

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- A. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Shall consist of specifications and its general conditions and the drawings. The intent of these documents is to include all labor, materials, and services necessary for the proper execution of the work. The documents are to be considered as one. Whatever is called for by any parts shall be as binding as if called for in all parts.
- B. VERIFICATION: The Contractor shall verify measurements on the drawings before beginning work. In case of error or discrepancy in the drawings or specifications or in the work of others affecting his/her work, he/she shall notify the Owner's Representative immediately. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any damages or loss due to his/her failure to observe these instructions.
- C. MATERIALS, MACHINERY, EMPLOYEES: Except as otherwise noted, the Contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, tools, and other items necessary and incidental to the completion of his/her work.
- D. SURVEYS, PERMITS, REGULATIONS: The Owner shall furnish an adequate survey of the property. The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all permits and comply with all laws and ordinances bearing on the operation or conduct of the work as drawn and specified. If the Contractor observes that a variance exists therewith he/she shall promptly notify the Owner's Representative in writing and any necessary changes shall be adjusted as provided in the contract for changes in the work.
- E. PROTECTION OF WORK, PROPERTY AND PERSON: The Contractor shall adequately protect the work, adjacent property, and the public, and shall be responsible for any damages or injury due to his/her actions.
- F. CHANGES IN THE WORK: The owner may order changes in the work, and the contract sum being adjusted accordingly. All such orders and adjustments plus claims by the Contractor for extras must be made in writing before executing the work involved.
- G. CORRECTION OF WORK: The Contractor shall re-execute any work that fails to conform to the requirements of the contract and shall remedy defects due to faulty materials or workmanship upon written notice from the Owner's Representative for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of completion of the contract.
- H. Owner's Authorized Representative: The Owner's authorized representative acts as the authorized representative of the Owner in conjunction with the project manager, and has authority to accept or reject materials or workmanship and to make minor changes in the work not involving extra cost. He will also interpret the meaning of the contract documents and may stop the work if necessary to ensure its proper execution.
- I. CLARIFICATION OF DRAWINGS BEFORE BIDDING: After reviewing the drawings thoroughly it is the Contractor's responsibility to clarify with the Owner's Representative any questions the Contractor may have regarding the method of construction, quantities, or quality of materials included or called out. If the Contractor cannot contact the Owner's Representative, the Contractor must qualify his/her bid or accept the interpretation of the Owner's Representative on the questionable areas as they develop during construction.
- J. SAMPLES: The Owner's Representative reserves the right to take and analyze samples of materials for conformity to specifications at any time. The Contractor shall furnish samples upon request by the Owner's Representative. Rejected materials shall be immediately removed from the site and replaced at the Contractor's expense. The cost of testing materials not meeting specifications shall be paid by the Contractor.
- K. PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE: Schedule a pre-construction meeting with the Owner's Representative at least seven (7) days before beginning work. The purpose of this conference is to review any questions the Contractor may have regarding the work, administrative procedures during construction and project work schedule.

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Tree and Plant Protection

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SUMMARY

The scope of work includes all labor, materials, tools, equipment, facilities, transportation and services necessary for, and incidental to performing all operations in connection with protection of existing trees and other plants as shown on the drawings and as specified herein.

1. Provide preconstruction evaluations
2. Provide tree and plant protection fencing.
3. Provide protection of root zones and above ground tree and plants
4. Provide pruning of existing trees and plants.
5. Coordinate with the requirements of Section Planting Soil for modifications to the soil within the root zone of existing trees and plants.
6. Provide all insect and disease control.
7. Provide maintenance of existing trees and plants including irrigation during the construction period as recommended by the arborist report.
8. Provide maintenance of existing trees and plants including irrigation during the post construction plant maintenance period.
9. Remove tree protection fencing and other protection from around and under trees and plants.
10. Clean up and disposal of all excess and surplus material.

1.2 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- A. Shall consist of specifications and general conditions and the drawings. The intent of these documents is to include all labor, materials, and services necessary for the proper execution of the work. The documents are to be considered as one. Whatever is called for by any parts shall be as binding as if called for in all parts.
- B. It is the intent of this section that the requirements apply to all sections of the project specification such that any subcontractor must comply with the restrictions on work within designated Tree and Plant Protection Areas.

