

Montecito Fault Investigation Presentation by Joshua Feffer Certified Engineering Geologist



Problems Associated With Earthquakes

- Ground shaking (occurs frequently)
- Ground rupture and lurching (occurs less frequently)
- Liquefaction (occurs only in select soil types with a shallow groundwater table)
- Lateral spreading (liquefaction induced or in slopes)
- Earthquake induced landsliding

What is an Active Fault?1971 Sylmar/San Fernando Earthquake

- Caused Ground Cracking and Movement
- Alquist-Priolo Fault Special Studies Zone Act of 1972
 - Designed to Mitigate Damage from Surface Fault Rupture
- Definition of Active Fault
 - Readily Identifiable
 - Active in Holocene Time, ~11,000 years

Investigation

- Initial Research
 - Maps
 - Geology and Topographic maps
 - Historical Photographs
 - Publications, both published and unpublished
- Site Review
 - Borings
 - Bucket Auger
 - Continuous Sampling
 - Trenches
 - CPT
 - Age Dating of Soil Encountered

Geologic Map



Figure 5. Portion of Dibblee Geologic Map of the Hollywood Quadrangle. The subject site location is at the base of the red diamond.

Publications



Figure 7. Figure 5 from FER-253 supplement. The approximately location of the subject site is designated with a red star.

Publications



Investigation

- Iterative Approach
 - Consulted with Geologists from State of California Geological Survey and City of Los Angeles
- Initial Subsurface Investigation-Phase I
 - 4 test pits, 2 Auger Holes, Trench 1
- Phase II Subsurface Investigation
 6 Bucket Augers
 - 6 Bucket Augers
- Phase III Subsurface Investigation

 Trenches 2 and 3
- Phase IV Subsurface Investigation

 Continuous Borings and CPT's

Investigation Map



Cross Section



Age Dating Reproducible and Verifiable

TABLE 1.2 - Soil Development Index Calculation Sheet

Soil Profile - 1, Trench Exposure

Unit	Thickness	Color				Те	Texture Structure		Consistence			Clay Films		Horizon	Mean Hor.		
	(Feet)	Dry		Moist						Dry		Wet				Values	Values
Raw Alluvium	3	2.5Y 7/2	X/1 0	10YR 6/3	X /10	S	X /6	sg	X /6	ю	X/5	so, po	X /6	0	X/15		
Profile 1																	
ABt1	1.8	10YR 5/4	0.3	10YR 4/3	0	I-cl	0.58	1 sbk	0.33	sh	0.33	s, p-vp	0.75	1-2tpt, v1mkpt, 2fcl	0.47	0.39	0.71
Bt2	1.7	7.5YR 4/4	0.4	7.5YR 3/3	0.1	cl	0.67	2 abk	0.67	h	0.6	s-vs, vp	0.92	1mkpf, 2fpf, 1dpo, 1dcl	0.63	0.57	0.97
Bt3	2	7.5YR 4/3	0.3	7.5YR 3/3	0.1	sl-l	0.42	1 sbk	0.33	sh	0.33	ss-s, ps	0.42	1fpf, 1fcl	0.32	0.32	0.63
2Bt1b / 2BC1b	1.5	7.5YR 4/4	0.4	7.5YR 3/3	0.1	I-cl	0.58	1-2 abk	0.58	h	0.6	s-vs, vp	0.92	2fpf, 2dcl	0.43	0.52	0.77
2Bt2b / 2BC2b	1.1	7.5YR 5/4	0.4	7.5YR 4/3	0.1	sl-l	0.42	1 sbk	0.33	so-sh	0.25	ss, ps	0.33	v1-1fpf	0.18	0.29	0.32
3Bt1b	2.9	7.5YR 5/6	0.6	7.5YR 4/4	0.2	cl	0.67	2 abk	0.67	h	0.6	vs, vp	1.00	2fpf, 1dpf, 2dcl	0.63	0.62	1.81
3Bt2b/ 3BCb	1.3	7.5YR 5/4	0.4	7.5YR 4/3	0.1	Т	0.5	1 sbk	0.33	h	0.6	s-ss, ps	0.42	2fpf, v1dpf, 2dcl	0.48	0.40	0.53
4Crb	2	10YR 5/2	0.3	10YR 3/1	0	ls	0.17	m	0.00	h	0.6	ss, po	0.17		0	0.18	0.35

INDEX VALUES AND ESTIMATED AGES (ka)

Soil Member	мні	Mean Soil	SDI	Color Index	Clay Film	Soil Age	Section Age	Stratigraphic
		Index	@ 7 feet		Index	Estimate ka	Estimate ka	Unit
Surface Soil	0.57	2.31	2.94	1.2	1.42	8 - 13	8 - 13	Qc
Buried Soil 1	0.52	1.09	2.94	1	0.61	8 - 13	16 - 26	Qoa1
Buried Soil 2	0.62	2.34	3.89	1.3	1.11	13 - 30	29 - 56	Qoc1
Buried Soil 3	0.18	0.35	1.24	0.3	0.00	4 - 8	33 - 64	Tt

Conclusions

- No Evidence of Active Faulting at Montecito
 - Unbroken soil overlying inactive faults is older than 11,000 years
- State of California and City of Los Angeles review and approval
- Geotechnical Investigation still to be completed