GENERAL NOTES

- 1 Scope: These notes apply to all drawings and govern unless noted or specified for more detailed requirements applicable to particular divisions of the work. See specifications and sheet notes contained in the subsections of these drawings.
- 2 Applicable Codes: The intent of the drawings and specifications is to construct the building in the project scope in accordance with the 2013 California Building Code (CBC), Mechanical Code (CMC), Electrical Code (CEC), Plumbing Code (CPC); and Energy Code, and California Green Building Standards (CalGreen), all as amended by San Mateo County.
- 3 Construction Documents: The General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, (AIA Document A201), latest edition, and the Specifications supplement these drawings and are part of the construction documents. By accepting and using the construction documents, including but not limited to the drawings and specifications, the Contractor agrees to be solely and completely responsible for the accuracy of said construction documents: architectural, structural, civil, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and fire protection.
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VIEW FROM NORTHEAST

6" SS SLOPE=-3.0%

- 5 Document Coordination: The Contractor shall be responsible for coordination between architectural, structural, civil, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical drawings. This includes reviewing existing conditions and requirements of individual systems before ordering and installation of any work. Verify all architectural details and all finish conditions, whether depicted in drawings or not, with same disciplines.
- 6 Dimensions: On drawings only written dimensions shall be used. Do not scale the drawings. The Contractor shall review and assume responsibility for all dimensions of building and site and notify the architect in writing of any suggested or required discrepancies before proceeding with construction.
- 7 Site Conditions: The Contractor shall visit the site and be fully cognizant of all field conditions, delivery methods and storage facilities, and consult with potential suppliers and subcontractors prior to submitting bid or cost estimate. He or she shall verify all site conditions, delivery methods and storage facilities and assumes all risk associated with field conditions. 8. Site Restrictions: The site will be used by the owners throughout the construction process. The contractor shall maintain safe access to the existing residence and existing accessory
- structure during the construction process. 9 Project Conditions: The Contractor shall also notify the Architect, before proceeding with
- work, of any conditions which are different than those indicated on the Drawings. 10 Job Site Conditions: The Contractor agrees to be solely and completely responsible for the job site conditions during the course of construction for the project; including the safety of all persons and property and that this requirement shall apply continuously and not be limited to normal working hours.
- 11 Protection of Existing Facilities: Contractor shall protect all existing infrastructure, utilities, landscaping and other site elements. Contractor shall replace or compensate the Owner for damage to any elements.
- 12 Indemnification: The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold the Owner, the Architect, its employees and consultants, harmless from any and all liability, real or alleged, in connection with the performance of work on this Project, excepting for liability arising from the sole negligence of the Owner, the Architect, its employees and consultants.
- 13 Errors, Omissions & Conflicts: Any errors, omissions, or conflicts found in the various parts of the construction documents or between the construction documents and existing site conditions shall be immediately brought to the attention of the Architect and the Owner before submitting cost estimates, bids or proceeding with the Work.
- 14 Changes: Should any conditions develop which suggest or require changes to the work, including but not limited to errors, omissions, conflicts, alternates or code compliance, the Contractor shall submit to the Architect a written Request for Change Order detailing the required work and associated costs changes. A written Change Order shall be prepared by the Architect and signed by the Contractor before proceeding with the work. No claim shall be allowed for work already started or completed. No claim shall be allowed for difficulties encountered that could have reasonably been inferred from examination of the site and the construction documents prior to submitting the bid. No claim shall be allowed for adjustments which could be reasonably expected based on the Contractor's general experience in this type of construction.
- 15. A full sprinkler system shall be provided for this project, sprinkler heads locations are indicated on Sheet A-2.3 and A-2.4. The sprinkler system shall fully cover all interior space and the vented attic space. The system shall be per San Mateo County Building Standards and Coastside Fire District Ordinance 2013-03, and shall include an exterior bell and interior horn/ strobe hardwired into a separate circuit breaker.
- 16. See Sheet A4.2 for additional CalGreen compliance notes.
- 17. Utilities, including electrical service, shall be installed underground

SUMMARY OF WORK

The Project is for a Single Familiy Home on an R-1 S-94 lot. The Main House has 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Living Room, Dining Area, Den/ Study and Kitchen Upstairs, and 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom, and a Family Room in the partial lower floor. There is an attached 2 car garage. The Main House is 2026 sf in area on the upper floor, with a 373 sf garage, and 1023 sf on the lower floor. The maximum height is twenty seven feet above grade.

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- A3.2 Exterior Elevations L1.1 Landscape Plan

Project Location: Stetson Street, Moss Beach, CA 94038

037-144-030

9771 sq ft

2400 sq ft

1015 sq ft

1725 sq ft

1430 sq ft

22%

R1/ S-17/ DR/ CD

35% (3420 sq ft)

53% (5178 sq ft)

Lot Area Average Lot Slope Allowable Coverage Maximum Building Floor Area Maximum Allowable Height

Assessor's Parcel Number

House Coverage Area Deck Coverage Area Proposed Total Coverage Building Area Main Floor Building Area Lower Floor **Building Area Garage** Total Built Area

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28 ft (36 feet for downslope lot with slope greater than 1:7) 3415 sq ft (34.95%)

