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### 1 Introduction

This report presents the results of a geotechnical engineering study by Aspect Consulting, LLC (Aspect) for the Toppenish Creek 3-Way Diversion Levee Removal and Habitat Restoration project (Project) located within the Yakama Nation Reservation along the mid-section of Toppenish Creek (Site; Figure 1).

This report summarizes the results of the completed field explorations and presents Aspect's geotechnical engineering conclusions and recommendations for the Project.

### **1.1 Scope of Services and Authorization**

Our scope of work included reviewing readily available geologic mapping near the Site, excavating and sampling test pits, performing laboratory testing, completing geotechnical engineering analyses, and preparing this report. Our work was completed in general accordance with our subconsultant agreement with Inter-Fluve, Inc. (Inter-Fluve), authorized on December 9, 2016.

### **1.2 Project Description**

The Project includes the restoration of 1 mile of Toppenish Creek and its floodplain at and near the existing 3-Way diversion and levee on Yakima County Parcel Nos. 16102499990, 16102599990, and 16102511001. Our understanding of the Project was developed through collaborative discussions with Inter-Fluve and Yakama Nation Fisheries staff and through our review of the Project design report and plans (Inter-Fluve, 2017; Inter-Fluve, 2018).

The primary objectives of the restoration Project are to improve geomorphic, hydrologic, and ecological conditions. A secondary Project objective is to increase groundwater recharge across the portions of the alluvial fan north of the Project area. A requirement of the Project is that the restoration activities do not increase flood risks or hazards to the existing surrounding infrastructure and properties. The proposed restoration elements of the Project include:

- Levee Removal
- Diversion Removal
- Floodplain Grading and Revegetation
- New Channel Meander Construction
- Fill Existing Mainstem Channel Segments
- Backwater Alcove Development
- Large Wood Structures and Slash Installation
- Setback Levee Construction

This geotechnical report is focused on the levee removal, setback levee construction, and general construction considerations for the Project. For flood protection and levee design, the Project design flood event is the 100-year flood event with an estimated peak discharge within the creek of 4,519 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the Olney Diversion gage (USGS 12506000) located approximately 2 miles upstream of the Project area. We understand the hydraulic modeling of the Project area simulating the constructed restoration elements indicate that for the 100-year flood event, flood flows are not predicted to leave the creek channel and immediate area.

The existing levee is present along the left bank of the creek from about river mile (RM) 42.7 to 43.0 and will be removed down to the 2-year flood elevation. Although flood flows are not predicted to leave the creek channel, based on guidance from Inter-Fluve, we understand a setback levee is proposed along the left bank of the creek between RM 42.5 and 42.7, setback approximately 180 feet from the creek thalweg. The setback levee may be up to 5-feet tall (above the existing grade of the floodplain) and is required to maintain 2-feet of freeboard above the 100-year flood event. We understand that seepage beneath and through the proposed setback levee prism is acceptable provided the levee is stable under seepage conditions. The proposed grading associated with the Project, including removal of the existing levee embankment and excavations for the new creek channel and alcove, will generate an abundance of material derived from on-Site excavations. A Project objective is to reuse this material generated on-Site for fill, setback levee embankment, and habitat features.

### 2 Site Conditions

### 2.1 Geologic Setting

The Site is located approximately 3.5 miles southwest of White Swan on the Yakama Indian Reservation in the Toppenish Basin. The available geologic mapping (Walsh, 1986; DNR, 2017) indicates the Site is underlain by Quaternary Alluvium (Qal) deposits of silt, sand, and gravel. The deposits are largely confined to valley bottoms and locally include lacustrine, paludal, and eolian deposits in depressions. Underlying the alluvium at the Site are flood basalt layers of the Simcoe Mountain Basalts as well as other sub-groups of the Columbia River Basalt Group's (CRBG) Grand Ronde Basalt. The Grand Ronde Basalt is described as Miocene-aged blue-black, dense, and finely crystalline rock that weathers light brown to yellowish brown. Locally, the basalt can be weathered and mantled by reddish brown residual soil that has been formed by the decomposition of the basalt into rock fragments suspended in a silt and clay matrix.

From the results of our explorations and field observations, the soils near the ground surface at the Site are composed of Quaternary Alluvium. The alluvium consists of primarily of sandy gravel with various amounts of silt, cobbles, and boulders.

### 2.2 Surface Conditions

The Site is undeveloped and stretches 1 mile along the left bank of Upper Toppenish Creek, approximately 8 miles downstream from steeper headwaters where the creek reaches the Toppenish Basin. The Site is bounded by two ridges formed by east-west anticlines: the Ahtanum Ridge to the north and the Toppenish Ridge to the south. The normal and thrust faults composing the two ridges influence eastward channel flow of the creek (Inter-Fluve, 2014).

The downstream end of the Project is delineated by the Wesley Road Bridge. The upstream end of the Project is at approximately RM 43.1, at the boundary between Yakama Nation land and adjacent private property.

