### Introduction

In late spring / early summer of 1998 the City of El Paso de Robles hired Vaughan Surveys, Inc. as a consultant to assist in providing the City a new Vertical Control Network or Master Benchmark Plan. It was determined that at the present time a precise differential level network would not be cost effective for the City, however, it may be desired at some future stage. In lieu of a precise level network, it was proposed that GPS measurements be made to approximately 14 existing City Wells and approximately 30 new or existing benchmarks around the easterly portion of the City of El Paso de Robles. The GPS survey would tie to a minimum of five existing National Geodetic Survey (NGS) Benchmarks.

### **NGS Control**

During reconnaissance it was determined that six first order NGS benchmarks along the U.S. Highway 101 – Union Pacific Railroad corridor would be suitable for either direct GPS measurement or eccentric measurements. Two second or third order Cal-Trans benchmarks along State Highway 46 were also found and incorporated into the network. In addition one second order NGS benchmark was used along Union Road east of Barney Schwartz Park.

## **Monumentation**

Existing monumentation was used where practical, however, where sturdy concrete curbs or concrete structures existed, a new aluminum disk monument was drilled and placed as a new benchmark. The new benchmarks were stamped and numbered with the designations as shown in this report.

### **GPS Measurements**

In August of 1998, GPS measurements were made to all points in the network and to all existing benchmarks to be tied to. All GPS measurements were tied to the California High Precision Geodetic Network (HPGN). All points were occupied at least twice for redundancy and were measured during times of acceptable satellite geometry (PDOP less than 4). Fast Static methods were used allowing occupation times of approximately eight minutes per point.

### **Adjustment**

Upon completion of the GPS fieldwork all data was downloaded and GPS baseline vectors were processed. These vectors were then incorporated into a least squares adjustment software package and a one-point free adjustment was performed. By ties to the HPGN we were able to establish precise Geographic coordinates for all points in the survey which would allow for the calculation of estimated Geoid Heights using Geoid96. Geoid Heights were determined for all points in the network and the network was reprocessed to compare preliminary values with published values for the existing NGS and Cal-Trans benchmark control. All points used fit existing control for the free adjustment within 1 – 2 centimeters so it was determined that the existing NGS control would be suitable for fixing the network. After fixing the network NAVD88 benchmarks, the network was again reprocessed and values were determined as shown in the report. The network was processed using the metric values. NAVD88 U.S. Survey foot values were then calculated for all points in the network.

### NGVD29 Values

NGS no longer adjusts or publishes NGVD29 elevations. In order to obtain NGVD29 values you must convert from NAVD88 using NGS software program known as VERTCON. This program was used to determine approximate NGVD29 elevations for all points in the network. NGVD29 values as shown should be used sparingly and at the user's own risk as there is no guarantee by NGS or the consultant that these values are correct.

## Future Phases

The plan developed by Vaughan Surveys was to establish benchmarks in phases, eventually covering the entire City limits. Additional Phases should and must tie to Phase 1 for checks and possible readjustments as necessary. This network should suffice for the majority of Engineering and Surveying related projects anticipated by the City for many years to come.



Benchmark Index Listing

# El Paso de Robles Phase I Benchmarks

Prepared by Vaughan Surveys, Inc.