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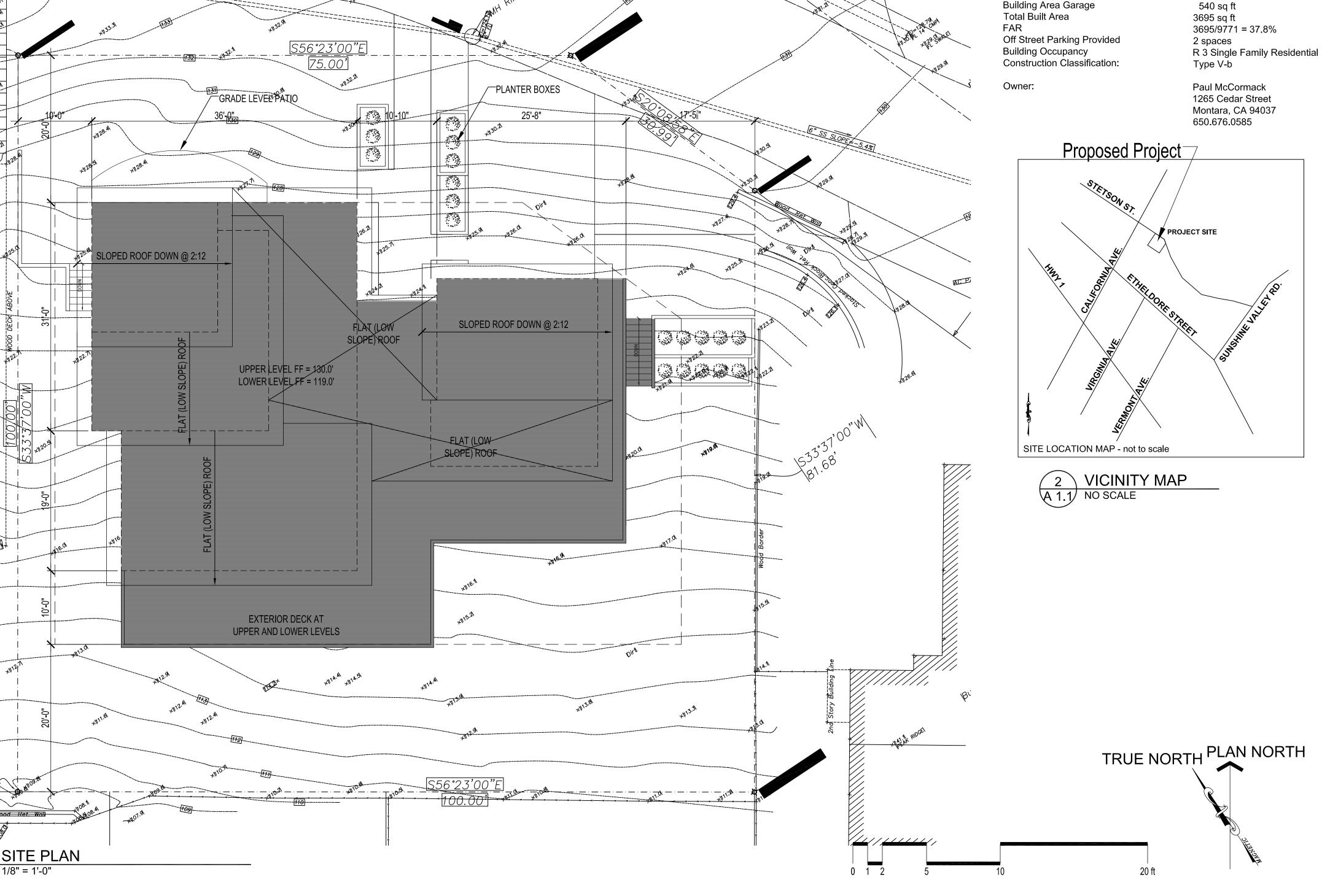
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