Generally, the moderately vegetated topography of the Site slopes from west to east with approximately 20 feet of vertical relief across the Site. Riparian vegetation exists along the banks of the creek and includes moderate deciduous tree cover. Moderate to large trees, various shrubbery, and short grasses exist throughout the Site.

The existing creek channel is constricted by a basalt outcrop and hillside along the right bank and by an earthen levee along the left bank. This constriction has simplified channel complexity, reduced floodplain connectivity, and created incised conditions (Inter-Fluve, 2017).

An approximately 10-foot-tall earthen levee, a concrete diversion structure, and four riprap barbs exist on the Site along the left bank of the creek. The levee, created through the placement of fill, extends within the Project Area approximately 0.3 miles along the creek from RM 42.7 to 43.0, but is discontinuous due to lateral channel migration in isolated areas. The existing concrete diversion structure is at the hydrographic apex of the

Toppenish Creek Alluvial Fan and historically served to split the water into three directions: down the Toppenish Creek channel, into one of the alluvial fan distribution channels heading north, and into the Olney-Kleparty irrigation ditch heading east (Reichmuth et al., 2007). Channel incision within the creek has rendered the diversion structure non-functional for many years. The four riprap barbs are composed of angular boulders.

The existing Site topography and select features are shown on Figure 2, Site Exploration Map.

### 2.3 Subsurface Conditions

#### 2.3.1 Subsurface Explorations

We completed eight test pit excavations at the Site. The test pit excavations were completed to depths ranging from 6 to 16 feet below the ground surface (bgs). The locations of the completed explorations are shown on Figure 2.

Detailed descriptions of the subsurface conditions encountered in our explorations, as well as the depths where characteristics of the soils changed, are indicated on the exploration logs presented in Appendix A. The depths indicated on the logs where conditions changed may represent gradational variations between soil types. Field exploration methods for the explorations are also included in Appendix A.

#### 2.3.2 Laboratory Testing

Laboratory tests were conducted on selected soil samples to characterize certain engineering (physical) properties of the soils at the Site. Laboratory testing included determination of fines content, grain-size distribution, and compaction characteristics (proctor). The laboratory tests were conducted in general accordance with appropriate ASTM International (ASTM) test methods. Test procedures are discussed in more detail in Appendix B of this report.

#### 2.3.3 Stratigraphy

From our review of Site surface and subsurface conditions, the primary near-surface geologic unit at the Site is Quaternary Alluvium, which underlays a 4- to 9-inch-thick layer of topsoil. The two principal engineering/geologic units encountered in our Site explorations are fill (within the existing levee embankment) and alluvium. A description of the general characteristics of each unit follows.

#### Fill

We encountered fill beneath the topsoil in exploration TP-3, located on landside of the existing levee embankment. We inferred the fill was associated with elevating the existing levee to approximately 6 feet above ground surface to a total height of approximately 10 feet above the adjacent floodplain. The fill extended from the top of the levee to approximately 6 feet below the top of the levee and primarily consisted of medium dense, slightly moist to moist, light brown to brown, GRAVEL with sand (GP)<sup>1</sup>; fine sand; coarse subrounded gravel; trace cobbles and trace fine roots.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Soils classified in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS), ASTM D2488.

The levee fill exhibits moderate shear strength characteristics, low compressibility, moderate to high permeability, and low moisture sensitivity characteristics due to the lack of fines (soil particles passing the No. 200 sieve).

#### Alluvium

We encountered alluvium deposits beneath the topsoil in all explorations except for TP-3 where we encountered the alluvium underlying the levee embankment fill. The alluvium extended to depths as deep as 16 feet bgs (the maximum reach of our test pit excavations). The alluvium typically consisted of medium dense, moist, light brown to dark brown, GRAVEL with sand and varying amounts of silt. The USCS designations for the alluvium we encountered in our explorations are GM, GP-GM, and GP. Trace roots up to 0.5-inch diameter, scattered cobbles, and boulders up to 3-foot diameter were present at various depths throughout the alluvium. The alluvium exhibited slight increases in moisture and grain size with depth. We did not observe distinct bedding planes or patterns; the alluvium was typically relatively homogeneous. The lower portions of the deeper explorations were typically very moist to wet (saturated) due to groundwater.

The alluvium deposits exhibit moderate shear strength, low compressibility, high permeability, and low to moderate moisture sensitivity characteristics due to the relatively low percentage of fines.

#### 2.3.4 Hydrogeologic Conditions

At the time of our explorations (April 2018), we encountered groundwater in our deeper explorations at relatively shallow depths ranging from 8 to 15 feet bgs. The alluvium typically increased in moisture content with depth before becoming saturated. Based on visual observations correlating the depth of the groundwater encountered in our explorations with the water levels in the creek, the groundwater within the Project area can be expected to be in hydraulic continuity with the creek and will typically fluctuate with and mirror the creek water levels.

