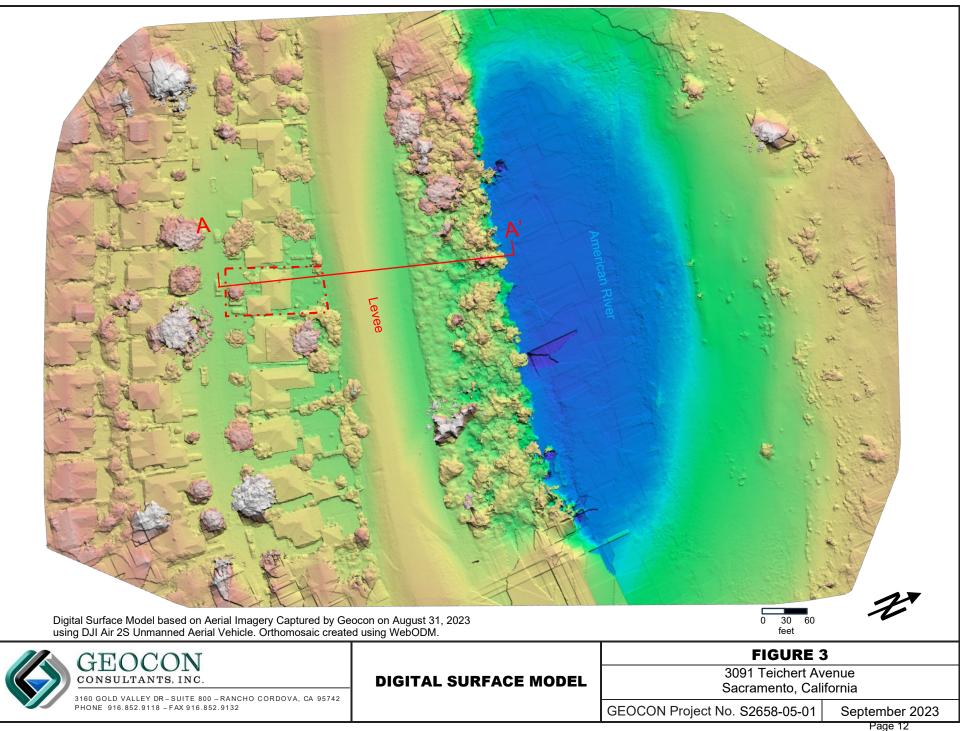
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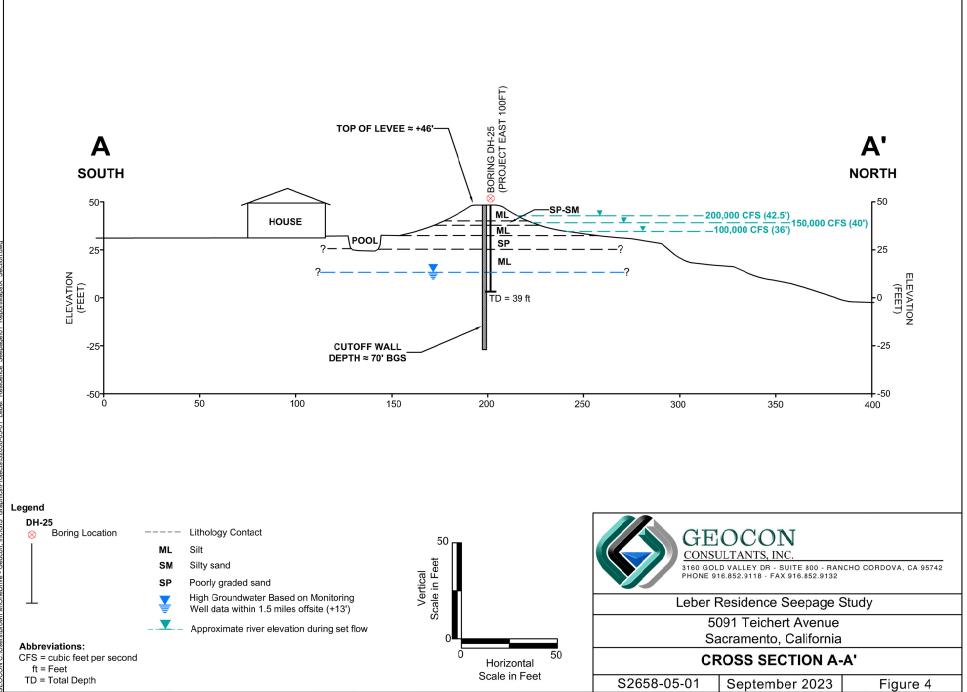
Sincerely,

GEOCON CONSULTANTS, INC гнома De SIMONE No. #2715 