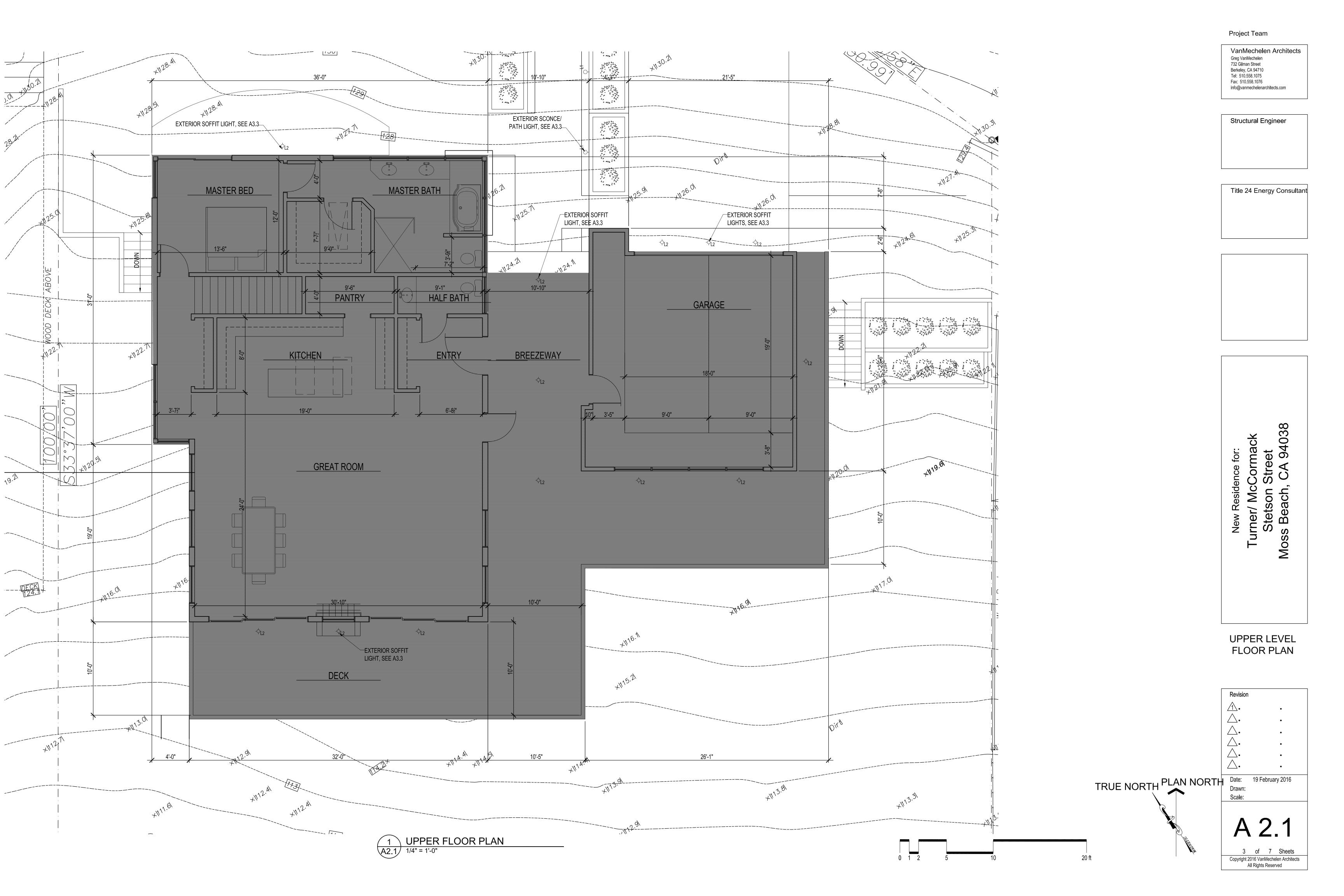
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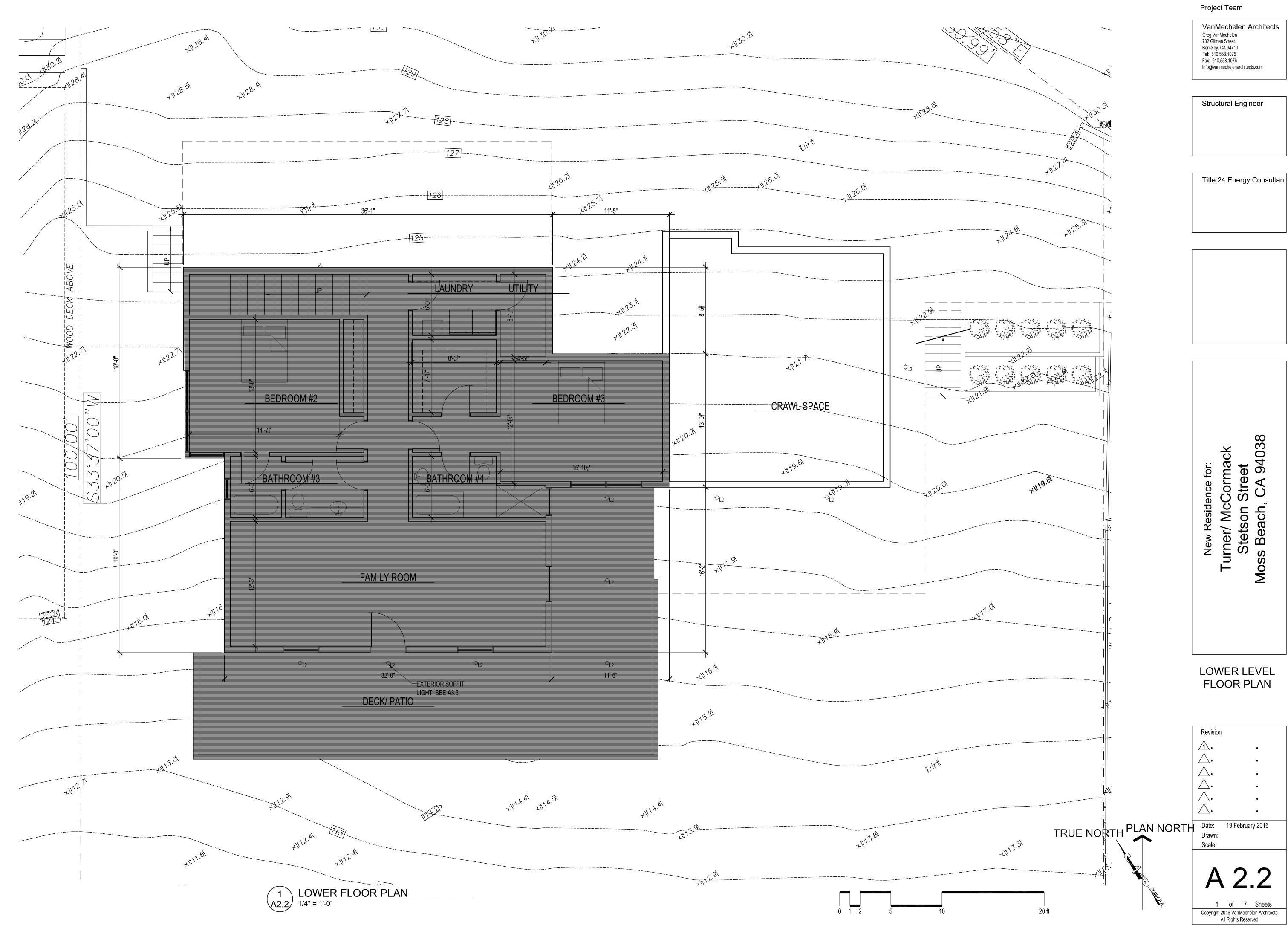
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