Groundwater levels will vary based on precipitation patterns and Site/near Site usage and may temporarily approach the ground surface during/following periods of heavy precipitation and flood conditions within the creek.

### **3** Conclusions and Recommendations

Geotechnical evaluations and considerations for the Project include:

- Seepage Evaluations
- Slope Stability Evaluations
- Settlement Evaluations
- Levee Construction and Earthwork Considerations

We utilized guidance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for our leveerelated evaluations and recommendations. The following sections present the results of the evaluations and geotechnical engineering conclusions and recommendations in support of the Project design.

#### 3.1 Typical Setback Levee Section

The recommended typical levee section is based on guidance from:

- USACE EM 1110-2-1913, dated April 30, 2000
- USACE ETL 1110-2-569, dated May 1, 2005
- Collaboration with Inter-Fluve

We recommend a crown width of the levee embankment of 12 feet with crushed rock surfacing for maintenance vehicle access. The levee crown should have a cross slope of 2 percent in the landward direction to avoid water ponding on the embankment material at the levee crown. The levee embankment should have side slopes of 3.5H:1V (horizontal to vertical) or flatter.

We recommend the levee embankment be uniform and consist of the same material type throughout. We anticipate the preferred levee material will consist of alluvium derived from on-Site excavations. We recommend the levee fill consist of levee select fill defined below in Section 4.3.1. The maintenance trail atop the levee crown should be a minimum of 6-inches thick and consist of crushed rock. The recommended typical setback levee section is shown below on the inset figure.



**Recommended Typical Setback Levee Section (NTS)** 

The ground surface along the setback levee alignment should be cleared and grubbed to remove objectionable above ground material and obstructions, such as vegetation, structures and debris. The levee subgrade should then be stripped to an appropriate depth to remove the primary rooted zone, organic topsoil and other objectionable material.

### 3.2 Soil and Hydrogeologic Properties for Analysis

Soil engineering and hydrogeologic properties were developed based on the results of the completed subsurface explorations, lab testing results, empirical formulas for estimating hydraulic conductivity, back calculations of existing conditions, literature review, and our experience with the local geology.

For levee embankment materials, we assumed a uniform levee embankment consisting of alluvium derived from on-Site excavations. To account for the range and variability of the material, we also varied the engineering properties used in our analyses for sensitivity scenarios and to help verify the assumed engineering properties.

Specific references utilized in the development of the soil engineering and hydrogeologic properties include the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Geotechnical Design Manual (GDM; WSDOT, 2015), the Navy Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Design Manual 7.1 (NAVFAC, 1986), Hazen's Correlation for Hydraulic Conductivity (Hazen, 1911), and Holtz and Kovacs (1981).

Due to the observed uniformity of the alluvium and the lack of bedding planes and patterns, we have assumed the hydraulic conductivity of the material will be equal in the horizontal and vertical directions.

The soil engineering properties used in our analyses are shown in Table 1 below.

				Strength Parameters		
Engineering Unit	Hydraulic Conductivity (cm/s) <sup>1</sup>	Unit Weight (pcf) <sup>1</sup>	Saturated Unit Weight (pcf)	Friction Angle (deg) <sup>1</sup>	Cohesion (psf) <sup>1</sup>	
Alluvium	1.4	120	125	34	0	
Levee Select Fill <sup>2</sup>	0.1	125	130	36	0	

#### **Table 1. Soil Engineering Properties**

Notes:

 cm/s = centimeters per second; pcf = pounds per cubic foot; psf = pounds per square foot; and deg = degrees

2) Levee fill placed for setback levee embankment in accordance with the fill and compaction construction recommendations contained herein.

### 3.3 Setback Levee Analysis Section and Geometry

Based on guidance provided by Inter-Fluve, we analyzed a critical section consisting of the typical levee section described in Section 3.1 with a maximum height of 5 feet above the existing floodplain. We utilized the topography perpendicular to the left bank of the creek at approximately RM 42.7 based on the Project design plans (Inter-Fluve, 2018). We assumed a water surface elevation (WSE) 2 feet below the top of the levee resulting in a minimum of 2 feet of freeboard. We did not assume any significant scour within the creek channel or potential channel migration towards the toe of the setback levee. We recommend scour protection along the waterside of the setback levee embankment.

#### 3.3.1 Levee Seismic Design Criteria

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Seismic Hazard Map data (USGS, 2014) indicates the peak ground acceleration (PGA) associated with the 100-year recurrence-interval earthquake in the Project area is approximately 0.04g (where g is the acceleration of gravity). Based on guidance provided by EC 1110-2-6067 (USACE, 2010), if the PGA is less than 0.10g for the 100-year recurrence-interval earthquake, seismic evaluation of the levee flood control system is not required.