CERTIFIED ENGINEERING GFOLOGIST Jeremy J. Zorne, PE, GE Tom C. DeSimone, PG, CEG Senior Geologist 0F Senior Engineer Figures: Figure 1 – Vicinity Map Figure 2 – Aerial Site Map Figure 3 – Digital Surface Model Figure 4 – Cross Section A-A' Attachments: Appendix A – USACE Record Drawings Appendix B – Seepage and Slope Stability Analyses (Geocon) Figure B1 – Seepage Analysis – 100,000 CFS Figure B2 – Seepage Analysis – 150,000 CFS Figure B3 – Seepage Analysis – 200,000 CFS Figure B4 – Slope Stability Analysis – Case 1 Figure B5 – Slope Stability Analysis – Case 2 Figure B6 - Slope Stability Analysis - Case 3 Figure B7 – Slope Stability Analysis – Case 4





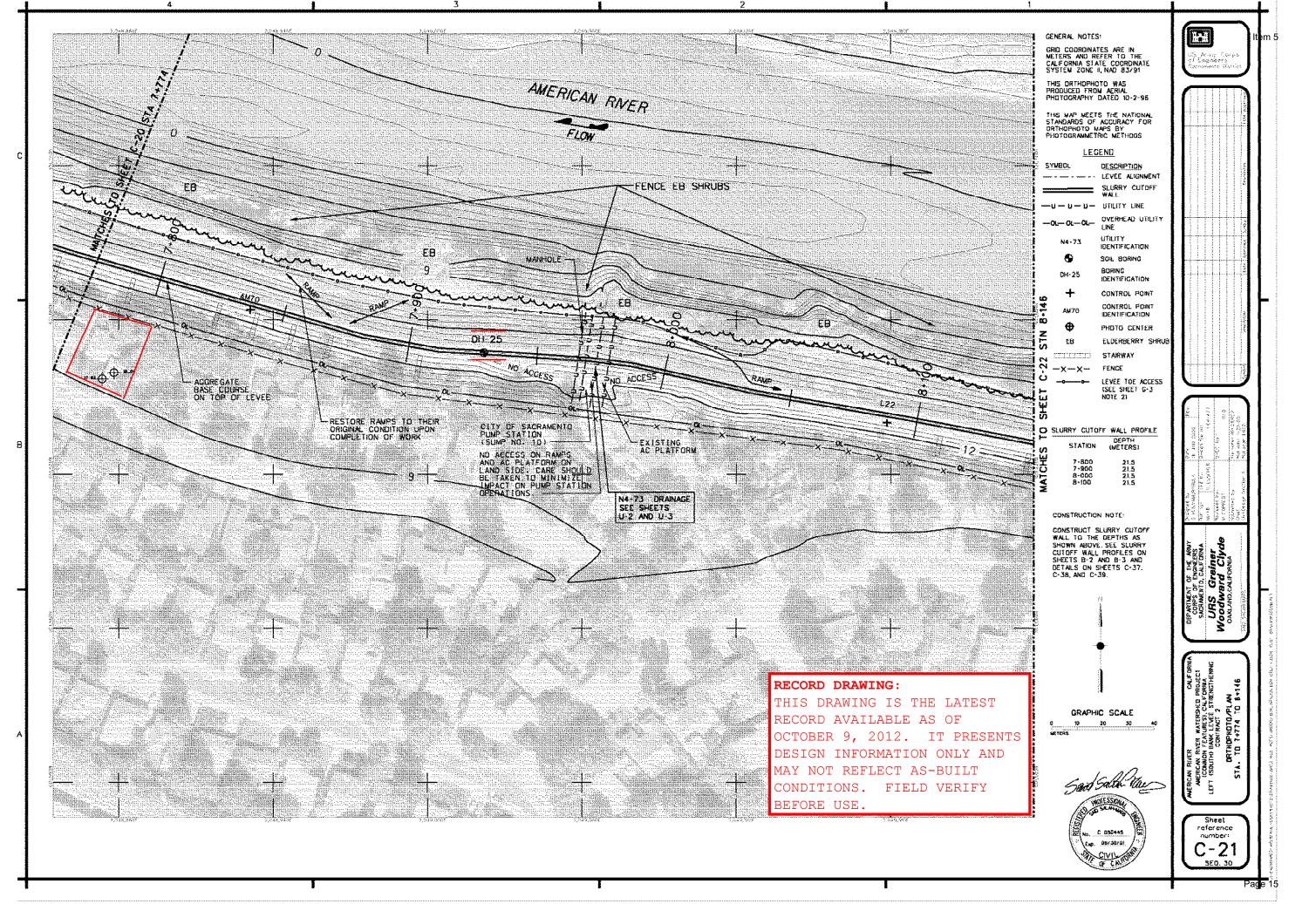


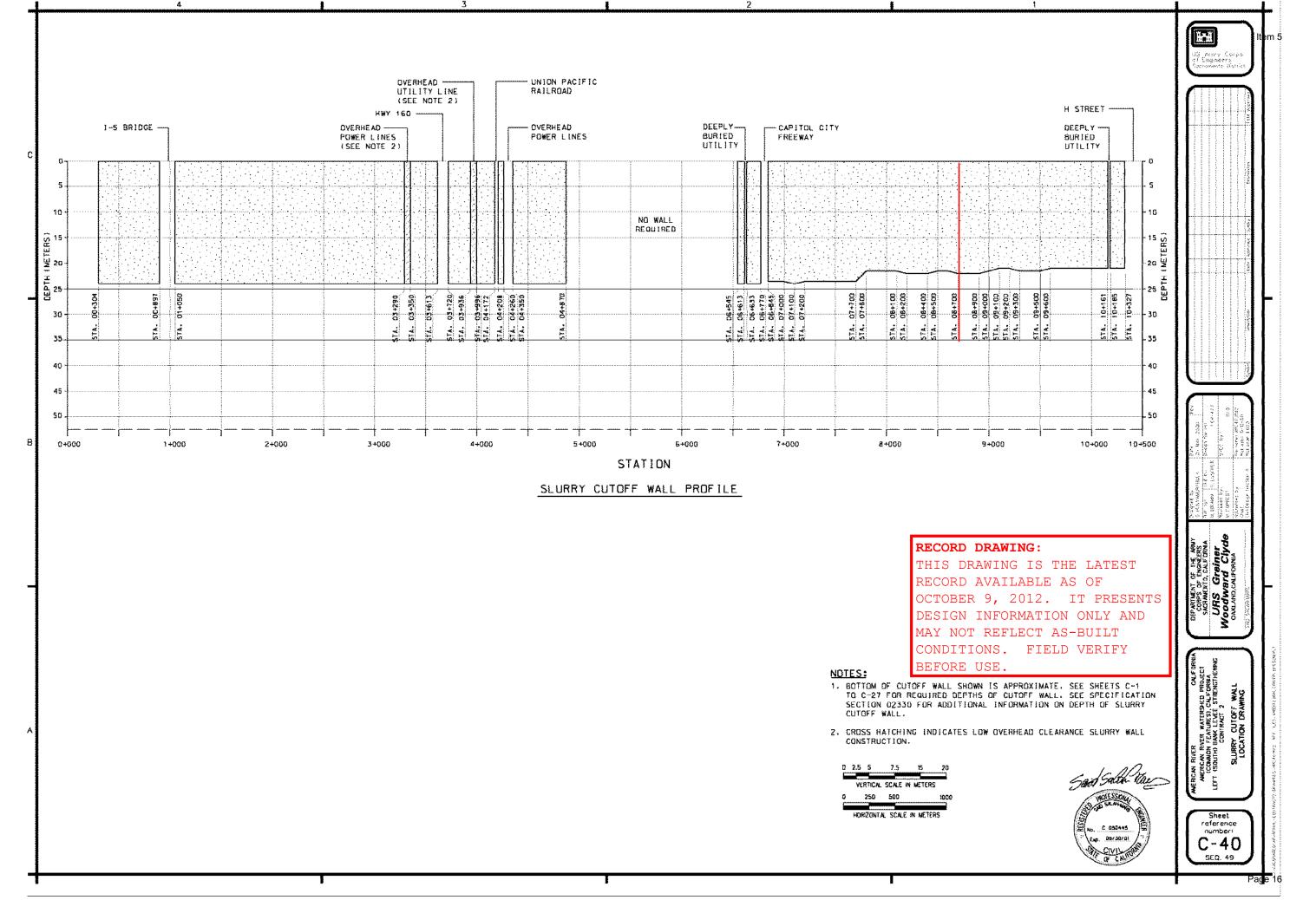


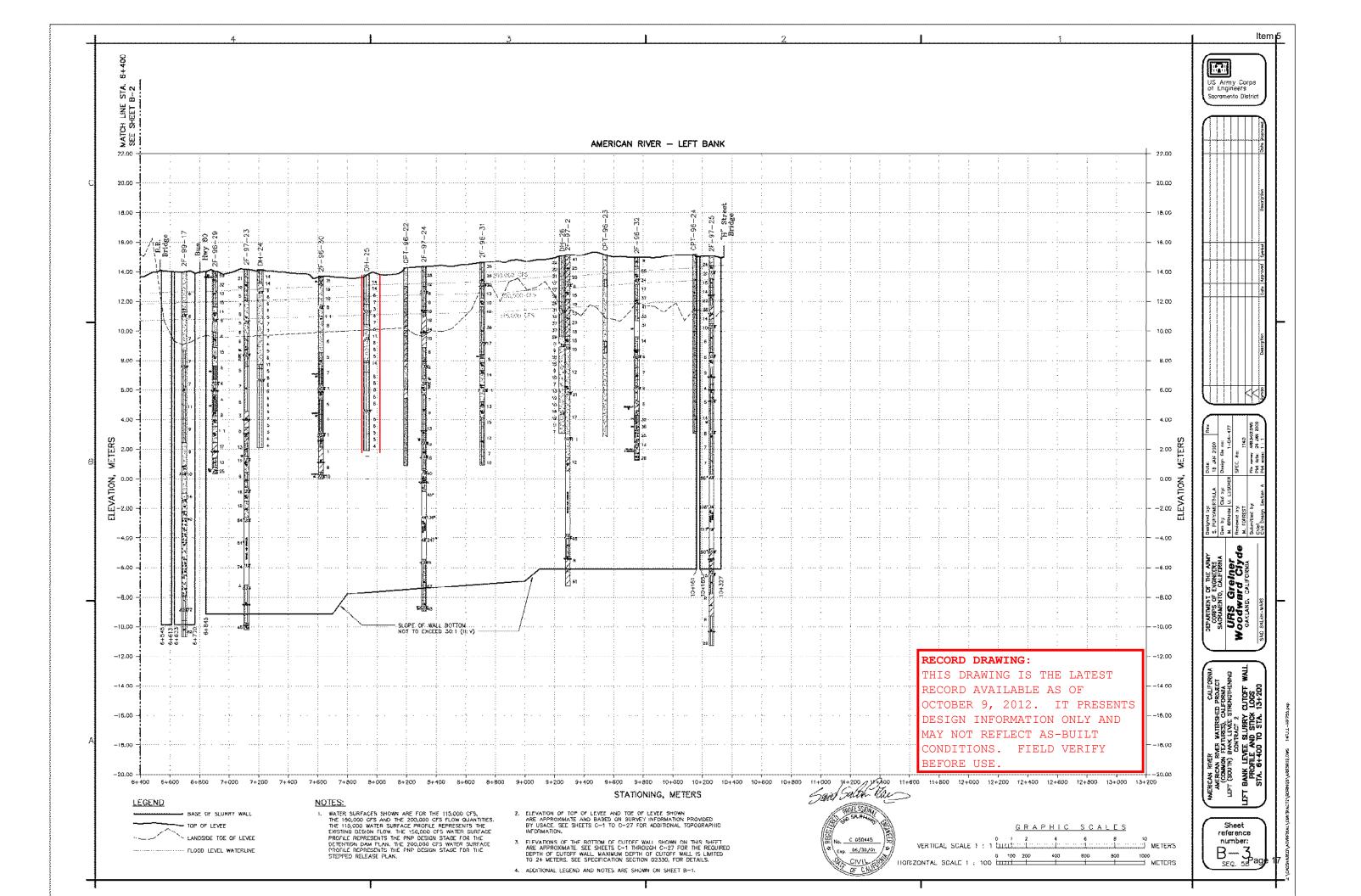