1.3 RELATED DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCES

- A. Related Documents:
1. Drawings and general provisions of contract including general and supplementary conditions and Division I specifications apply to work of this section.
 2. Section -Planting
- B. References: The following specifications and standards of the organizations and documents listed in this paragraph form a part of the specification to the extent required by the references therein. In the event that the requirements of the following referenced standards and specification conflict with this specification section the requirements of this specification shall prevail. In the event that the requirements of any of the following referenced standards and specifications conflict with each other the more stringent requirement shall prevail.
1. ANSI A300 (Part 5) - Standard Practices for Tree, Shrub and other Woody Plant Maintenance, most current editions.
 2. Pruning practices shall conform with recommendations "Structural Pruning: A Guide For The Green Industry", Published by Urban Tree Foundation, Visalia, California; most current edition.
 3. Glossary of Arboricultural Terms, International Society of Arboriculture, Champaign IL, most current edition.

1.4 VERIFICATION

- A. All scaled dimensions on the drawings are approximate. Before proceeding with any work, the Contractor shall carefully check and verify all dimensions and quantities, and shall immediately inform the Owner's Representative of any discrepancies between the information on the drawings and the actual conditions, refraining from doing any work in said areas until given approval to do so by the Owner's Representative.

1.5 PERMITS AND REGULATIONS

- A. The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all permits related to this section of the work unless previously excluded under provision of the contract or general conditions. The Contractor shall comply with all laws and ordinances bearing on the operation or conduct of the work as drawn and specified. If the Contractor observes that a conflict exists between permit requirements and the work outlined in the contract documents, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Owner's Representative in writing including a description of any necessary changes and changes to the contract price resulting from changes in the work.
- B. Wherever references are made to standards or codes in accordance with which work is to be performed or tested, the edition or revision of the standards and codes current on the effective date of this contract shall apply, unless otherwise expressly set forth.
- C. In case of conflict among any referenced standards or codes or between any referenced standards and codes and the specifications, the more restrictive standard shall apply or Owner's Representative shall determine which shall govern.

1.6 PROTECTION OF WORK, PROPERTY AND PERSON

- A. The Contractor shall protect the work, adjacent property, and the public, and shall be responsible for any damages or injury due to his/her actions.
- 1.7 CHANGES IN THE WORK
- A. The Owner's Representative may order changes in the work, and the contract sum should be adjusted accordingly. All such orders and adjustments plus claims by the Contractor for extra compensation must be made and approved in writing before executing the work involved.

1.8 CORRECTION OF WORK

- A. The Contractor shall re-execute any work that fails to conform to the requirements of the contract and shall remedy defects due to faulty materials or workmanship upon written notice from the Owner's Representative, at the soonest possible time that can be coordinated with other work and seasonal weather demands.

1.9 DEFINITIONS

- All terms in this specification shall be as defined in the "Glossary of Arboricultural Terms" or as modified below.
- Owner's Representative: The person appointed by the Owner to represent their interest in the review and approval of the work and to serve as the contracting authority with the Contractor. The Owner's Representative or Owner may appoint other persons to review and approve any aspects of the work, such as the landscape architect who prepared the plans.
- B. Reasonable and reasonably: When used in this specification is intended to mean that the conditions cited will not affect the establishment or long term stability, health or growth of the plant. This specification recognizes that plants are not free of defects, and that plant conditions change with time. This specification also recognizes that some decisions cannot be totally based on measured findings and that professional judgment is required. In cases of differing opinion, the Owner's Representative expert shall determine when conditions within the plant are judged as reasonable.
- C. Shrub: Woody plants with mature height approximately less than 25 feet.
- D. Tree and Plant Protection Area: Area surrounding individual trees, groups of trees, shrubs, or other vegetation to be protected during construction, and defined by a circle centered on the trunk with each tree with a radius equal to the crown drip line unless otherwise indicated by the Owner's representative.
- E. Tree: Single and multi-stemmed plants, including palms with anticipated mature height approximately greater than 25 feet or any plant identified on the plans as a tree.

1.10 SUBMITTALS

- A. PRODUCT DATA: Submit manufacturer product data and literature describing all products required by this section to the Owner's Representative for approval. Provide submittal four weeks before the start of any work at the site.

1.11 OBSERVATION OF THE WORK

- A. The Owner's Representative may inspect the work at any time.

1.12 PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

- A. Schedule a pre - construction meeting with the Owner's Representative at least seven (7) days before beginning work to review any questions the Contractor may have regarding the work, administrative procedures during construction and project work schedule.