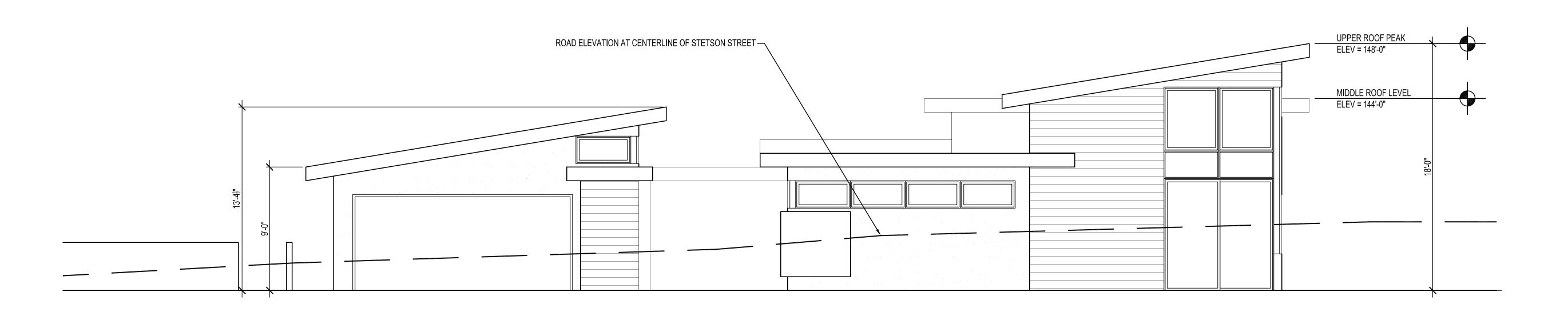
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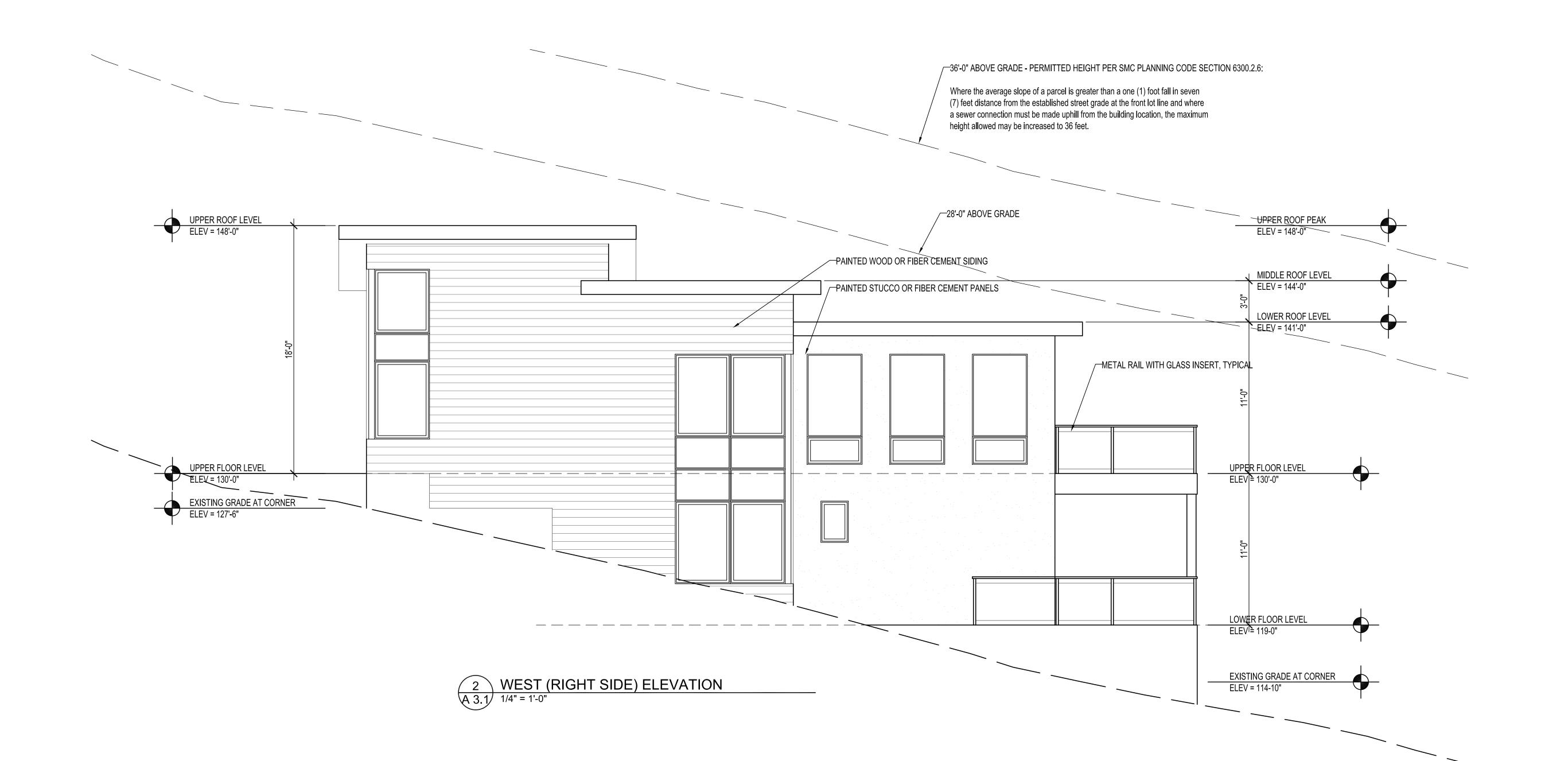