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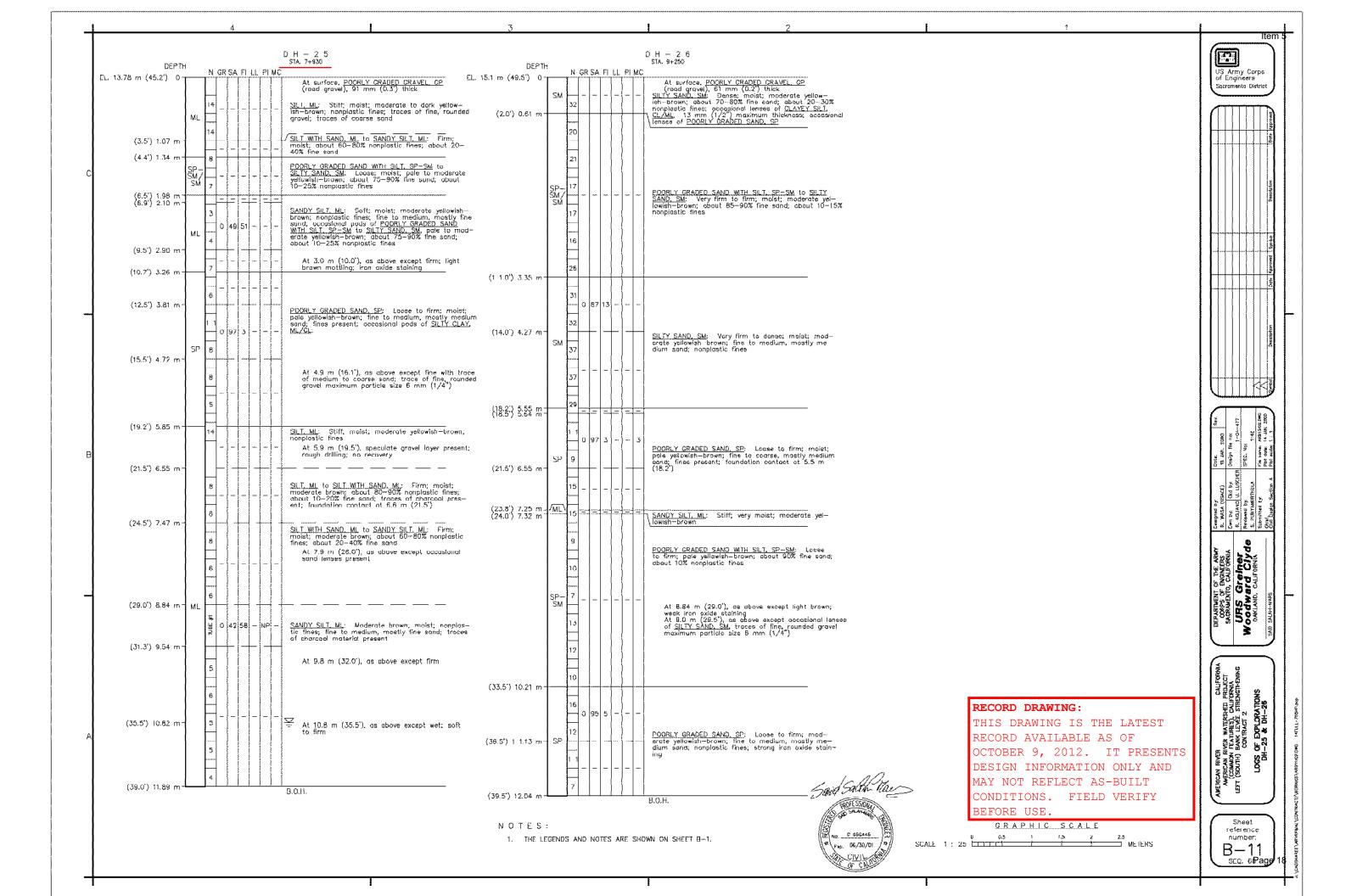


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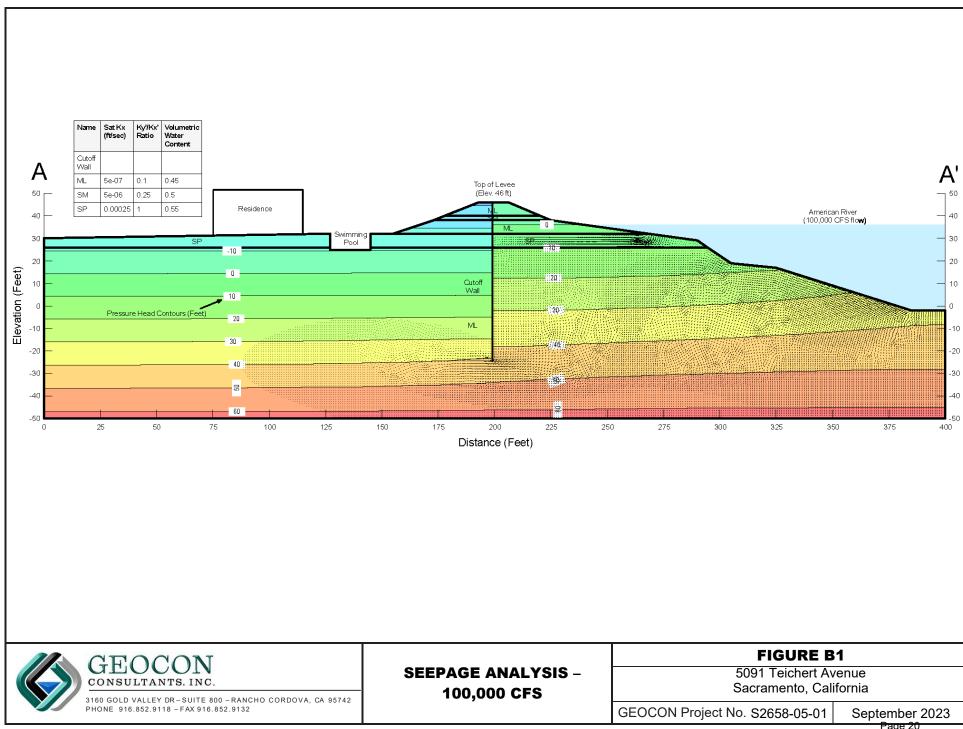




