

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Public Relations Manager
Tel: (650) 967-2365
Fax: (650) 967-2785
Email: pr@lowney.com

GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING FACILITATES PLEASANTON DEVELOPMENT

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.—June 25, 2002— Lowney Associates is providing geotechnical engineering services at the Bernal Development in Pleasanton, CA, encompassing new residential subdivisions, an office park, and a commercial/retail area. Approximately half of the 500-acre site will be developed by **Bernal Investors Company** with the remainder of the site deeded to the **City of Pleasanton**.

The residential portion of the development includes 435 single-family homes, 46 duets, and 100 apartment units. Eight, 4-story buildings with approximately 745,000 square feet of office space are planned for the new office park. Primary geotechnical issues for the development were loose near-surface soils and existing structures and pipelines from previous site use.

CLIENT BENEFITS

- Lowney's design investigation was performed on the entire parcel and included recommendations for cost effective foundations in the different residential areas and for the new infrastructure. Our services allowed the **Bernal Investors Company** to proceed with simultaneous design in all areas and helped expedite the construction schedule.
- The San Francisco Water Department formerly occupied the property; underground structures and utilities existed throughout the site. Rather than remove all underground obstructions, Lowney recommended that existing obstructions be removed approximately 10 feet below the ground surface in areas without new homes or underground utilities. By tailoring our recommendations to the development plan, we were able to reduce overall construction costs.

###

Founded in Santa Clara County in 1969, Lowney Associates provides geotechnical and environmental engineering services. The firm specializes in earthwork construction, environmental site assessments and cleanups, and construction services. With office locations in Mountain View, Oakland, San Ramon and Fullerton, Lowney provides services throughout California and the West.