### 3.4 Seepage Analysis

The seepage analysis was performed assuming steady-state conditions and using the finite element analysis groundwater module within the computer program SLIDE (Rocscience, 2017). The seepage analysis model was constructed with a constant head boundary on the water side of the setback levee equal to the assumed WSE, a no flow boundary along the bottom edge of the model, potential seepage surfaces along the landside ground surface of the levee embankment, and a constant head boundary equal to the ground surface elevation along the landside edge of the model. To reduce the potential for numerical errors due to boundary effects, the seepage model was extended 2,000 feet landward from the creek thalweg.

Through iterative calculations of successive finite element runs, the groundwater analysis module computes the pressure head throughout the model and determines flow directions, gradients, and seepage potential.

#### 3.4.1 Seepage Analysis Results

A graphical output of the seepage analysis results is included in Appendix C. Our analysis results show a maximum exit/uplift gradient of 0.22 (dimensionless) near the ground surface on the landside toe of the setback levee which is less than the 0.50 (dimensionless) criteria suggested by USACE ETL 1110-2-569. Due to the coarse-grained nature of the existing alluvium and proposed setback levee embankment, through seepage and underseepage should be expected during a flood event that results in a WSE above the floodplain. If through seepage and underseepage are not desired, seepage mitigation measures such as seepage berms or subsurface cutoff walls should be considered.

The results of our subsurface explorations indicate the alluvium underlying the setback levee alignment is relatively uniform; however, past flood activities and the construction of flood control and scour mitigation measures create the potential for variability of the near-surface soils and the potential for lenses of relatively higher-permeability coarsegrained soil. These lenses are unpredictable and not readily captured by the individual subsurface explorations completed for this study; therefore, they are not incorporated into the seepage analyses other than an overall conservative formulation of the permeability of the near-surface soils.

### 3.5 Slope Stability Analyses

Slope stability analyses for the Project were conducted using the computer model SLIDE, which uses 2-D limit equilibrium methods to analyze slope stability. The SLIDE program performs slope stability computations based on the modeled cross-section conditions and calculates a factor of safety (FS) against slope failure, which is defined as the ratio of the resisting forces to the driving forces acting on a soil mass. A FS of one indicates a "just-stable" condition, and a FS less than one would indicate unstable conditions. Spencer's analysis method was used as the primary analysis in SLIDE as it satisfies both moment and force equilibrium criteria for the potential sliding soil mass.

Failure surfaces were generated and analyzed using a dense, grid-search method and automatic search function within SLIDE that identifies and computes the lowest FS corresponding to the critical failure surface for the given cross section and analysis condition. The failure surfaces generated include both circular failure surfaces and composite surfaces (combination circular and block). The entry (start) location of the failure surfaces was limited to landward of the waterside toe of the setback levee prism and only significant failure surfaces, at least 3 feet thick, were considered. In the context of the Project, shallow failure surfaces that are less than 3 feet thick are considered maintenance issues and not a true slope failure.

We evaluated the static steady state stability case. This case occurs when flood levels remain at or near an assumed WSE long enough so that the levee embankment becomes saturated and a condition of steady-state seepage occurs. We evaluated the stability of both the landside and waterside of the setback levee embankment.

The steady state seepage condition and pore-water pressures were developed through the finite-element model and seepage analysis application within the SLIDE computer program for the assumed WSE.

#### 3.5.1 Slope Stability Analyses Results

The results of the slope stability analyses are shown in Table 2, with graphical outputs included in Appendix C. The computed FS's exceed the minimum FS of 1.4 required by USACE EM 1110-2-1913 for the static (steady state) condition.

Analysis	Calculated Factor of Safety
Static (Steady State) Landside of Levee	2.0
Static (Steady State) Waterside of Levee	2.6

Table 2. Summary of Slope Stability Analysis Results

#### **3.6 Settlement Analysis**

Based on the results of our subsurface explorations, the Project area is underlain by relatively uniform, medium dense to dense, cohesionless sand and gravel alluvium that typically exhibits low compressibility characteristics. The setback levee embankment will be less than 5-feet tall. Relatively minor short-term elastic settlements are expected during the placement of fill for the setback levee embankment. Based on the geometry of the typical levee section and an estimated surcharge pressure of 625 psf or less, we estimate the elastic settlement associated with the setback levee will be less than 1 to 2 inches. We anticipate most of the settlement will occur as the load is applied during levee construction. Provided the setback levee subgrade is cleared and grubbed to remove unsuitable foundation material and organics, it is our opinion that settlement and compressible soils are not a significant Project design consideration.

### **4** Construction Considerations

#### 4.1 Earthwork

Based on the subsurface exploration data across the Project area and our understanding of the Project, it is our opinion that the Contractor should be able to complete planned excavations and earthwork activity with relatively standard construction equipment. We did encounter oversized materials in some of the completed explorations, including cobbles and boulders within the existing levee fill and alluvium. Although not encountered in the explorations, regional experience indicates that other oversized materials such as stumps and logs could be present within the alluvium.