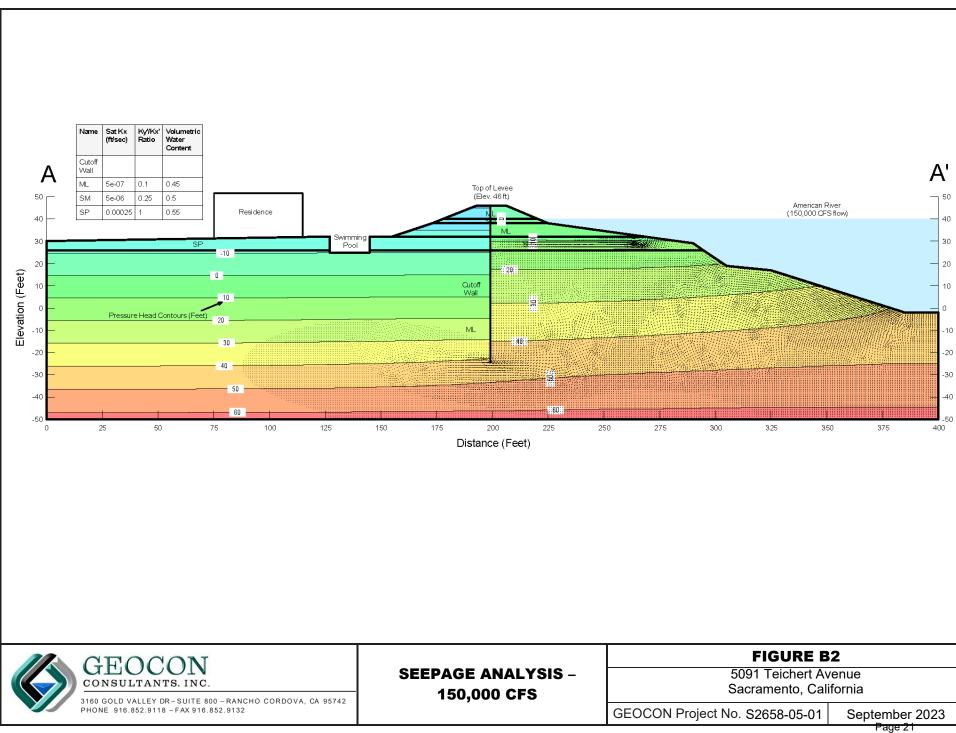


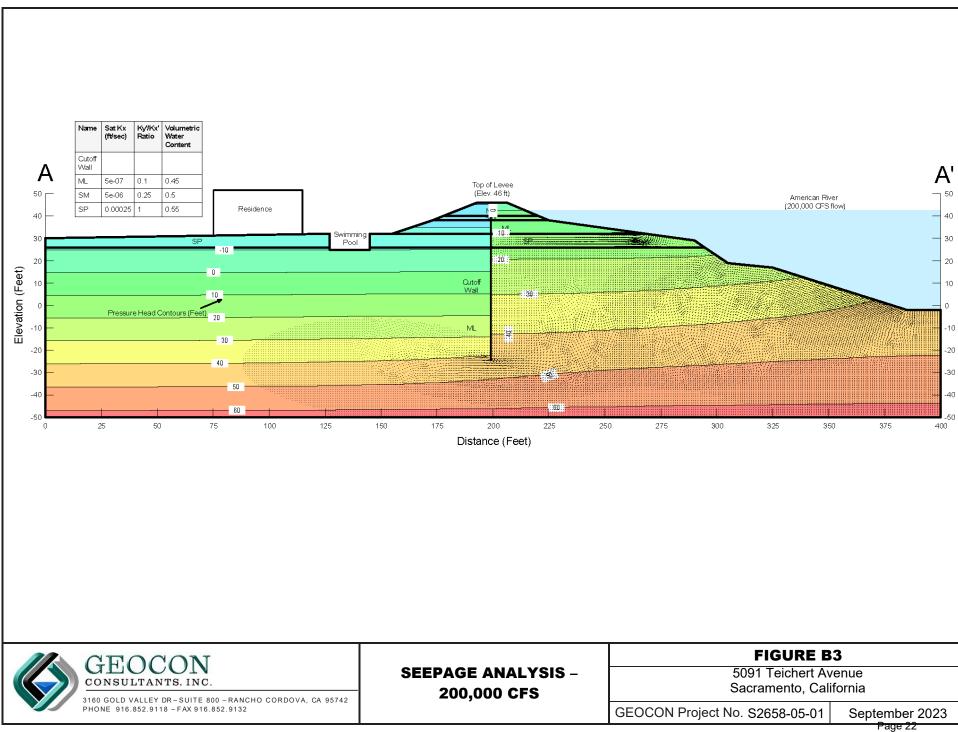


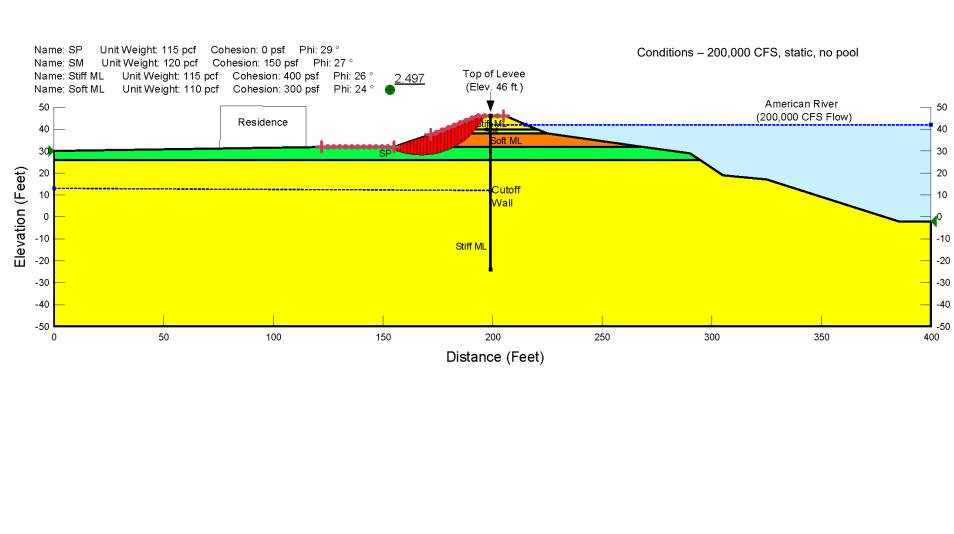




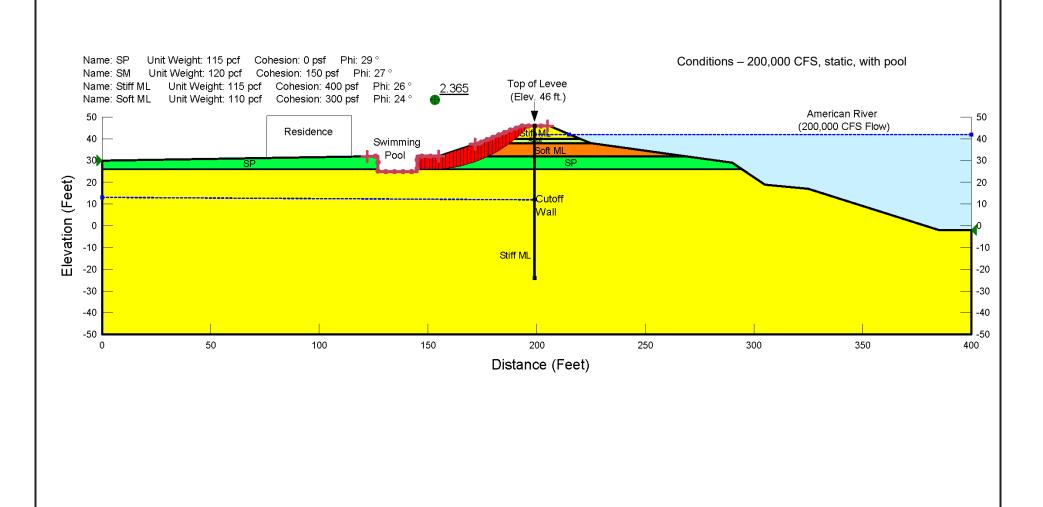
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