

Meeting Date 10/07/20

DATE: September 28, 2020

File: AR 20-17

TO: Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board

FROM: Kelly Murphy, Project Planner, (879-6535, kelly.murphy@chicoca.gov)

Community Development Department

RE: AR 20-17 (Restaurant with Drive Through) – 2805 Esplanade, APN 006-350-029

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board adopt the required findings contained in the agenda report and approve the proposed 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 20-17 (Restaurant with Drive Through), subject to the recommended conditions.

BACKGROUND

The applicant proposes to construct a new drive-through quick service restaurant on a 0.91 acre site located on the east side of Cohasset Road across from the North Valley Plaza, just south of the intersection at Cohasset Road and East Avenue (see **Attachment A**, Aerial Location Map). The site is zoned CR-AOD (Regional Commercial with Airport Overflight Zone D overlay) and is designated Regional Commercial on the City's General Plan Land Use Diagram. Pursuant to Chico Municipal Code (CMC) Section 19.44.020, a use permit application is required to authorize drive-through sales in the CR zoning district. The use permit associated with this project (UP 20-04) is scheduled for hearing at the upcoming Zoning Administrator meeting on October 13, 2020.

Existing Conditions

The site is currently developed with a 6,800 square foot multi-tenant retail building which contains a restaurant (Peter Chu's Mandarin Cuisine) and video rental store (All the Best Video) that would be demolished, an asphalt parking area and minimal landscaping. The site has access to Cohasset Road via two existing driveway access points. Surrounding uses include a mix of commercial uses, including automotive services to the north, retail stores to the south, Spiteri's Catering directly east, and Panda Express on the west side of Cohasset Road.

Project Details

The project proposes to construct a new 3,100 square foot quick service restaurant with a single drive through lane (see **Attachment B**, Site Plan). In addition, a 300 square foot patio would offer an outdoor seating and dining area. Pedestrian and vehicle access would be taken primarily from Cohasset Road. The southerly driveway access to Cohasset Road would be removed as part of required site improvements. The parking area would be well

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landscaped and provide a total of 38 off-street vehicle parking spaces. Bicycle racks would be located at the front of the restaurant along the street frontage and bike lockers would be provided at the southeast corner of the restaurant building interior to the site. The proposed hours of operation are from 10:00AM to 11:00PM, daily.

Architectural Design

The proposed restaurant building would have an area of 3,100 square foot and a finished height of approximately 25 feet. The architecture is a contemporary style, with parapet walls and tower elements (see Elevations, **Attachment C**). The design would incorporate layered forms and a variety of materials, including painted cement plaster accented with a warmtoned simulated wood veneer siding (see Colors and Materials, **Attachment D**). Steel trellis elements would be located above the storefront window systems to accent the facades and reinforce a pedestrian scale. The design proposes a neutral color scheme with accent colors and materials. The building massing would establish a visual hierarchy at the entry and incorporate a balance of layered forms on each elevation. To add visual interest, parapet lines would vary in height and change planes.

Project lighting would include one wall-mounted fixture and one parking lot pole light with a height of 24 feet. All site lighting would be shielded and directed downward. Locations and heights for the wall lights are shown on the color elevations, and the parking lot light location is shown on the site plan. A new CMU block commercial trash enclosure would be located interior to the site and would be painted to match the building color, with metal panel gates and a painted steel canopy cover (see **Attachment E**, Site Details).

The site currently has minimal landscaping which would be removed and replaced with an enhanced landscaping design. Parking lot shading is calculated to meet 54 percent and would be provided by several Chinese pistache and elm trees (see **Attachment F**, Landscaping Plan). Two other tree types, the fruitless olive and palo verde, would be planted around the perimeter of the parking area and along the drive through lane, while a variety of shrubs having very low to low water needs would be used at the front of the site along the street frontage.