Shallow groundwater conditions should be expected within the lower portions of the proposed excavations during the dry season, and shallow groundwater may be present near the ground surface during the wet season. The Contractor should anticipate wet excavations and soil conditions that may not support excavation equipment. We recommend maintaining working platforms for equipment a minimum of 2 feet above the groundwater level and strategically planning excavations to allow for elevated working platforms and access/haul routes. Other strategies for completing the wet excavations include:

- Using long-reach excavators and/or wide-tracked and low-pressure equipment.
- Leave the existing levee and/or creek bank material in place to act as a natural cofferdam and progress channel/habitat excavations landward from the creek.
- Use hog fuel, rock, and/or geosynthetics to create stabilized temporary access/haul roads and working pads.

#### 4.1.1 Levee Earthwork

We estimate a typical stripping depth (rooted zone) of approximately 6 inches for the setback levee footprint. The stripping depth and overexcavation of unsuitable foundation soils, defined as organic rich and/or highly permeable soil when compared to the surrounding alluvium, may extend up to about 12 inches below the setback levee subgrade for limited portions of the levee alignment. Overexcavation, as needed, should occur within a footprint beneath the levee defined by a 1.5H:1V sloped prism centered under the levee crest, and not necessarily across the entire levee embankment footprint.

While our investigations indicate relatively uniform subgrade conditions along the setback levee alignment, it is standard practice recommended by USACE guidance to complete an inspection trench below the levee. An inspection trench is typically used to verify subgrade conditions, check for relic development features (utilities with highly permeable trench backfill, highly permeable scour mitigation elements like the existing rock barbs), and to confirm that adverse seepage conditions are not present beneath the levee. Given the uniformity of the observed subgrade conditions, we do not consider an inspection trench a requirement for the setback levee; however, if evidence of past soil disturbance, utilities, organic-rich zones, or preferential seepage paths is observed or

otherwise known in the area of the setback levee, an inspection trench should be considered.

If used, the depth of the inspection trench should be 6 feet deep or equal to the height of the levee embankment, whichever is less. The inspection trench may be backfilled with excavated soil, provided the soil meets the requirements for levee select fill and can be placed back into the inspection trench to achieve compaction and permeability conditions equal to or better than the surrounding native soils.

#### 4.2 Excavation

The Project will include excavations for removal of the existing levee, channel creation, preparing the setback levee footprint, habitat area creation, the removal of the existing diversion structure, and the partial removal of the existing rock barbs. Saturated soil conditions and elevated soil moisture contents should be anticipated during wet weather periods and at lower elevations within the Project area. Further discussion of potential saturated excavation is included below.

#### 4.2.1 Dry/Saturated Excavations

Excavation of "dry" soil would be desired as it is more cost-effective than excavating wet or saturated soil. We assume that mass excavation would occur during the summer season when creek and groundwater levels are at their lowest. Excavation would begin at or near the creek's edge, and move landward, which would potentially lower the groundwater level to approximate the creek elevation, thereby maximizing the potential for dry excavation.

#### 4.2.2 Temporary Excavation Slopes

Maintenance of safe working conditions, including temporary excavation stability, is the responsibility of the Contractor. All temporary cuts in excess of 4 feet in height that are not protected by trench boxes or otherwise shored, should be sloped in accordance with Part N of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 296-155 (WAC, 2009).

In general, the near surface soils across the Project Area classify as OSHA Soil Classification Type B. Temporary excavation side slopes are anticipated to stand as steep as 1H:1V, up to a maximum height of 20 feet, within the fill and alluvium. The cut slope inclinations estimated above are for planning purposes only and are applicable to excavations without inflowing groundwater or stormwater.

With time and the presence of seepage and/or precipitation, the stability of temporary unsupported cut slopes can be significantly reduced. Therefore, all temporary slopes should be protected from erosion by installing a surface water diversion ditch or berm at the top of the slope. In addition, the Contractor should monitor the stability of the temporary cut slopes and adjust the construction schedule and slope inclination accordingly. Vibrations created by traffic and construction equipment may cause caving and raveling of the cut slopes. In such an event, the cut slopes should be flattened by the Contractor to prevent loss of ground support.

### 4.3 Fill Materials

Fill material may also be derived from on-site sources, such as reused material from portions of the planned creek channel and habitat excavations and removal of the existing levee. The soil derived from dry excavation activities for the Project are anticipated to be suitable for re-use on the Project, provided the soil meets the material requirements described below. Soil derived from saturated excavations are anticipated to be less suitable for use as fill on the Project and/or require moisture conditioning (drying) due to the elevated moisture content of these soils.

#### 4.3.1 Setback Levee Embankment

We recommend the setback levee embankment be uniform and consist of the same material type throughout. The requirements for the levee materials are as follows.