NORTH (STREET) ELEVATION

A 3.1 1/4" = 1'-0"



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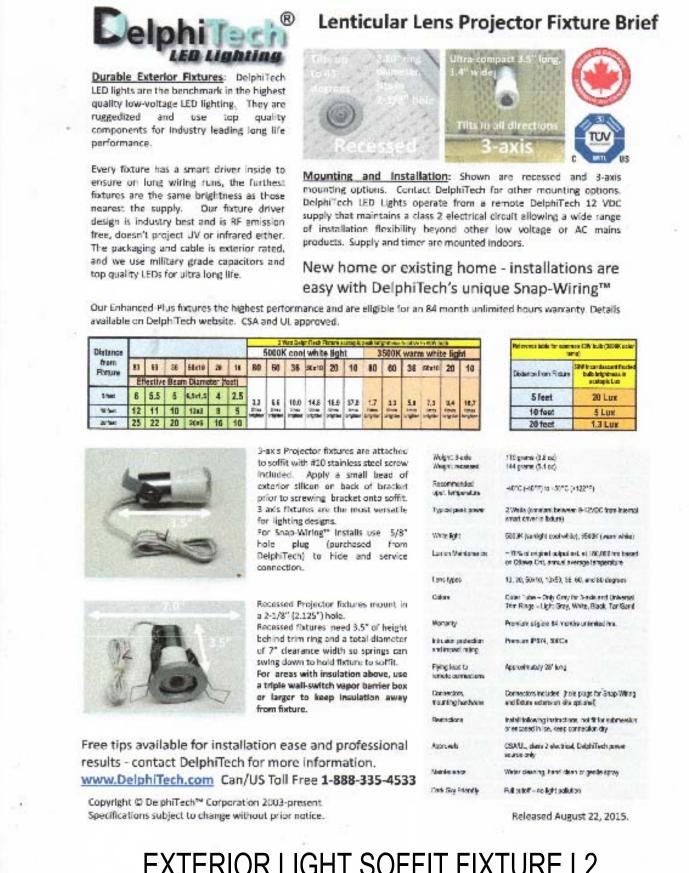
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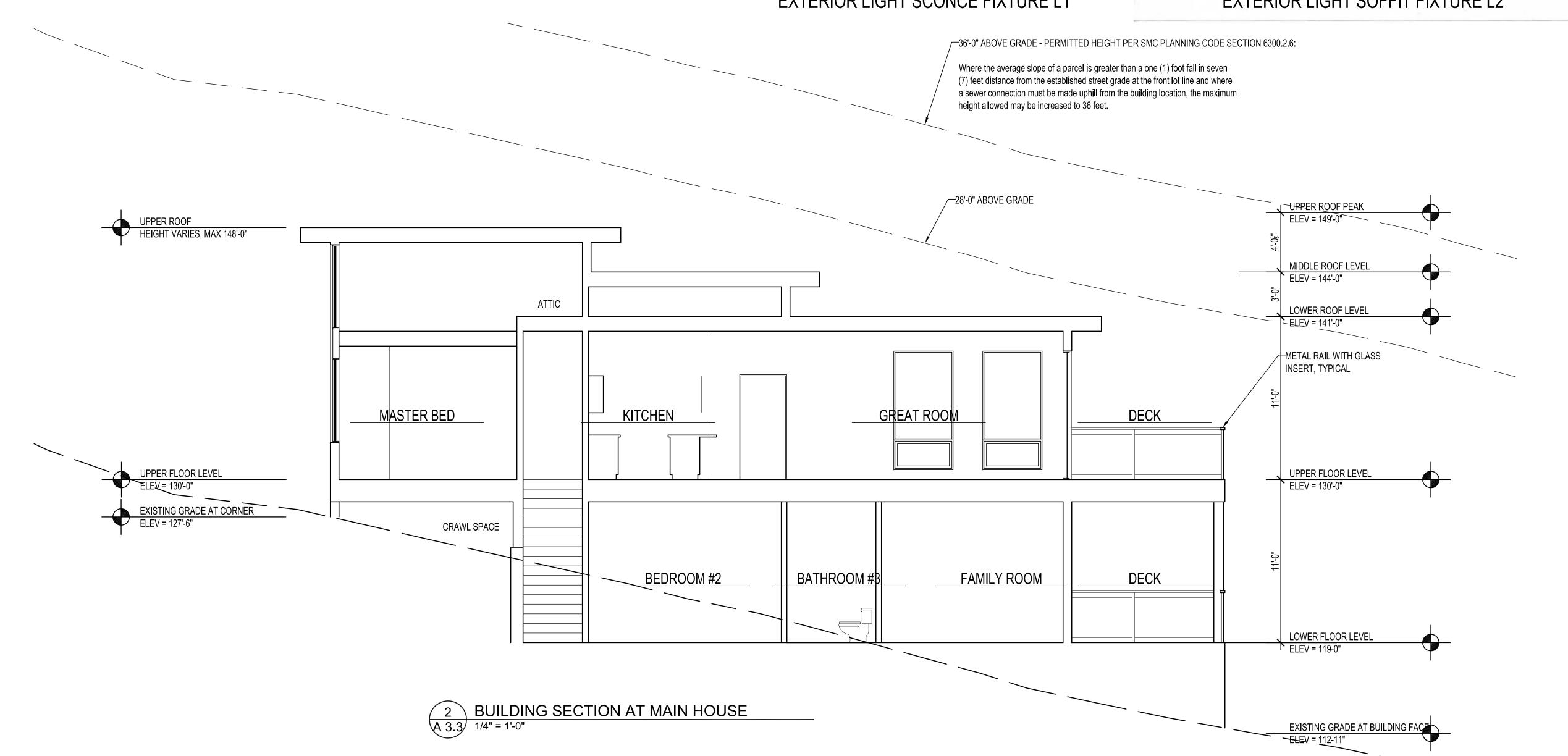
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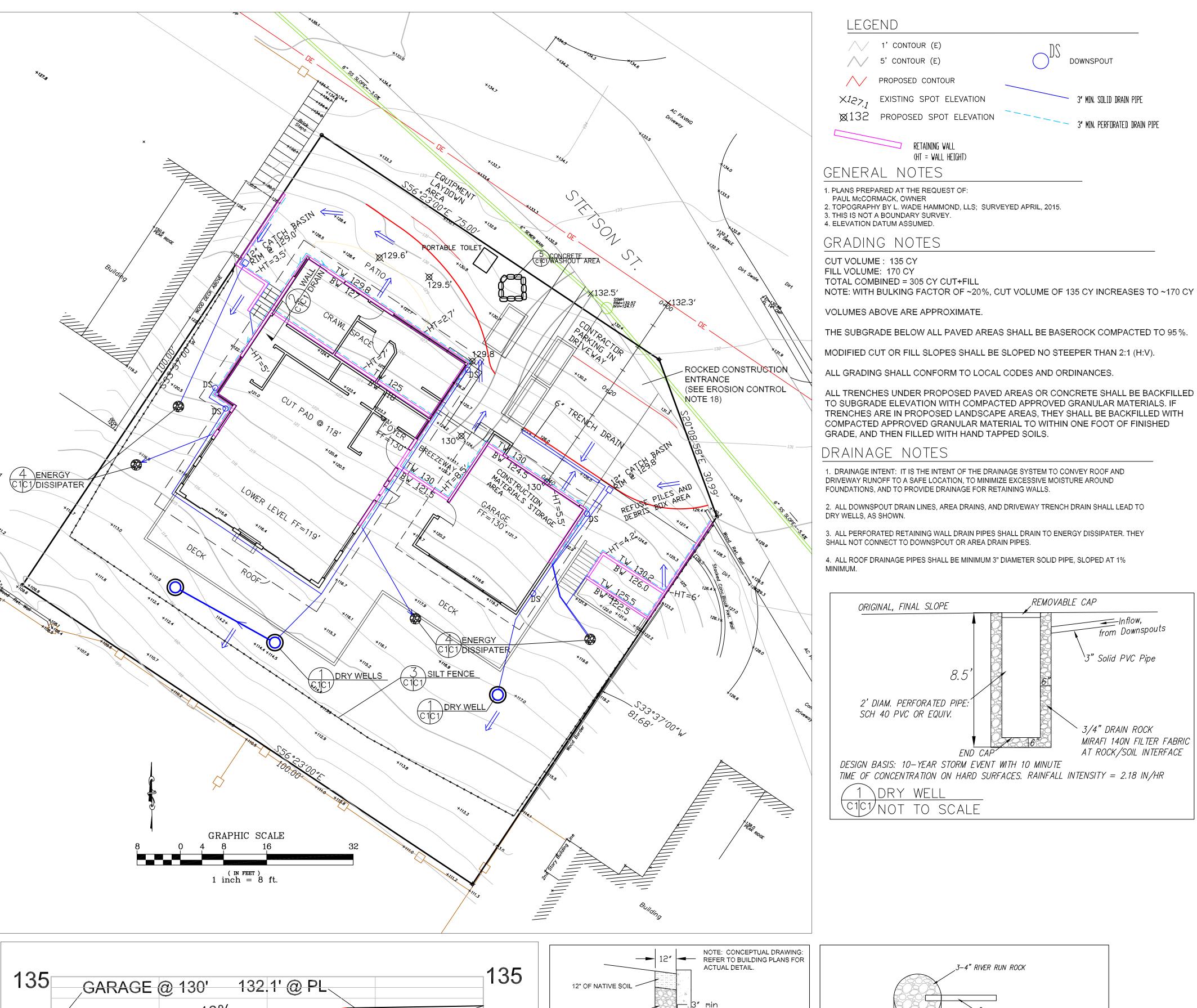
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BUILDING SECTIONS

