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Prior to: 4:00 p.m.

# CITY OF CHICO ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2020 Municipal Center – 421 Main Street – Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Georgie Bellin, Chair Lindsay Poulin, Vice Chair Dale Bennett Rod Jennings Thomas Thomson

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- a. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts of Interest
- b. Staff Presentation of Agenda Report
- c. Staff Response to Questions from Board Members
- d. Public Hearing Opened
  - 1. Applicant and/or Representatives
  - 2. Other Interested Persons
  - 3. Staff Response/Clarification of any New Issues or Evidence
  - 4. Applicant and/or Representatives Rebuttal
- e. Public Hearing Closed
- f. Board Deliberation/Action

Persons wishing to address the Board are requested to clearly state their names for the record before beginning to speak and to refrain from speaking at any time other than during the public hearing.

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- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- 2.0 EX PARTE COMMUNICATION
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA
  - 3.1 <u>Approval of Minutes</u> June 17, 2020
- 4.0 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

4.1 <u>Architectural Review 19-15 (Sloop Medical Building) – Northwest Corner of Jan Court and Forest Avenue -- APN 002-210-066 et al:</u> A proposal to construct a medical office building of approximately 5,931 square feet and associated site improvements. The site is designated Office Mixed Use on the General Plan Land Use Diagram and zoned OC (Office Commercial). The site consists of approximately 2.09 acres over seven parcels. The project is categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (Infill Development Projects). Questions regarding this project may be directed to Associate Planner Dexter O'Connell at (530) 879-6810, or dexter.oconnell@chicoca.gov.

## 5.0 **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### 6.0 BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

The Chair will invite persons in the audience wishing to address the Board to identify themselves and any matter not appearing on the current posted agenda that they may wish to discuss. Although the Board may discuss items brought forward at this time, no action can be taken. Should the Board determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

# 7.0 REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

These items are provided for the Board's information. Although the Board may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Board determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

# 8.0

Adjourn to August 19, 2020



Meeting Date 8/5/2020

DATE: June 29, 2020

File: AR 19-15

TO: Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board

FROM: Dexter O'Connell, Associate Planner

530-879-6810, dexter.oconnell@chicoca.gov

RE: AR 19-15 (Sloop Medical Building)

Jan Court at Forest Avenue -- APN 002-210-066 et al.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board adopt the required findings contained in the agenda report and approve the project, subject to the recommended conditions.

# **Proposed Motion**

I move that the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board adopt the required findings contained in the agenda report and approve Architectural Review 19-15 (Sloop Medical Building), subject to the recommended conditions.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The applicant proposes construction of a medical office building of approximately 5,931 square feet on a 2.09 acre site consisting of seven parcels at the northwest corner of Jan Court and Forest Avenue (see **Attachment A**, Location Map). Proposed along with the building are parking areas for an entire future office complex and various other site improvements. Access would be provided from both Jan Court on the principal parcel and Forest Avenue on a secondary driveway to the west. The site is designated Office Mixed Use on the City's General Plan Land Use Diagram and zoned OC (Office Commercial).

The proposed building would be set back from the intersection with landscaped areas in front and its parking area behind (see **Attachment B**, Site Plan). Additional new parking areas would extend through the site to the west. Twenty-three parking spaces are required for the new use, and 20 are provided wholly on the instant parcel, with five more partially present. 61 more would serve future buildings in the complex. With approximately 20,000 square feet of additional office space remaining, ultimate build out of the complex will likely be slightly overparked. Four bike parking spaces are provided in uncovered racks.

The proposed building would have a modern appearance (see **Attachment C**, Rendering) with some rustic-looking highlights. The primary entrance would be on the north side of the building, distinguished by a grand entrance portico. All elevations would share a blue-and-buff color scheme (see **Attachment D**, Color Board), with tasteful faux-structural elements visible at gable ends. The building is simple, traditional, and professional.

The conceptual landscape plan proposes a variety of trees including deodar cedar and toyon, but no tree would predominate near the structure (see **Attachment E**, Landscape Plan). Shrubs and groundcover would meet the City's requirements, and eight new street

trees would be planted as well. Condition #5 has been added to require landscaping of the entire parking lot concurrent with its construction, so that parking lot shade and other landscaping requirements are met. A new trash enclosure would be located northeast of the building. The enclosure would be CMU block covered with a metal shed roof. Condenser units would be ground mounted on the side of the building facing Forest Avenue, screened by a wall appropriate for the commercial context.

#### DISCUSSION

The proposal would result in the initial development of a future office complex in an area comprised of similar office complexes. The proposal is consistent with several General Plan policies, importantly those that encourage compatible infill development and development with a focus on health for a broad spectrum of residents (LU-4.2, LU-4.4, CD-5, and PPFS-7). There are no specific plans for the graded site, which sits at a slightly higher elevation than its surroundings.

The project is broadly consistent with the City's adopted Design Guidelines (DGs). The building design is characterized by an aesthetically pleasing variety of elements. The design is straightforward, but accents appear meaningful and intentional, and have the effect of lightening the load of the viewer. The building design offers continuity throughout all four elevations in both colors and materials, consistent with DGs 1.2.22 and 3.2.33. The project incorporates appropriate massing, fenestration, and materials (DG 2.2.11), and avoids a monotonous roof design (DG 2.2.25).

The design is challenged by several DGs that encourage a pedestrian orientation and discourage providing excessive automobile parking (DGs 1.1.13, 1.1.14, 1.1.15 and 2.1.27). It is likely that consistency will eventually be achieved as structures are developed on other parcels in this development, but that is not certain, and the risk is meaningful. In the interim, Condition #4 is recommended to meet requirements for temporary landscaping on unused portions of the site.