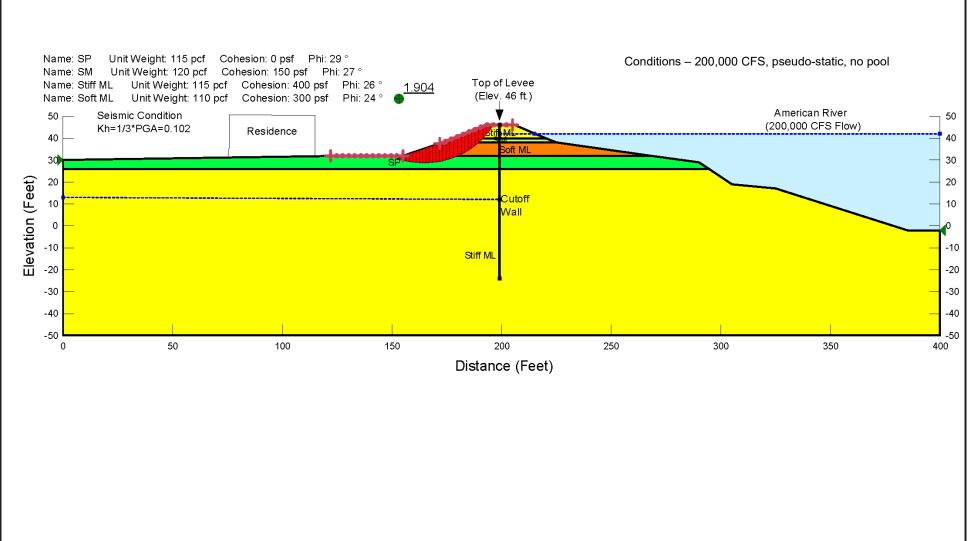




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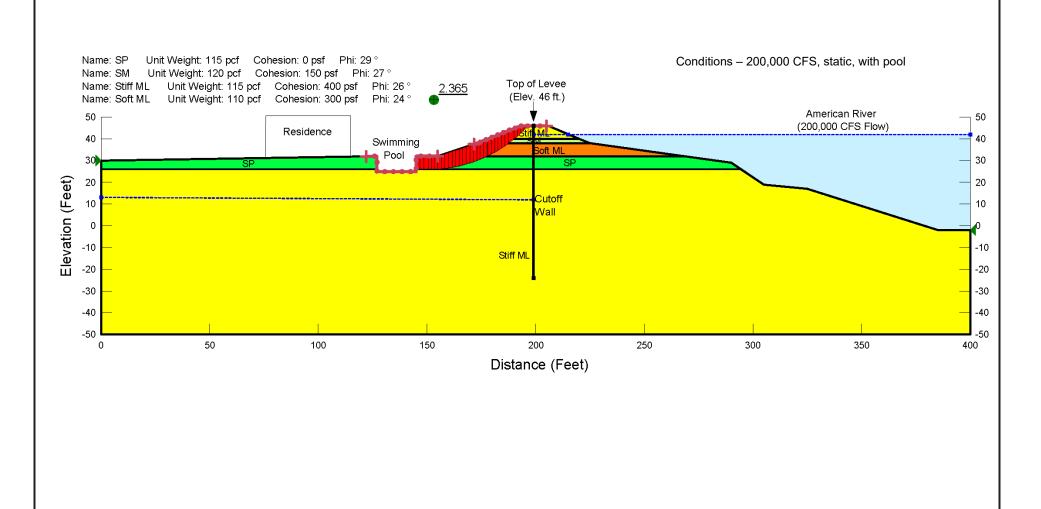


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