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132.3' @ C/L

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GRADE (N)

GRADE (E)

120 0+40

DRIVEWAY PROFILE 1"=5"

3/4" CLEAN DRAIN ROCK, WRAPPED IN FILTER FABRIC

3" DIAM. PERF. PIPE

\WALL DRAIN

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3–4" RIVER RUN ROCK PLAN VIEW FINAL SLOPE SECTION VIEW MIRAFI 140N FILTER FABRIC AT ROCK/SOIL INTERFACE 4 ENERGY DISSIPATER CICINOT TO SCALE

LEGEND

1' CONTOUR (E)

5' CONTOUR (E)

ORIGINAL, FINAL SLOPE

2' DIAM. PERFORATED PIPE:

SCH 40 PVC OR EQUIV.

DRY WELL

RETAINING WALL (HT = WALL HEIGHT)



THIS PERSON WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EROSION CONTROL AT THE SITE AND WILL BE THE COUNTY'S MAIN POINT OF CONTACT IF CORRECTIONS ARE REQUIRED.

NAME: PAUL McCORMACK

TITLE/QUALIFICATION: OWNER

PHONE: 650-676-0585

3" MIN. SOLID DRAIN PIPE

- 3' MIN. PERFORATED DRAIN PIPE

REMOVABLE CAP

____Inflow,

" Solid PVC Pipe

3/4" DRAIN ROCK

MIRAFI 140N FILTER FABRIC AT ROCK/SOIL INTERFACE

from Downspouts

E-MAIL: pjmcc1234@gmail.com

- THE TREE PROTECTION SHALL BE IN PLACE BEFORE ANY GRADING, EXCAVATING, OR GRUBBING IS STARTED.

DUST CONTROL NOTES

- 1. Water all construction and grading areas at least twice daily.
- 2. Cover all trucks hauling soil, sand, and other loose materials or require all trucks to maintain at least 2 feet of freeboard.
- 3. Pave, apply water two times daily, or apply (non-toxic) soil stabilizers on all unpaved access roads, parking and staging

areas at construction sites. Also, hydroseed or apply non-toxic

- soil stabilizers to inactive construction areas. 4. Sweep street daily (with water sweepers) if visible soil material
- is carried onto adjacent public streets. 5. Enclose, cover, water twice daily or apply non-toxic soil
- binders to exposed stockpiles (dirt, sand, etc.) 6. Install erosion control measures to prevent silt runoff to public
- roadways.

EROSION CONTROL NOTES

SILT FENCE: TO CONSIST OF 2' HIGH FILTER FABRIC ATTACHED ON UPHILL SIDE OF WOOD FENCE STAKES DRIVEN INTO GROUND.

1. PERFORM CLEARING AND EARTH-MOVING ACTIVITIES ONLY DURING DRY WEATHER. MEASURES TO ENSURE ADEQUATE EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL SHALL BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO EARTH-MOVING ACTIVITIES AND CONSTRUCTION. REQUIRED YEAR-ROUND. STABILIZE ALL DENUDED AREAS AND MAINTAIN EROSION CONTROL MEASURES CONTINUOUSLY BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND APRIL 30. 3. STORE, HANDLE, AND DISPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND WASTES PROPERLY, SO AS TO PREVENT THEIR CONTACT WITH STORMWATER.