The design encourages visitors to walk through the parking area to enter the building, which is not surprising due to the lack of on-street parking but nonetheless limits consistency with DGs 2.1.21 and 2.1.22. Bicycle parking is located close to the main entrance (DG 2.1.32), though it would not be covered and protected from the elements as encouraged by DG 2.1.31. The scale and character of the project would not overwhelm the neighborhood (DG 1.2.13), and its massing, scale, and form respond to the context of surrounding structures (DG 3.2.12).

To achieve better consistency with Design Guidelines, Condition #6 has been added to require a structural cover over the bicycle parking area, and Condition #5 would require landscaping of the entire parking lot, not just the portion nearest the new structure. Because of consistency with the surrounding auto-oriented neighborhood context, it is somewhat justified for the site design to be auto-oriented. With conditions to improve DG consistency, staff supports approval of the project.

As conditioned, the proposed plan meets all applicable setback, parking, and landscaping requirements, and will also facilitate orderly development and circulation in the area. No tree removal is proposed, as the site is not treed.

#### REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

#### **Environmental Review**

The project has been determined to be categorically exempt under Section 1.40.220 of the Chico Municipal Code, and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15332 (Infill Development Projects). This exemption applies to infill projects which are consistent with the general plan and zoning; are on sites less than five acres in size within the City limits; are substantially surrounded by urban uses; have no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species; would not create any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

# **Architectural Review**

According to Chico Municipal Code Section 19.18.060, the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board shall determine whether or not a project adequately meets adopted City standards and design guidelines, based upon the following findings:

- 1. The proposed development is consistent with the General Plan, any applicable specific plan, and any applicable neighborhood or area plans.
  - The proposal is consistent with several General Plan policies, particularly those that encourage compatible infill development (LU-4.2, LU-4.4, and CD-5) and health services in a broad spectrum of the community (PPFS-7.2). There is no applicable specific plan.
- 2. The proposed development, including the character, scale, and quality of design are consistent with the purpose/intent of this chapter and any adopted design guidelines.
  - The project, as conditioned, is consistent with the City's adopted Design Guidelines. The design is straightforward but worthwhile with meaningful and intentional-seeming accents that give it an inherent appeal. The scale of the proposed building is consistent with the surrounding area, which features primarily single-story structures.
- 3. The architectural design of structures, including all elevations, materials and colors are visually compatible with surrounding development. Design elements, including screening of equipment, exterior lighting, signs, and awnings, have been incorporated into the project to further ensure its compatibility with the character and uses of adjacent development.

The proposed structure's orientation away from the street is compatible with surrounding development, as noted in the discussion above. Significant space is left for potential future development, and this structure's design is coordinated to welcome that, while also being attractive in an interim or permanent state of those portions of the property being

vacant.

Appropriate lighting is proposed, and exterior equipment will be properly screened from view by a stucco or other type of wall that is appropriate for the commercial setting.

4. The location and configuration of structures are compatible with their sites and with surrounding sites and structures, and do not unnecessarily block views from other structures or dominate their surroundings.

The location and configuration of the building and grounds are compatible with the surrounding development, which is primarily auto-oriented. The proposed structure does not represent a change to the principal development pattern of the area. While views of open area will be blocked or altered by this structure, the blocking is an inevitable result of developing the parcel, no design could avoid it completely. This parcel is also on higher ground than its surroundings, so even a modest design like this will have some inherently dominating characteristics.

5. The general landscape design, including the color, location, size, texture, type, and coverage of plant materials, and provisions for irrigation and maintenance, and protection of landscape elements, have been considered to ensure visual relief, to complement structures, and to provide an attractive environment.

The proposed landscaping will provide visual relief around the new parking area, and the substantial variety of new trees will be an important contributor to the proposed development. The variety of trees selected will provide an attractive environment with water use patterns that meet the city's requirements. Requiring the landscaping of the entire parking lot now will help to ensure that the property is visually appealing even if other parcels are not developed immediately.

#### RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- 1. All approved building plans and permits shall note on the cover sheet that the project shall comply with AR 19-15 (Sloop Medical Building). The approval documents for this project are date stamped August 5, 2020.
- 2. All wall-mounted utilities and roof or wall penetrations, including vent stacks, utility boxes, exhaust vents, gas meters and similar equipment, shall be screened by appropriate materials and colors. Adequate screening shall be verified by Planning staff in the field prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- 3. Proposed project signage shall be permitted through a separate sign permit in compliance with CMC 19.74 (Signs).
- 4. All pad sites for future buildings and unused portions of the site shall be temporarily landscaped with hydroseeding or other surface-stabilizing treatment.
- 5. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy the applicant shall install landscaping for the subject parcel (APN 002-210-066), and throughout all parts of the parking area

constructed concurrently as shown on the landscape plan. These landscape improvements shall be shown on the building plans and shall comply with City of Chico Municipal Code standards, including the provision of irrigation. Such landscaping shall include all tree cover required for the parking area's shade.

- 6. Applicant shall provide a structural cover over the bicycle parking area or relocate the bicycle parking to a covered location within 20 feet of the front building entrance.
- 7. Boulevard trees along Jan Court and Forest Avenue shall be planted in a manner to be approved by the City of Chico Urban Forester.
- 8. All proposed fencing shall have a cap and top rail and shall be constructed of pressure-treated lumber.
- 9. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Chico, its boards and commissions, officers and employees against and from any and all liabilities, demands, claims, actions or proceedings and costs and expenses incidental thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorney's fees), which any or all of them may suffer, incur, be responsible for or pay out as a result of or in connection with any challenge to or claim regarding the legality, validity, processing or adequacy associated with: (i) this requested entitlement; (ii) the proceedings undertaken in connection with the adoption or approval of this entitlement; (iii) any subsequent approvals or permits relating to this entitlement; (iv) the processing of occupancy permits and (v) any amendments to the approvals for this entitlement. The City of Chico shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding which may be filed and shall cooperate fully in the defense, as provided for in Government code section 66474.9.

#### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

A notice was published in the Chico Enterprise Record 10 days prior to the meeting date, notices were mailed out to all property owners and tenants within 500 feet of the project site, and a notice was placed on the project site. The meeting agenda was posted at least 10 days prior to the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board meeting.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

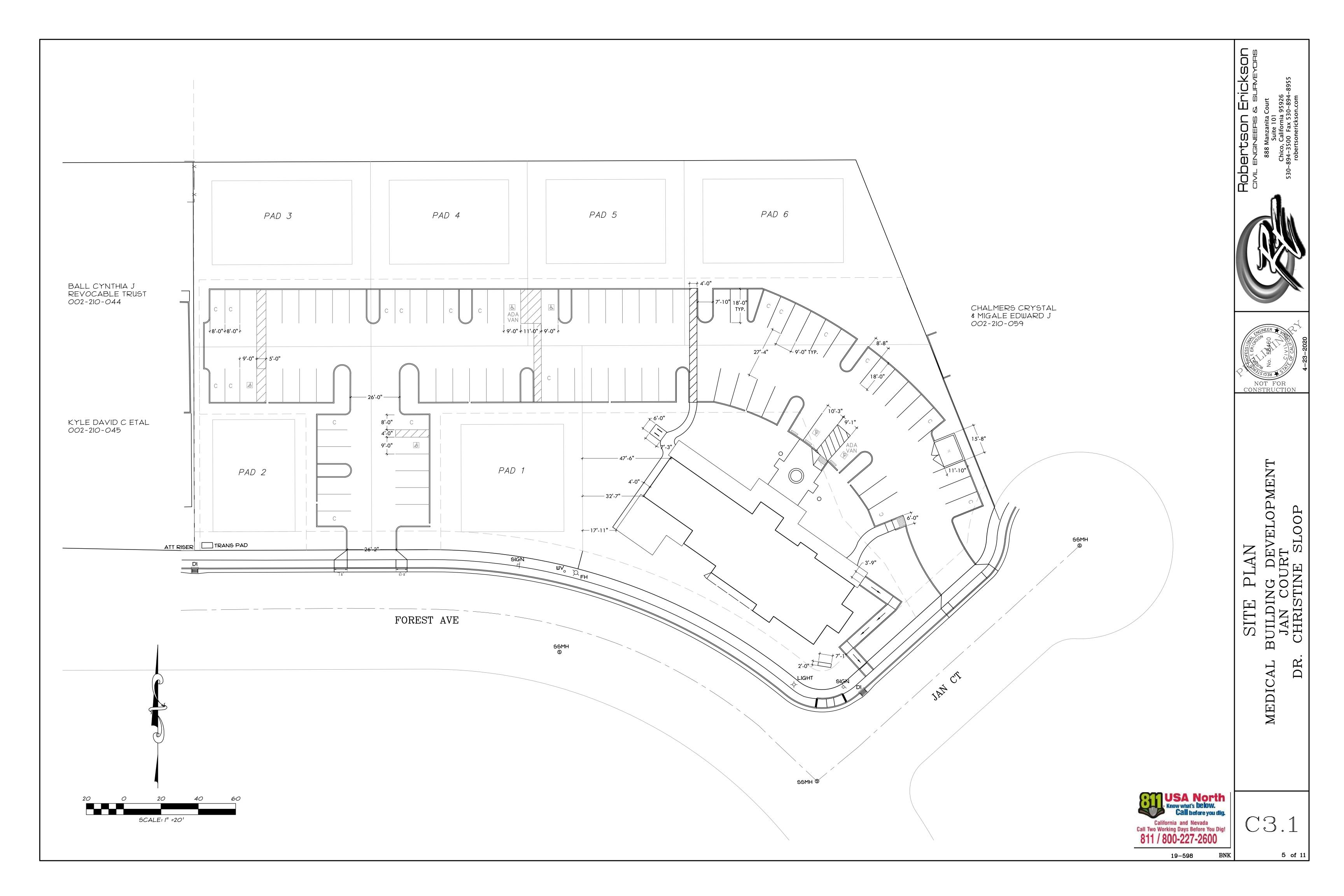
- A. Location Map
- B. Site Plan
- C. Rendering
- D. Elevations
- E. Landscape Plan