#### Levee Select Fill

Levee select fill may be derived from the on-site excavations or imported, if needed. Levee select fill shall consist of relatively well-graded soil free of organic and deleterious material, and meet the USCS soil type classification of SM, SP-SM, SW-SM, SW, SP, GM, GP-GM, GW-GM, GP, or GW. The gradation of the material should have a maximum particle size of 3 inches.

Levee select fill should be compacted to at least 90 percent of its MDD as determined by ASTM D1557. The material shall be placed in horizontal lifts that do not exceed 12 inches in loose lift thickness.

#### 4.3.2 Common Fill

Common fill may be derived from the on-Site excavations or imported, if needed, and will be used for backfilling the excavation for removing the existing diversion structure, infilling the existing creek channel, and for general fill within the floodplain. Common fill should consist of soil with 3 percent or less organics/deleterious materials and a maximum particle size of 6 inches, except for streambed materials or habitat applications where larger particle sizes are preferred or required. Common fill may consist of any soil type except for soils meeting the USCS soil type classification of OL, OH, CH, MH, or PT. Common fill should be compacted to about 85 percent of its MDD as determined by ASTM D1557. The material shall be placed in horizontal lifts that do not exceed 12 inches in loose lift thickness.

#### 4.3.3 Crushed Surfacing Base Course

Crushed surfacing base course (CSBC) will be used for the maintenance trail atop the setback levee crown. The CSBS will need to be imported and should consist of material meeting the requirements for CSBC as outlined by Section 9-03.9(3) of the WSDOT Standard Specifications (WSDOT, 2018). The CSBC should be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of its MDD as determined by ASTM D1557.

#### 4.3.4 Compaction

The procedure to achieve the specified minimum relative compaction depends on the size and type of compacting equipment, the number of passes, thickness of the layer being compacted, and certain soil properties. When size of the excavation restricts the use of heavy equipment, smaller equipment can be used, but the soil must be placed in thin enough lifts to achieve the required compaction. A sufficient number of in-place density tests should be performed as the fill is placed to verify the required relative compaction is being achieved.

Generally, loosely compacted soils are a result of poor construction technique or improper moisture content. Soils with a high percentage of silt or clay are particularly susceptible to becoming too wet, and coarse-grained materials easily become too dry, for proper compaction. Silty or clayey soils with a moisture content too high for adequate compaction should be dried as necessary, or moisture conditioned by mixing with drier materials, or other methods.

Fill within the setback levee embankment should be placed in lifts with a maximum thickness of 12 inches (or less if needed to facilitate proper compaction) to help ensure consistent and uniform material placement and compaction.

#### 4.4 Setback Levee Vegetation

We recommend vegetation management on the setback levee be planned and established in accordance with guidance from USACE ETL 1110-2-583 and the Seattle District Variance of 1995. The vegetation on and near the levee must not adversely affect the seepage- and stability-related performance of the levee. The levee crown should be left unvegetated for a gravel-surface maintenance access road. The sides slopes of the levee may be lightly vegetated with grasses and occasional woody vegetation with stems that are less than 4 inches in diameter at maturity. The vegetation on the levee side slopes must allow for regular visual inspection of the condition of the levee surface. The establishment of vegetation over scour protection (riprap) on the waterside of the levee will not be possible at the time of construction.

### **5** Additional Services

If project developments result in changes to the assumptions made herein, we should be contacted to determine if our recommendations should be revised.

During construction, we are available to provide continuing geotechnical consultation, field monitoring, and materials testing services as required. The integrity of the constructed product depends on proper Site preparation and construction procedures. In addition, engineering decisions may have to be made in the field in the event that variations in subsurface conditions become apparent.

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### 7 Limitations

Work for this project was performed for Inter-Fluve, Inc (Client), and this report was prepared consistent with recognized standards of professionals in the same locality and involving similar conditions, at the time the work was performed. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made by Aspect Consulting, LLC (Aspect).

Recommendations presented herein are based on our interpretation of site conditions, geotechnical engineering calculations, and judgment in accordance with our mutually agreed-upon scope of work. Our recommendations are unique and specific to the project, site, and Client. Application of this report for any purpose other than the project should be done only after consultation with Aspect.

Variations may exist between the soil and groundwater conditions reported and those actually underlying the site. The nature and extent of such soil variations may change over time and may not be evident before construction begins. If any soil conditions are encountered at the site that are different from those described in this report, Aspect should be notified immediately to review the applicability of our recommendations.

Risks are inherent with any site involving slopes and no recommendations, geologic analysis, or engineering design can assure slope stability. Our observations, findings, and opinions are a means to identify and reduce the inherent risks to the client.

It is the Client's responsibility to see that all parties to this project, including the designer, contractor, subcontractors, and agents, are made aware of this report in its entirety. At the time of this report, design plans and construction methods have not been finalized, and the recommendations presented herein are based on preliminary project information. If project developments result in changes from the preliminary project information, Aspect should be contacted to determine if our recommendations contained in this report should be revised and/or expanded upon.