1. The following Contractors shall attend the preconstruction conference:
- a. General Contractor.
 - b. Consulting Arborist.
 - c. Subcontractor assigned to install Tree and Plant Protection measures.
 - d. Earthwork Contractor.
 - e. All site utility Contractors that may be required to dig or trench into the soil.
 - f. Landscape subcontractor.
 - g. Irrigation subcontractor.
- B. Prior to this meeting, mark all trees and plants to remain and/or be removed as described in this specification for review and approval by the Owner's Representative.

1.13 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Contractor qualifications:
1. All pruning, branch tie back, tree removal, root pruning, and fertilizing required by this section shall be performed by or under the direct supervision of ISA Certified Arborist Submit aforementioned individual's qualifications for approval by the Owner's Representative.
 2. All applications of pesticide or herbicide shall be performed by a person maintaining a current state license to apply chemical pesticides valid in the jurisdiction of the project. Submit copies of all required state licensing certificates including applicable chemical applicator licenses.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.3 TREE PROTECTION FENCING:

- A. PLASTIC MESH FENCE: Heavy - duty orange plastic mesh fencing fabric 48 inches wide. Fencing shall be attached to metal "U" or "T" post or wooden post driven into the ground of sufficient depth to hold the fabric solidly in place with out sagging. The fabric shall be attached to the post using attaching ties of sufficient number and strength to hold up the fabric without sagging. The Owner's Representative may request, at any time, additional post, deeper post depths and/or additional fabric attachments if the fabric begins to sag, lean or otherwise not present a sufficient barrier to access.
- C. GATES: For each fence type and in each separate fenced area, provide a minimum of one 3 foot wide gate. Gates shall be lockable. The location of the gates shall be approved by the Owner's Representative.
- D. Submit suppliers product data that product meets the requirements for approval.

2.4 tree protection sign:

- A. Heavy-duty cardboard signs, 8.5 inches x 11 inches, white colored background with black 2 inch high or larger letters block letters. The signs shall be attached to the tree protection fence every 50 feet o.c. The tree protection sign shall read "Tree and Plant Protection Area- Keep Out".

2.5 TREE GROWTH REGULATOR (TGR)

- A. Cambistat 25C.
- B. Submit suppliers product data that product meets the requirements for approval.

2.6 MATTING

- A. Matting for vehicle and work protection shall be heavy duty matting designed for vehicle loading over tree roots, aluminum as manufactured by Alburanets, Inc, Franklin, PA 15035, or approved equal.
- B. Submit suppliers product data that product meets the requirements for approval.

2.7 GEOGRID

- A. Geogrid shall be woven polyester fabric with PVC coating, Uni-axial or bi-axial geogrid, inert to biological degradation, resistant to naturally occurring chemicals, alkalis, acids.
1. Geogrid shall be Miragrid 2XT as manufactured by Ten Cate Nicolon, Norcross, GA. <http://www.tencate.com> or approved equal.
- B. Submit suppliers product data that product meets the requirements for approval.

2.8 FILTER FABRIC

- A. Filter Fabric shall be nonwoven polypropylene fibers, inert to biological degradation and resistant of naturally occurring chemicals, alkalis and acids.
1. Mirafit 135 N as manufactured by Ten Cate Nicolon, Norcross, GA. <http://www.tencate.com> or approved equal.
- B. Submit suppliers product data that product meets the requirements for approval.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 SITE EXAMINATION

- A. Examine the site, tree, plant and soil conditions. Notify the Owner's Representative in writing of any conditions that may impact the successful Tree and Plant Protections that is the intent of this section.

3.2 COORDINATION WITH PROJECT WORK

- A. The Contractor shall coordinate with all other work that may impact the completion of the work.
- B. Prior to the start of Work, prepare a detailed schedule of the work for coordination with other trades.
- C. Coordinate the relocation of any irrigation lines currently present on the irrigation plan, heads or the conduits of other utility lines or structures that are in conflict with tree locations. Root balls shall not be altered to fit around lines. Notify the Owner's Representative of any conflicts encountered.

- 3.3 TREE AND PLANT PROTECTION AREA: The Tree and Plant Protection Area is defined as all areas indicated on the tree protection plan. Where no limit of the Tree and Plant Protection area is defined on the drawings, the limit shall be the dip line (outer edge of the branch crown) of each tree.