#### DISTRIBUTION

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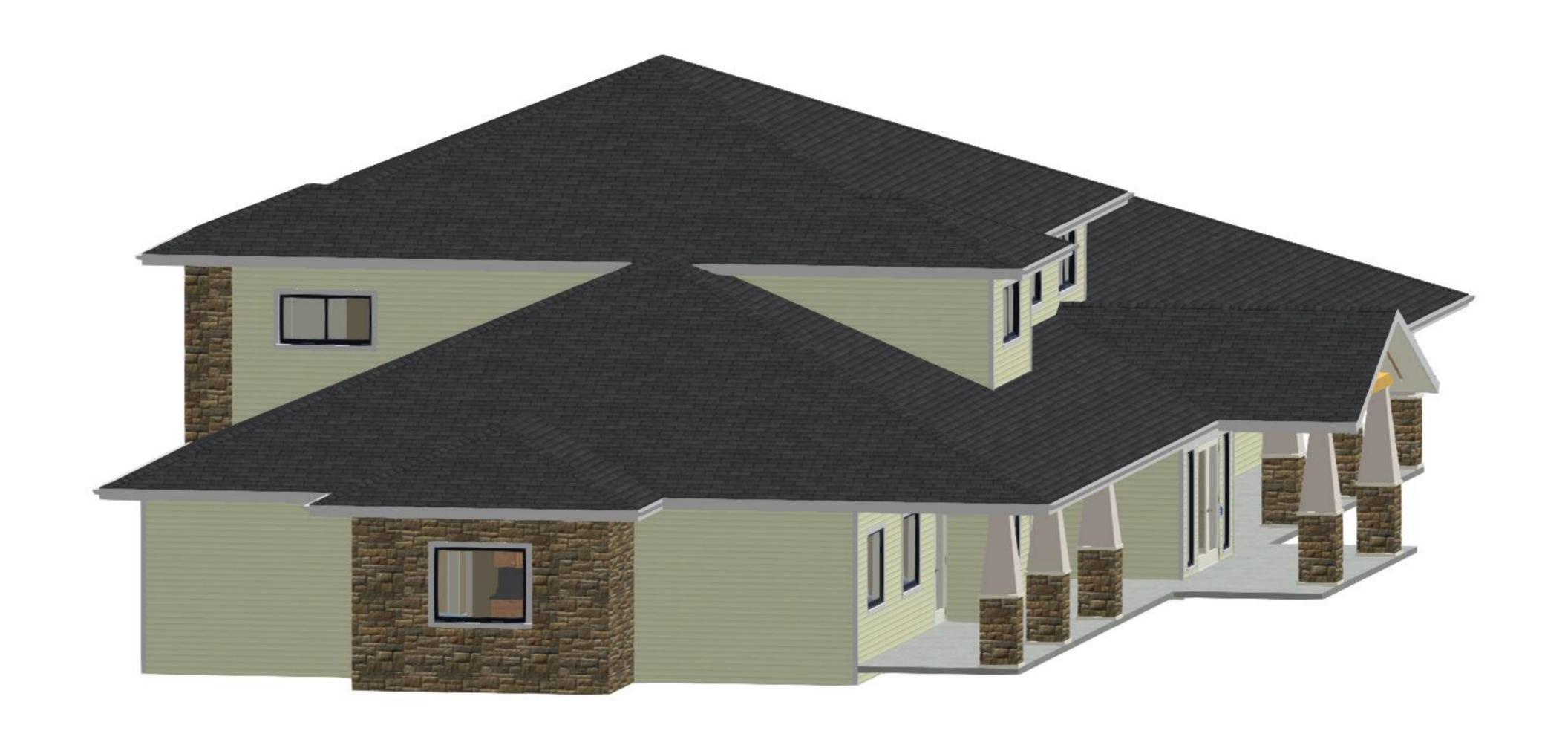
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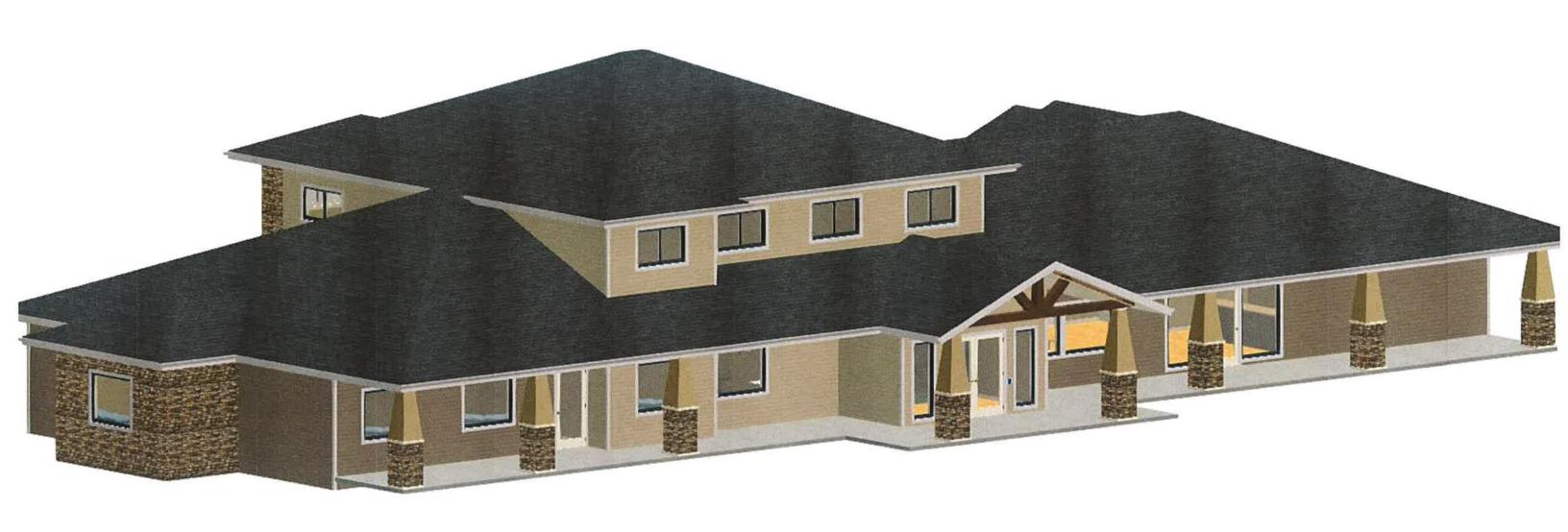