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## FIGURES



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## **APPENDIX A**

## Subsurface Explorations

## A. Field Exploration Program

### A.1. Test Pits

Test pits TP-1 through TP-8 were excavated under our direction using a Case CX210B trackhoe with a 3-foot-wide toothed bucket operated by TMS Native Construction under subcontract to Aspect. The test pit locations are shown on Figure 2.

Samples were obtained from select soil units for laboratory testing to aid in the determination of subsurface engineering properties for potential material reuse. The relative density/consistency of the soils was evaluated qualitatively with a 0.5-inch-diameter steel t-probe and observation of digging difficulty.

Detailed descriptions of the subsurface conditions encountered in our explorations, as well as the depths where characteristics of the soils changed, are indicated on the soil test pit logs presented in Appendix A. The depths indicated on the log where conditions changed may represent gradational variations between soil types. Soils were classified in general accordance with the ASTM D2488, *Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual and Manual Procedure).* A key to the symbols and terms used on the logs is provided on Figure A-1.

				Well-graded gravel and	Terms De	escribing Re	elative Dens	sity and Consistency
0 Sieve	50% <sup>(1</sup> )f Coarse Fracti on No. 4 Sieve	Fines D D D D D D D D D D D D D		gravel with sand, little to no fines	Coarse-	Density Very Loose Loose	SPT <sup>(2)</sup> blows/for 0 to 4 4 to 10	
		≤5% ≤5% ≤5% ≤5% ≤5% ≤5% ≤5% ≤5%	GP	Poorly-graded gravel and gravel with sand, little to no fines	Grained Soils	Medium Dense Dense Very Dense	10 to 30 30 to 50 >50	G = Grain Size M = Moisture Content A = Atterberg Limits
(t) tetained on No. 200 Sieve		ines <sup>(5)</sup> ひ・つりひ・つ ひ・つりひ・つ	GM	Silty gravel and silty gravel with sand	Fine- Grained Soils	Consistency Very Soft Soft Medium Stiff	SPT <sup>(2)</sup> blows/for 0 to 2 2 to 4 4 to 8	ot DD = Dry Density K = Permeability Str = Shear Strength Env = Environmental
	Bravels - Mo Re	≥15% F	GC	Clayey gravel and clayey gravel with sand	-	Stiff Very Stiff Hard	8 to 15 15 to 30 >30	PiD = Photoionization Detector
Coarse-Grained Soils - More than 50%		Fines <sup>(5)</sup>	SW	Well-graded sand and sand with gravel, little to no fines	Descriptive Te Boulders Cobbles	rm <u>Size Ra</u>	ponent Defin ange and Sieve than 12" 2"	
ned Soils - M	Sands - 50% <sup>(1</sup> )br More of Coarse Fraction Passes No. 4 Sieve	≤5% Fi	SP	Poorly-graded sand and sand with gravel, little to no fines	Gravel Coarse Grave Fine Gravel Sand	I 3" to 3/ 3/4" to	o. 4 (4.75 mm) /4" No. 4 (4.75 mm) /4.75 mm) to No. 2	00 (0.075 mm)
Coarse-Grai	)% <sup>(1</sup> )or More Passes No.	Fines <sup>(5)</sup>	SM	Silty sand and silty sand with gravel	Coarse Sand Medium Sand Fine Sand Silt and Clay	No. 10 No. 40	4.75 mm) to No. 10 (2.00 mm) to No. (0.425 mm) to No r than No. 200 (0.0	40 (0.425 mm) . 200 (0.075 mm)
	Sands - 50	≥15% F	SC	Clayey sand and clayey sand with gravel		d Percentaç Mod	-	Moisture Content Dry - Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
sve	n 50		ML	Silt, sandy silt, gravelly silt, silt with sand or gravel	<5 5 to 15		e tly (sandy, silty, y, gravelly)	Slightly Moist - Perceptible moisture Moist - Damp but no visible water
Passes No. 200 Sieve	Silts and Clays Jauid Limit Less than 50		CL	Clay of low to medium plasticity; silty, sandy, or gravelly clay, lean clay	15 to 30 30 to 49	Sand grave Very	ly, silty, clayey,	Very Moist - Water visible but not free draining Wet - Visible free water, usually from below water table
<sup>(1)</sup> or More Passe	Sit		OL	Organic clay or silt of low plasticity	Sampler	Blows/6" or portion of 6"	Symbols	Cement grout surface seal Bentonite chips
Fine-Grained Soils - 50% <sup>(1</sup> ) <sup>h</sup> N	Sitts and Clays Liquid Limit 50 or More		MH	Elastic silt, clayey silt, silt with micaceous or diato- maceous fine sand or silt	2.0" OD Split-Spoon Sampler (SPT)	Continuous Pu		Grout Grout Filter pack with
			СН	Clay of high plasticity, sandy or gravelly clay, fat clay with sand or gravel	Bulk sample Grab Sample	(including Shell	all Tube Sampler	Grouted Grouted Transducer
Fine-			OH Organic clay or silt of medium to high plasticity (1) Percentage by (2) (SPT) Standard	lry weight		<ul> <li>(5) Combined USCS symbols used for fines between 5% and 15% as</li> </ul>		
Highly	Organic Soils		PT	Peat, muck and other highly organic soils	(ASTM D-1586) (3) In General Acco Standard Practi	ordance with ce for Description on of Soils (ASTM		estimated in General Accordance with Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (ASTM D-2488)
						-	tatic water level (d	