3.4 Preparation:

- A. Prior to the preconstruction meeting, layout the limits of the Tree and Plant Protection Area and then alignments of required Tree and Plant Protection Fencing and root pruning. Obtain the Owner's Representative's approval of the limits of the protection area and the alignment of all fencing and root pruning.
- B. Flag all trees and shrubs to be removed by wrapping orange plastic ribbon around the trunk and obtain the Owner's Representative's approval of all trees and shrubs to be removed prior to the start of tree and shrub removal. After approval, mark all trees and shrubs to be removed with orange paint in a band completely around the base of the tree or shrub 4.5 feet above the ground.
- C. Flag all trees and shrubs to remain with white plastic ribbon tied completely around the trunk or each tree and on a prominent branch for each shrub. Obtain the Owner's Representative's approval of all trees and shrubs to be remain prior to the start of tree and shrub removal.
- D. Prior to any construction activity at the site including utility work, grading, storage of materials, or installation of temporary construction facilities, install all tree protection fencing, Filter Fabric, silk fence, tree protection signs, Geogrid, Mulch and or Wood Chips as shown on the drawings.

3.5 SOIL MOISTURE

- A. Volumetric soil moisture level, in all soils within the Tree and Plant Protection Area shall be maintained above permanent wilt point to a depth of at least 8 inches. No soil work or other activity shall be permitted within the Tree and Plant Protection Area when the volumetric soil moisture is above field capacity. The permanent wilt point and field capacity for each type of soil texture shall be defined as follows (numbers indicate percentage volumetric soil moisture).
- | Soil type | Permanent wilt point v/v | Field capacity v/v |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Sand, Loamy sand, Sandy loam | 5 - 8% | 12 - 18% |
| Loam, Sandy clay, Sandy clay loam | 14 - 25% | 27 - 36% |
| Clay loam, Silt loam | 11 - 22% | 31 - 36% |
| Silty clay, Silty clay loam | 22 - 27% | 38 - 41% |
1. Volumetric soil moisture shall be measured with a digital, electric conductivity meter. The meter shall be the Digital Soil Moisture Meter, DMSM500 by General Specialty Tools and Instruments, or approved equivalent meter.
- B. The Contractor shall confirm the soil moisture levels with a moisture meter. If the moisture is too high, suspend operations until the soil moisture drains to below field capacity.

3.6 ROOT PRUNING:

- A. Prior to any excavating into the existing soil grade within 25 feet of the limit of the Tree and Plant Protection Area or trees to remain, root prune all existing trees to a depth of 24 inches below existing grade in alignment following the edge of the Tree and Plant Protection Area or as directed by the Owner's Representative. Root pruning shall be in conformance with ANSI A300 (part 8) latest edition.

1. Using a rock saw, chain trencher or similar trenching device, make a vertical cut within 2 feet of the limit of grading.
2. After completion of the cut, make clean cuts with a lopper, saw or pruner to remove all torn root ends on the tree side of the excavation, and backfill the trench immediately with existing soil, filling all voids.

3.7 INSTALLATION OF GEOGRIDS, FILTER FABRIC, MATTING, WOOD CHIPS AND OR MULCH

- A. Install Geogrids, Filter Fabric, Matting, Wood Chips and or Mulch in areas and depths shown on the plans and details or as directed by the Owner's representative. In general it is the intent of this specification to provide the following levels of protection:
1. All areas within the Tree and Plant Protection area provide a minimum of 5 inches of Wood Chips or Mulch.
 2. Areas where foot traffic or storage of lightweight materials is anticipated to be unavoidable provide a layer of Filter Fabric under the 5 inches of Wood Chips or Mulch.
 3. Areas where occasional light vehicle traffic is anticipated to be unavoidable provide a layer of Geogrids under 8

inches of Wood Chips or Mulch.

4. Areas where heavy vehicle traffic is unavoidable provide a layer of Geogrids under 8 - 12 inches of Wood Chips or Mulch and a layer of matting over the Wood Chips or Mulch.
- B. The Owner's Representative shall approve the appropriate level of protection.
- C. In the above requirements, light vehicle is defined as a track sled steer with a ground pressure of 4 psi or lighter. A heavy vehicle is any vehicle with a tire or track pressure of greater than 4 psi. Lightweight materials are any packaged materials that can be physically moved with hand tools into the location. Bulk materials such as soil, or aggregate shall never be stored within the Tree and Plant Protection Area.
- 3.8 PROTECTION:
- A. Protect the tree and Plant Protection Area at all times from compaction of the soil, damage of any kind to trunks, bark, branches, leaves and roots of all plants; and contamination of the soil, bark or leaves with construction materials, debris, silt, fuels, oils, and any chemicals substance. Notify the Owner's Representative of any spills, compaction or damage and take corrective action immediately using methods approved by the Owner's Representative.