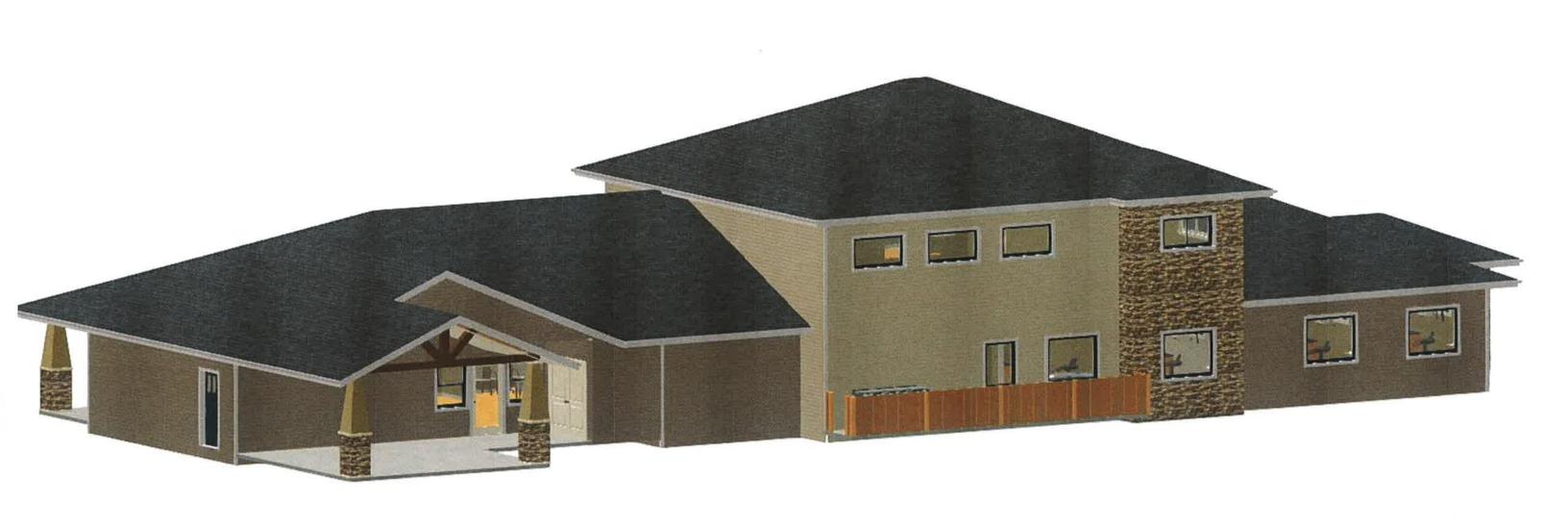






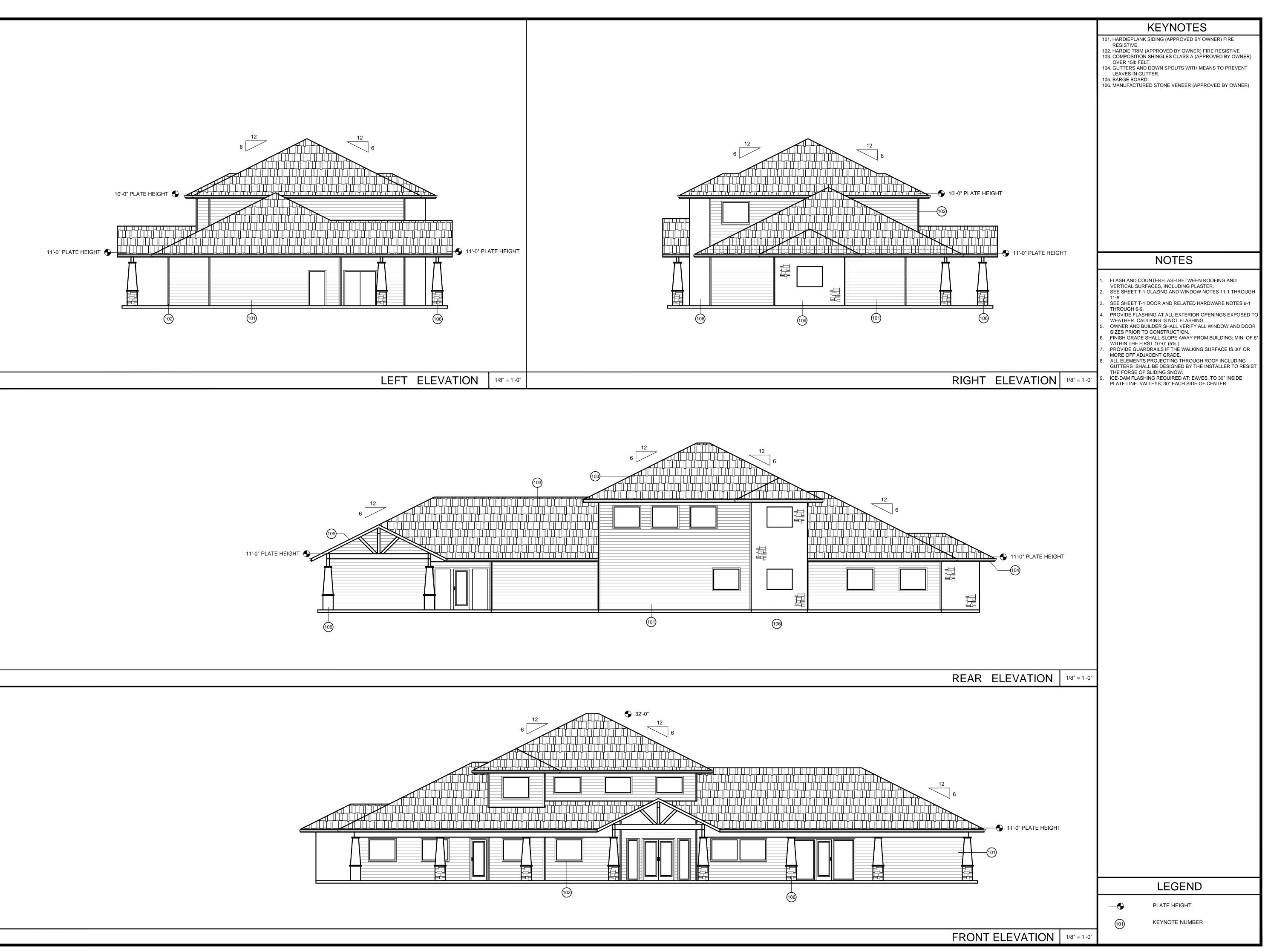


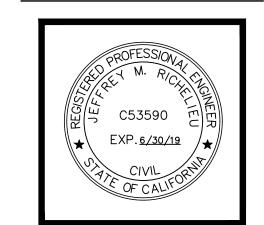