Classifications of soils in this report are based on visual field and/or laboratory observations, which include density/consistency, moisture condition, grain size, and plasticity estimates and should not be construed to imply field or laboratory testing unless presented herein. Visual-manual and/or laboratory classification methods of ASTM D-2487 and D-2488 were used as an identification guide for the Unified Soil Classification System.

Exploration Log Key



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# **APPENDIX B**

# Laboratory Test Results

# **B.Laboratory Test Methods**

Laboratory tests were conducted on selected soil samples to characterize certain engineering (physical) properties of the soils at the Site. Laboratory testing included determination of fines content, grain-size distribution, and compaction characteristics (proctor) testing. The laboratory tests were conducted in general accordance with appropriate ASTM test methods. Test procedures are discussed below.

The fines content (percent passing No. 200 wash) was analyzed in general accordance with ASTM D1140. The grain size distribution of selected samples was analyzed in general accordance with ASTM C117/C136. The compaction characteristics were evaluated in accordance with ASTM D1557 Method B, C. A summary of the lab testing results for this study are included in Appendix B.



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Project:	Laboratory Testing – 160325	Project No.:	3106.1.1

Report of: Amount of material passing the number 200 sieve, sieve analysis, and modified Proctor

#### Sample Identification

NTI completed amount of material passing the number 200 sieve, sieve analysis, and modified Proctor testing on samples delivered to our laboratory on April 13, 2018 by an Aspect Consulting representative. Testing was performed in accordance with the standards indicated. Our laboratory test results are summarized on the following table and attached pages.

#### Laboratory Testing

Amount of Material Finer than the No. 200 Sieve (ASTM D1140)							
Sample ID	Moisture Content (%)	Percent Passing the No. 200 Sieve					
TP-1 S-1 @ 1.5 ft.	2.9	5.7					
TP-7 S-2 @ 3 ft.	3.9	1.8					

Attachments: Laboratory Test Results Maximum Density Relationship

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#### Laboratory Test Results

	Sieve Analysis of Aggregate (ASTM C117/C136)							
Sieve Size	TP-1 S-2 @ 5 ft. Percent Passing	TP-1 S-4 @ 10 ft. Percent Passing	TP-4 S-1 @ 3 ft. Percent Passing	TP-5 S-4 @ 10.5 ft. Percent Passing				
3"	100			100				
2"	78	100	100	77				
1 1⁄2"	63	79	87	64				
1"	43	63	61	45				
3/4"	35	53	51	36				
1⁄2"	29	44	40	28				
3/8"	27	38	36	25				
1/4"	26	-30	30	22				
#4	24	26	26	19				
#8	22	18	19	14				
#10	21	17	18	13				
#16	18	13	14	10				
#30	14	10	10	8				
#40	12	10	9	7				
#50	10	9	7	5				
#100	7	7	5	4				
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Symbol	Exploration, Sample, Depth	Moisture Content (%)	Silt/Clay Content (%)	Sand Content (%)	Gravel Content (%)	Coefficient of Uniformity, Cu	Coefficient of Curvature, Cc	USCS Soil Type
	TP-1, S-2, 5ft	N/A	5.0	19.0	76.0	120.0	16.9	GP-GM
	TP-1, S-4, 10ft	N/A	4.6	21.2	74.0	52.9	4.2	GP
	TP-4, S-1, 3ft	N/A	3.1	22.9	74.0	34.2	3.3	GP
•	TP-5, S-4, 10.5ft	N/A	2.5	16.5	81.0	29.7	5.4	GP

Project Name: Toppenish Creek Three Way Levee Removal Project Number: 160325

\*The sample(s) tested may not include oversized particles and may only be representative of a portion of the sample/site soil conditions.





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# **APPENDIX C**

Seepage and Slope Stability Analyses

#### Seepage and Stability Analysis Section Left Bank; RM 42.7 (Approximate) Model Setup

1300

1280

1260

Material Name	Color	KS (cm/s)	K2/K1	Material Name	Color	Unit Weight (Ibs/ft3)	Strength Type	Cohesion (psf)	Phi (deg)
Levee Fill		1	1	Levee Fill		125	Mohr-Coulomb	0	36
Alluvium		1.4	1	Alluvium		120	Mohr-Coulomb	0	34









# **APPENDIX D**

**Report Limitations and Guidelines for Use** 

## **REPORT LIMITATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR USE**

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