3.9 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS FOR OPERATIONS WITHIN THE TREE AND PLANT PROTECTION AREA:

- A. The Contractor shall not engage in any construction activity within the Tree and Plant Protection Area without the approval of the Owner's Representative including: operating, moving or storing equipment; storing supplies or materials; locating temporary facilities including trailers or portable toilets and shall not permit employees to traverse the area to access adjacent areas of the project or use the area for lunch or any other work breaks. Permitted activity, if any, within the Tree and Plant Protection Area maybe indicated on the drawings along with any required remedial activity as listed below.
- B. In the event that construction activity is unavoidable within the Tree and Plant Protection Area, notify the Owner's Representative and submit a detailed written plan of action for approval. The plan shall include: a statement detailing the reason for the activity including which other areas are not suited; a description of the proposed activity; the time period for the activity; and a list of remedial actions that will reduce the impact on the Tree and Plant Protection Area from the activity. Remedial actions shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

1. In general, demolition and excavation within the drip line of trees and shrubs shall proceed with extreme care either by the use of hand tools, directional boring and or Air Knife excavation where indicated or with other low impact equipment that will not cause damage to the tree, roots or soil.
2. When encountered, exposed roots, 1 inches and larger in diameter shall be worked around in a manner that does not break the outer layer of the root surface (bark). These roots shall be covered in Wood Chips and shall be maintained above permanent wilt point at all times. Roots one inch and larger in diameter shall not be cut with out the approval of the owners representative. Excavation shall be tunneled under these roots without cutting them. In the areas where roots are encountered, work shall be performed and scheduled to close excavations as quickly as possible over exposed roots.
3. Tree branches that interfere with the construction may be tied back or pruned to clear only to the point necessary to complete the work. Other branches shall only be removed when specifically indicated by the Owner's Representative. Tying back or trimming of all branches and the cutting of roots shall be in accordance with accepted arboricultural practices (ANSI A300, part 8) and be performed under supervision of the arborist.

4. Matting: Install temporary matting over the Wood Chips or Mulch to the extent indicated. Do not permit foot traffic, scaffolding or the storage of materials within the Tree and Plant Protection Area to occur off of the temporary matting.

5. Trunk Protection: Protect the trunk of each tree to remain by covering it with a ring of 8 foot long 2 inch x 6 - inch planks loosely banded onto the tree with 3 steel bands. Staple the bands to the planks as necessary to hold them securely in place. Trunk protection must be kept in place no longer than 12 months. If construction requires work near a particular tree to complete longer than 12 months, the steel bands shall be inspected every six months and loosened if they are found to have become tight.

6. Air Excavation Tool: If excavation for footings or utilities is required within the Tree and Plant Protection Area, air excavation tool techniques shall be used where practical or as designed on the drawings.

- a. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- b. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- c. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- d. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- e. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- f. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- g. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- h. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- i. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- j. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- k. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- l. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- m. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- n. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- o. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- p. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- q. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- r. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- s. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- t. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- u. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- v. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- w. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- x. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- y. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- z. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

- aa. Remove the Wood Chips from an area approximately 18 inches beyond the limits of the hole or trench to be excavated. Cover the Wood Chips for a distance of not less than 15 feet around the limit of the excavation area with Filter Fabric or plastic sheeting to protect the Wood Chips from silt. Mount the Wood Chips so that the plastic slopes towards the excavation.

- ab. Using a sprinkler or soaker hose, apply water slowly to the area of the excavation for a period of at least 4 hours, approximately 12 hours prior to the work so that the ground water level is at or near field capacity at the beginning of the work. For excavations that go beyond the damp soil, reveal the soil as necessary to keep soil moisture near field capacity.

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- 3.17 Removal of fencing and other Tree and plant protection
- A. At the end of the construction period or when requested by the Owner's Representative remove all fencing, Wood Chips or Mulch, Geogrids and Filter Fabric, trunk protection and or any other Tree and Plant Protection material.
- 3.18 DAMAGE OR LOSS TO EXISTING PLANTS TO REMAIN
- B. Any trees or plants designated to remain and which