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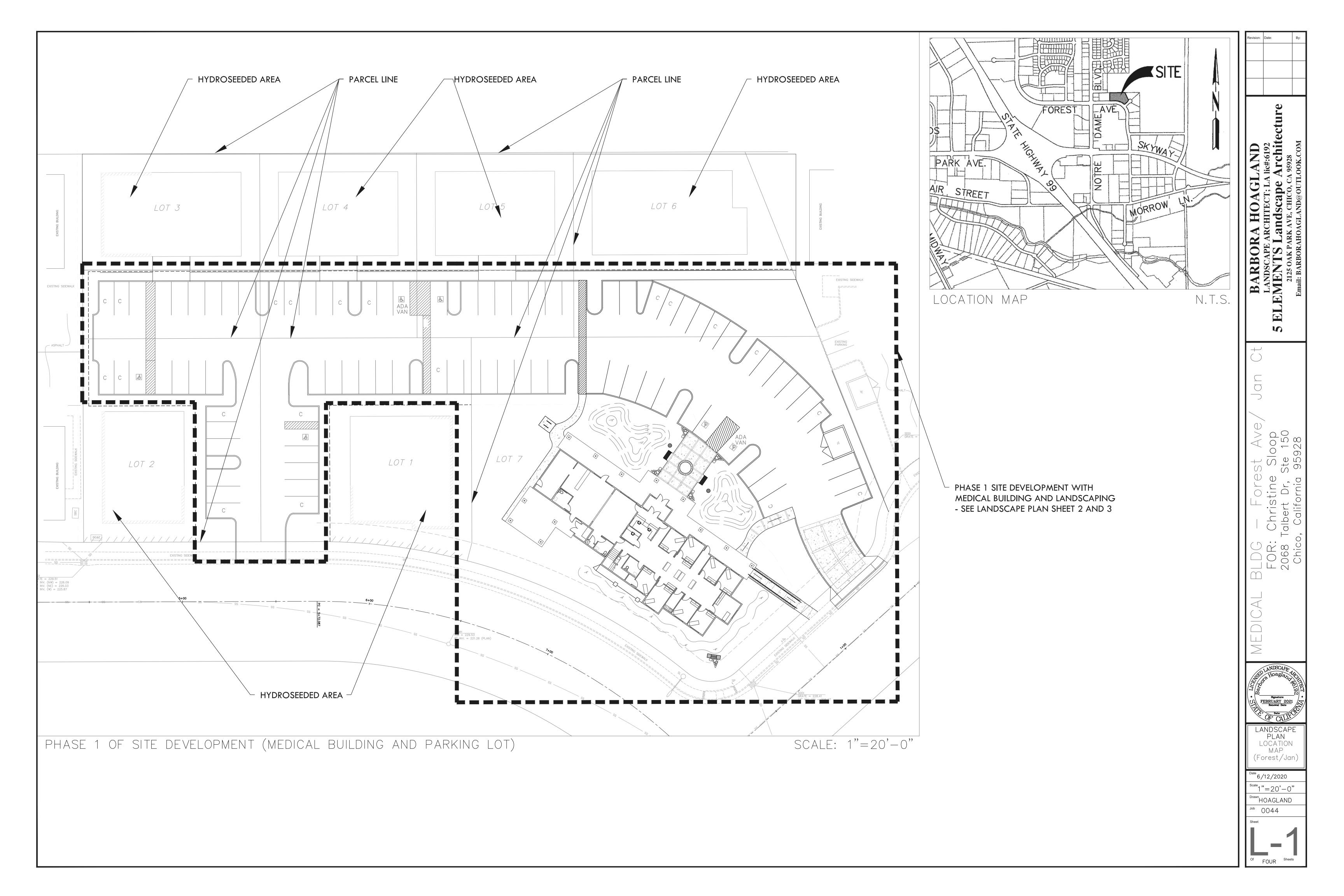
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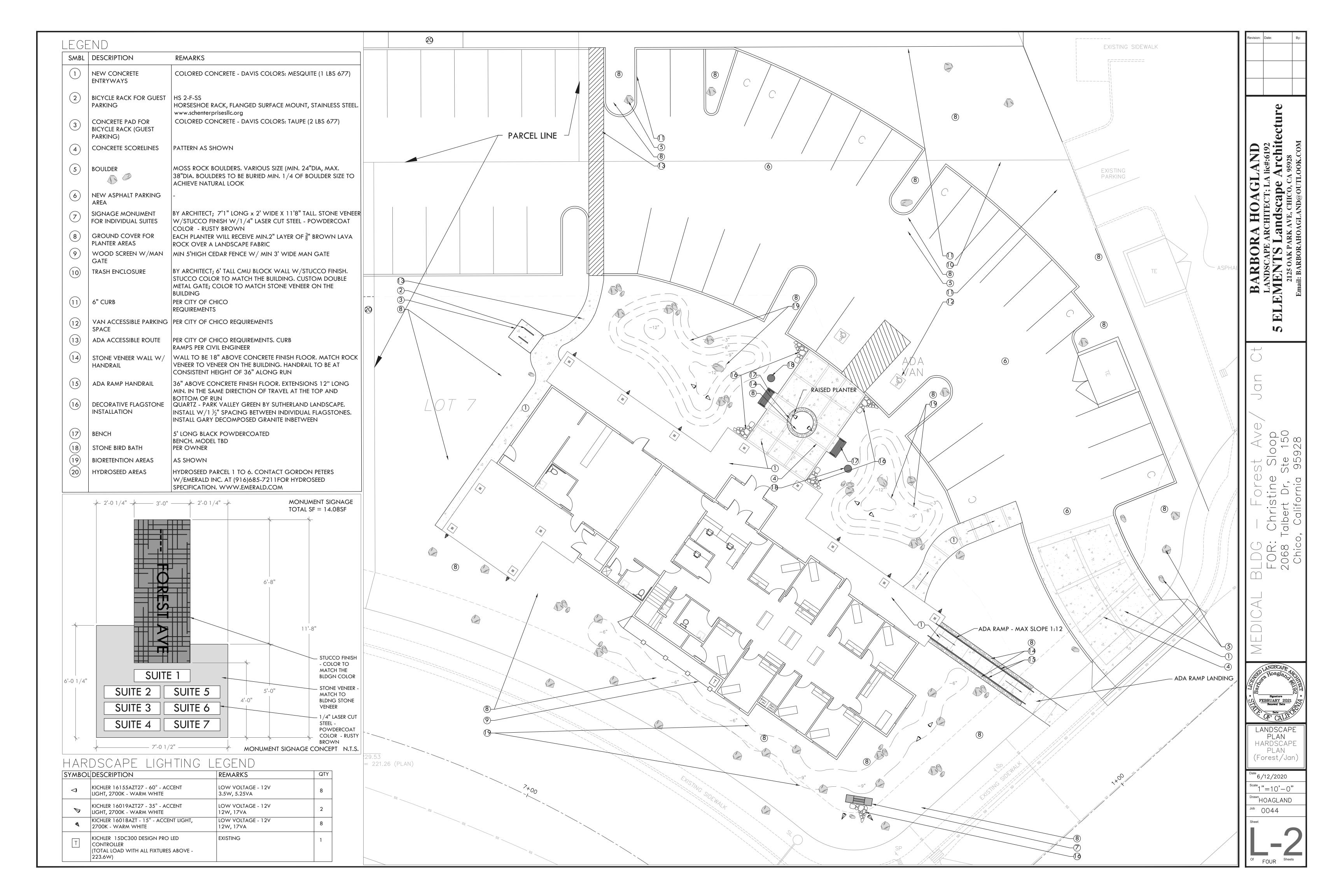