4. CONTROL AND PREVENT THE DISCHARGE OF ALL POLLUTANTS, INCLUDING PAVEMENT CUTTING WASTES, PAINTS, CONCRETE, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, CHEMICALS, WASH WATER OR SEDIMENTS, AND NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGES TO STORM DRAINS AND

5. USE SEDIMENT CONTROLS OR FILTRATION TO REMOVE SEDIMENT WHEN DEWATERING SITE AND OBTAIN REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (RWQCB) PERMITS AS NECESSARY.

6. AVOID CLEANING, FUELING, OR MAINTAINING VEHICLES ON-SITE, EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED AREAS WHARE WASH WATER IS CONTAINED AND TREATED. 7. LIMIT AND TIME APPLICATIONS OF PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS TO PREVENT 8. LIMIT CONSTRUCTION ACCESS ROUTES TO STABILIZED, DESIGNATED ACCESS POINTS.
9. AVOID TRACKING DIRT OR OTHER MATERIALS OFF-SITE; CLEAN OFF-SITE PAVED

AREAS AND SIDEWALKS USING DRY SWEEPING METHODS.

10. TRAIN AND PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO ALL EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS REGARDING THE WATERSHED PROTECTION MAINTENANCE STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. 11. PLACEMENT OF EROSION MATERIALS AT THESE LOCATIONS ARE REQUIRED ON WEEKENDS AND DURING RAIN EVENTS: SEE PLAN. 12. THE AREAS DELINEATED ON THE PLANS FOR PARKING, GRUBBING, STORAGE, ETC.

SHALL NOT BE ENLARGED OR "RUN OVER". 13. CONSTRUCTION SITES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ON-SITE DURING THE "OFF-SEASON". 14. DUST CONTROL IS REQUIRED YEAR-ROUND. 15. USE OF PLASTIC SHEETING BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND APRIL 30 IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

UNLESS FOR USE ON STOCKPILES WHERE THE STOCKPILE IS ALSO PROTECTED WITH FIBER ROLLS CONTAINING THE BASE OF THE STOCKPILE. 16. TREE PROTECTION SHALL BE IN PLACE BEFORE ANY GRADING, EXCAVATING OR GRUBBING IS STARTED. 17. ALL EXPOSED SURFACES SHALL BE PERMANENTLY PROTECTED FROM EROSION WITH SEEDING AND/OR LANDSCAPING. SEED MIX SHALL BE 75 LB PER ACRE ANNUAL

RYGRASS OR APPROVED SUBSTITUTE. SEED SHALL BE COVERED WITH STRAW MULCH AT A RATE OF 2 TONS/ACRE. 18. ROCKED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE SHALL BE 25 FEET LONG BY 20 FEET WIDE AND CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING:

A. THE MATERIAL FOR THE PAD SHALL BE 2 TO 3 INCH STONE.

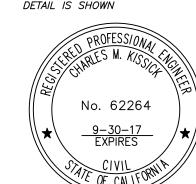
B. PAD SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN 8" THICK.

C. THE ENTRANCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A CONDITION THAT WILL PREVENT TRACKING OR FLOWING OF SEDIMENT ONTO PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY. THIS MAY REQUIRE PERIODIC TOP DRESSING WITH ADDITIONAL STONE AS CONDITIONS DEMAND, AND REPAIR AND/OR CLEANOUT OF ANY MEASURES USED TO TRAP SEDIMENT. ALL SEDIMENT SPILLED, DROPPED, WASHED, OR TRACKED ONTO PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

SHALL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY. D. WHEN NECESSARY, WHEELS SHALL BE CLEANED TO REMOVE SEDIMENT PRIOR TO ENTRANCE ONTO PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY. WHEN WASHING IS REQUIRED, IT SHALL BE DONE ON AN AREA THAT DRAINS TO THE CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA.

SECTION AND DETAIL CONVENTION

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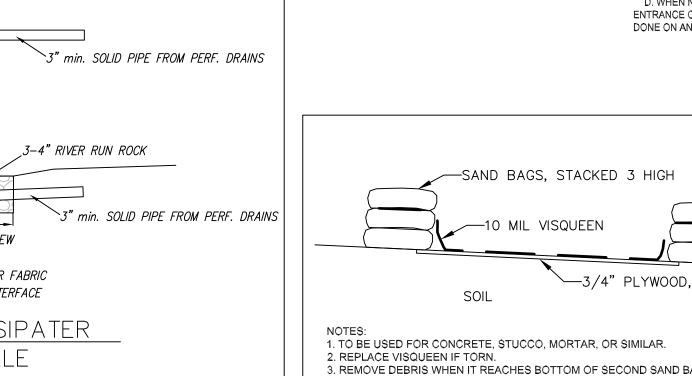


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cCORMACK PROPERTY STETSON STREET SS BEACH, CALIFORNIA APN: 037-144-030

SHEET



WOOD FENCE 36" HIGH MAX. — —3/4" PLYWOOD, 4X8 SHEET 1. TO BE USED FOR CONCRETE, STUCCO, MORTAR, OR SIMILAR.
2. REPLACE VISQUEEN IF TORN.
3. REMOVE DEBRIS WHEN IT REACHES BOTTOM OF SECOND SAND BAG.

5 CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA

CICI NOT TO SCALE

1. INSPECT AND REPAIR FENCE AFTER EACH STORM AND REMOVE SEDIMENT AS NECESSARY. 2. REMOVED SEDIMENT SHALL BE STORED IN STOCKPILE AREA.