| Map Grid | Latitude           | Longitude  | Benchmark ID   | Elevation (Feet) |
|----------|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|
|          | 35-34 <b>-</b> 29N | 120-43-51W | BM Y707        | 929.79           |
| C10      | 35-35-23N          | 120-41-46W | BM M 1450      | 757.01           |
| C10      | 35-35-30N          | 120-41-32W | TBIRD17        | 736.12           |
| C10      | 35-35-36N          | 120-41-26W | TBIRD10        | 721.95           |
| C10      | 35-35-36N          | 120-41-31W | TBIRD13        | 730.45           |
| C4       | 35-39-06N          | 120-41-32W | BM 692         | 694.35           |
| C5/D5    | 35-38-24N          | 120-41-21W | BM T 1095      | 720.94           |
| C7/D7    | 35-37-33N          | 120-41-19W | BM L24         | 731.55           |
| D5       | 35-38-39N          | 120-40-48W | HPGN 05 ML     | 737.36           |
| D6       | 35-37-51N          | 120-41-21W | BM B 1451      | 713.68           |
| D8       | 35-37-06N          | 120-41-17W | BM M 1095      | 731.37           |
| D9       | 35-36-26N          | 120-40-53W | BORCHERDT 5    | 747.68           |
| E5       | 35-38-43N          | 120-40-20W | 12             | 781.56           |
| F6       | 35-38-14N          | 120-39-46W | 17             | 830.8            |
| G10      | 35-35-44N          | 120-39-16W | 28             | 847.79           |
| G5       | 35-38-25N          | 120-39-28W | 16             | 837.06           |
| G5       | 35-38-41N          | 120-39-32W | 13             | 804.56           |
| G5       | 35-38-54N          | 120-39-38W | 11 BUTTERFIELD | 798.73           |
| G6       | 35-37-48N          | 120-39-20W | 19             | 907.76           |
| G6       | 35-38-03N          | 120-39-29W | 18             | 848.86           |
| G7       | 35-37-20N          | 120-39-34W | 21             | 827.55           |
| G7       | 35-37-33N          | 120-39-26W | 20             | 858.33           |
| G8       | 35-36-56N          | 120-39-25W | SHERWOOD 6     | 814.67           |
| G8       | 35-36-56N          | 120-39-32W | 30             | 811.76           |
| G8/G9    | 35-36-31N          | 120-39-24W | SHERWOOD 9     | 806.38           |
| G9       | 35-36-03N          | 120-39-33W | 29             | 817.47           |
| G9       | 35-36-04N          | 120-39-16W | 27             | 832.82           |
| G9       | 35-36-23N          | 120-39-16W | OSBORNE 14     | 810.95           |
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| Map Grid | Latitude  | Longitude  | Benchmark ID  | Elevation (Feet) |
|----------|-----------|------------|---------------|------------------|
| G9       | 35-36-25N | 120-39-33W | 26            | 802.36           |
| H5       | 35-38-41N | 120-38-58W | 14            | 778.28           |
| H8       | 35-36-41N | 120-39-01W | SHERWOOD 11   | 817.62           |
| H8       | 35-36-47N | 120-38-43W | 23            | 834.93           |
| Н8       | 35-36-57N | 120-39-01W | 22            | 828.03           |
| Н9       | 35-36-04N | 120-38-48W | 24            | 849.82           |
| Н9       | 35-36-04N | 120-39-00W | 25            | 826.38           |
| II       | 35-41-18N | 120-38-27W | 1             | 776.03           |
| 12       | 35-40-19N | 120-38-26W | 8             | 800.31           |
| 12       | 35-40-26N | 120-38-19W | 7             | 801.23           |
| 13       | 35-39-47N | 120-38-26W | 9 FOX         | 810.66           |
| I4       | 35-39-28N | 120-38-25W | 10 DRYCREEK   | 754.73           |
| 15       | 35-38-22N | 120-38-33W | 15 BARNEY     | 757.47           |
| 18       | 35-36-31N | 120-38-33W | ROYAL OAKS 20 | 837.53           |
| J2       | 35-40-38N | 120-37-40W | APB2          | 809.17           |
| 13       | 35-39-47N | 120-37-39W | 5             | 826.31           |
| J3       | 35-39-47N | 120-37-49W | 6             | 821.24           |
| L1       | 35-41-20N | 120-36-20W | 2             | 825.29           |
| L2       | 35-40-35N | 120-36-20W | 3             | 821.95           |
| L3       | 35-39-56N | 120-36-48W | 4             | 843.27           |