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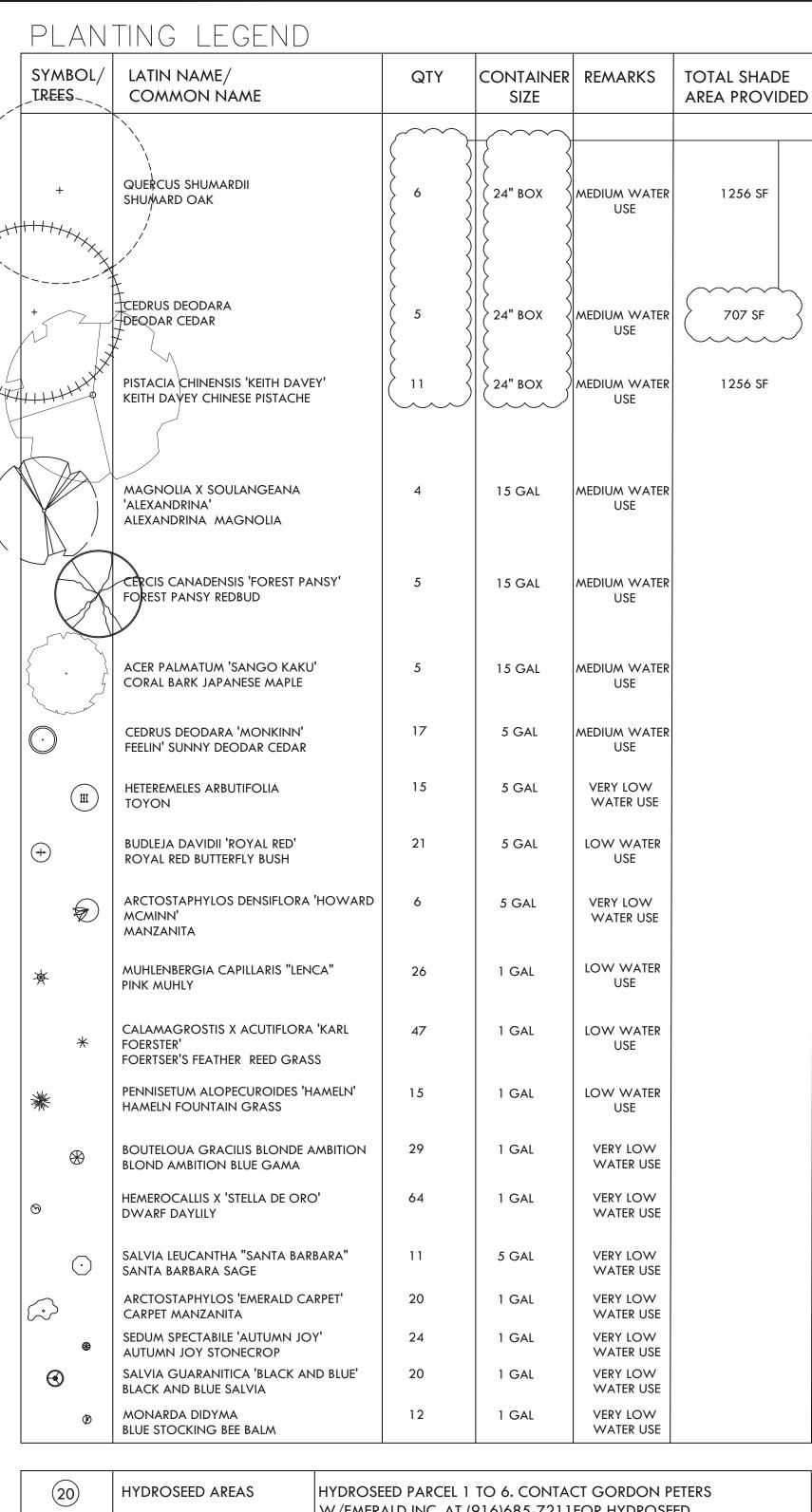
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PLANTING NOTES:

1. PROJECT AREA IS WITHIN ALMENDRA LOAM SOIL TYPE ZONE.

2. EACH PLANTING HOLE TO BE AMENDED BY COMPOST AS FOLLOWS:

- 1GAL PLANT - 0.5GAL OF COMPOST - 5GAL PLANT - 2.5GAL OF COMPOST

- 15GAL PLANT - 7.5GAL OF COMPOST

**IRRIGATION NOTES:** 

1. ALL PLANT MATERIAL IS COMPLIANT WITH AB 1881

2. IRRIGATION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO 3 HYDROZONES. ONE (1) HYDROZONE FOR ALL NEW TREES AND MEDIUM WATER USE PLANTS AND ONE HYDROZONE FOR ALL NEW PLANT MATERIAL OTHER THAN

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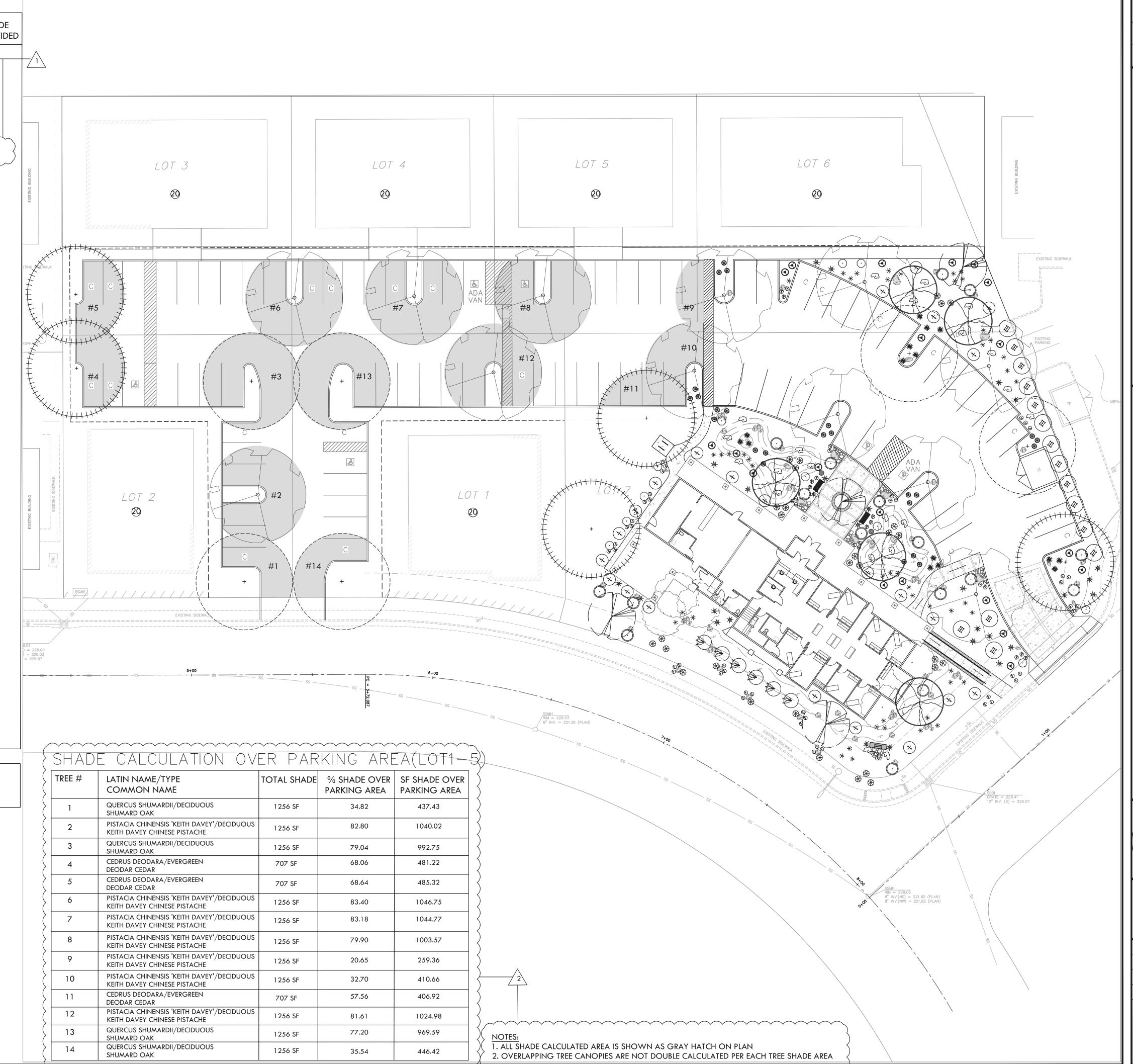
VALVE WITH A FILTER AND A PRESSURE REGULATOR.

PAVEMENT SHADING IN PARKING AREAS

1. NEW PARKING LOT COVERAGE: 27906.37 SF

2. TREE SHADING COVERAGE OVER NEW PARKING LOT: 15810.89 SF

3. TOTAL TREE SHADING PERCENTAGE OVER NEW PARKING LOT: 56.67%



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