NOT TO SCALE

_2' FILTER FABRIC, ATTACHED TO

UPSTREAM SIDE OF POST

— RUNOFF

PERMEABLE QUARRY

» PAVING STONES

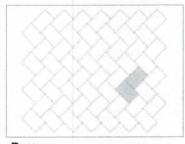
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versailles)

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Details:

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Narrow Joint Permeable Quarry Stone 6x9	-	6x9 (80MM)	2.75	240	87

Permeable Brochure

"Fine #9" Joint Rock

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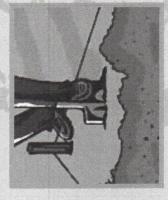
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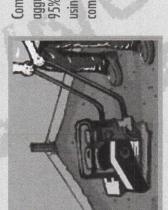


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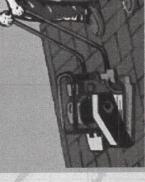
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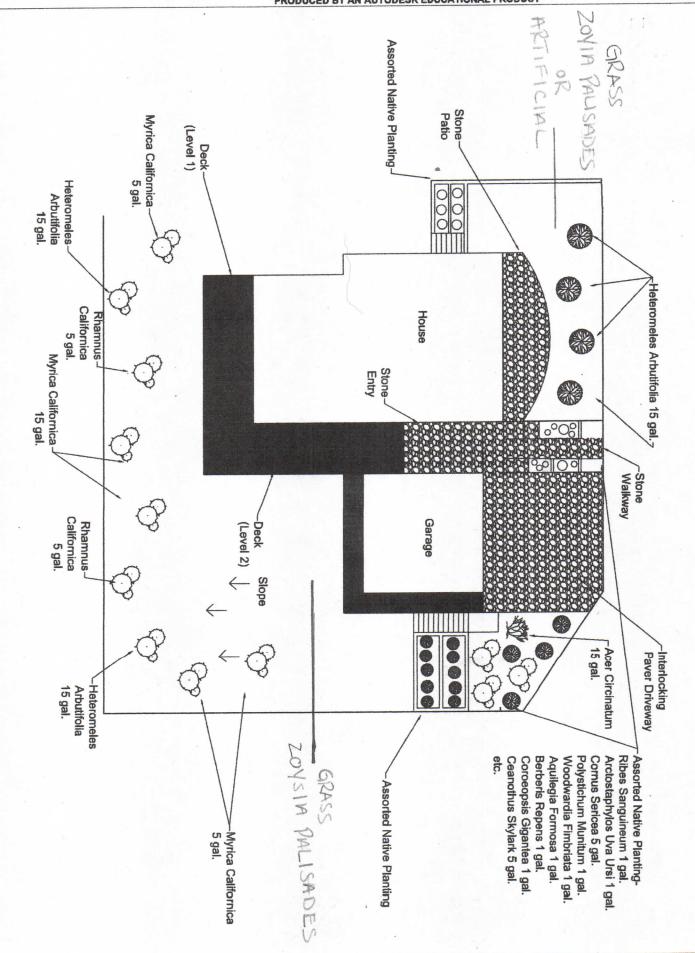












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How Do Drip Irrigation and Drought Tolerant Landscaping Stand Up to Sprinklers?

Compared to a traditional sprinkler system, how much water does drip irrigation save for the average homeowner?

Yards and systems vary greatly, so specific dollar amounts are impractical to calculate. But what is known is the percentage of water that the system will save the average user. Compared to sprinkler systems, drip irrigation saves an average of 50% (depending on your yard's features, anywhere from 30-70%) of the water a homeowner will use on their yard. Much of this is through less frequent watering, since drip systems use water so much more efficiently, with none of it being wasted through wind, evaporation, and run-off. Drip irrigation provides water to specific places at a rate slow enough that it gets effectively absorbed into the ground.

A draw back for drip irrigation is that it doesn't work for large areas of lawn or ground cover, which many people want to keep. But for gardens, landscaping with shrubs and larger plants, flower beds, and container pots, it's an excellent alternative to sprinklers. Imagine being able to cut your yard water consumption in half, and what that will save you on your water bill, and drip starts to look mighty attractive.

Compared to a traditional sprinkler system, how much water doesxeriscaping save for the average homeowner?

Similar to drip irrigation, drought-tolerant landscaping can cut back on landscape water use by 50-75% With estimates that 50% of residential water use goes towards lawns and landscapes, having a landscape that requires as little water as possible makes a big dent in consumption. One potential water savings scenario to consider, as pointed out in the Handbook of Water Use and Conservation is to consider 1 inch of water applied over a 1,000 square foot long equates to 624 gallons of water, and if allied three times a week, that adds up to 97,344 gallons just to keep some grass green. Vikes!

cover areas, but then again, lawns don't work for water efficiency anyway.

Drip irrigation products include soaker hoses, dripper likes, and user-installed emitters. Soaker hoses are hoses that aren't water tight, and let water seep through its walls to dampen the ground it's laid on. They aren't that great of an idea, because they can't be easily customized for watering particular plants with particular amounts of water. Dripper lines have holes placed at uniform intervals. They're better than soaker hoses but still not ideal for really efficient watering. The best system for drip irrigation in a home's yard, is user-installed emitters. They take more time to install, but you can customize them to provide water exactly where you want it, in amounts that best suit each plant you're watering. They're also really easy to change up as you alter your landscaping.

Drip irrigation systems are very easy to hide, inexpensive to install, relatively easy to maintain, easy to customize and can save a lot of money and water in the long run.

What is xeriscaping?

CC&Rs; changed.

Drought tolerant landscaping, or xeriscaping, consists of using plants that don't need much, or any, watering once established. The beauty of going with xeriscaping in drought-prone places is you can usually be even greener by selecting native species, which are adapted to the area's climate already. You can get a two-for-one in many areas by growing an herb garden with plants that are drought tolerant, like rosemary, lavender, sage, thyme and other varieties. Some gorgeous plants do well when starved of water, such as roses. After the first year or so when the plants are established, you won't need to water them at all, unless there is a severe drought or heat wave. Landscaping for drought tolerance can be done anywhere, not just in dry climates, and the popularity is growing as people realize the money it can save. Even lawns can be made more drought tolerant when the correct variety of grass is used. But most drought tolerant landscaping consists of native plants or plants known to need little water with decomposed granite (DG), rocks, or mulch as ground cover. Homeowner associations can be a downer, though. For instance, Nearly 25 percent of California's homeowners live in developments that are governed by CC&Rs.; And, in many cases, residents of these developments can be fined by their association if they

replace their existing landscaping with California-friendly plants. Not cool. In these cases, drip might be better, or taking an active role in your association and getting the



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