DISCUSSION

The project site is located in an area characterized by intense commercial retail and service uses. Cohasset Road is a well trafficked arterial road well equipped to accommodate drive through businesses and vehicle-oriented uses. The intersection of Cohasset Road and East Avenue is a prominent commercial hub serving the residential neighborhoods in the northeast area of town. As such, the project's location would be compatible with surrounding land uses and enhance the commercial services available at this junction, consistent with General Plan goals and policies to promote compatible infill development (LU-2.4, 4.2, 4.4) and provide missing neighborhood elements to enhance existing neighborhoods (LU 3.1, 3.3). The use is also consistent with the City's desire for intensification and revitalization of commercial uses along the Esplanade corridor. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the project.

The project is consistent with Design Guidelines (DGs) that call for commercial buildings to use appropriate massing, fenestration, and materials to provide a pedestrian-level scale (DG 2.2.11). The architectural design incorporates elements which provide varied building depths

and roof lines and clearly identifies the building entrance (DG 2.2.22, 2.2.23, 2.2.24, 2.2.25, 2.2.26, 2.2.31). The project would locate a majority of parking behind the new building, engaging the street frontage and shielding views of the parking area and vehicles in the drive through queue (DGs 1.1.14, 1.1.15, 2.1.26, 2.1.27). Design Guideline consistency is further achieved through the provision of pedestrian and bicycle amenities, a shaded outdoor patio area, and the planting of parking lot shade trees (DGs 2.1.24, 2.1.28, 2.1.32). Neutral base colors enhanced by warm accent colors and materials such as wood veneer would be incorporated into the design and applied throughout all elevations of the proposed building, as called-for DGs 2.2.32 and 2.2.33.

The proposed project complies with all the development standards for the CR zoning district set forth in CMC Section 19.44.030 including setbacks, site coverage and height limits. The number of parking spaces required for cafe and restaurant uses is calculated at one space per every five seats or one space for each 94 square feet of customer floor area, whichever is greater (CMC Section 19.70.040). The project has a building area of 3,100 square feet with a 300 square foot patio area, requiring a minimum of 36 vehicle parking spaces. A total of 38 off-street parking spaces would be provided, which meets the parking standard. Pursuant to CMC Section 19.68.040, parcels in the CR zoning district have a minimum landscaping requirement of 5-percent the area of the site. The project proposes to landscape approximately 30-percent of the site, more than satisfying these requirements and providing an abundance of landscaped area that will vastly improve the site from its current condition.

Pursuant to CMC Section 19.76.070, all new drive through aisless shall provide sufficient stacking area for at least six vehicles, unless an interior traffic study modeling vehicular queuing is provided. The drive-through lane would provide stacking for approximately 15 vehicles in advance of the service windows and maneuvering areas consistent with the City's requirements. It is not anticipated that the proposed drive-through facility would generate vehicle queuing numbers that would result in the disruption of on-site circulation.

Subject to the above, and standard conditions, staff recommends approval of the project.

REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

Environmental Review

The project has been determined to be categorically exempt under CMC Section 1.40.220 and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15332 (Infill Development Projects). Consistent with this exemption, the project site is less than five acres, surrounded by urban uses and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. The proposal is consistent with the General Plan policies and regulations for the CR zoning district.

Architectural Review

According to the 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 proposed drive-through sales use is consistent with the Commercial Mixed-Use designation for the site, which accommodates a wide variety of retail uses, including those which are auto-oriented (such as drive-through uses). The project site is located in an area characterized by intense commercial retail and service uses. The intersection of Cohasset Road and East Avenue is a prominent commercial hub serving the residential neighborhoods in the northeast area of town. As such, the project's location would be compatible with surrounding land uses and enhance the commercial services available at this junction, consistent with General Plan goals and policies to promote compatible infill development (LU-2.4, 4.2, 4.4) and provide missing neighborhood elements to enhance existing neighborhoods (LU 3.1, 3.3). No specific, area, or neighborhood plans apply to the project.

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 proposed use consists of new restaurant with a drive-through service lane. The proposed project is not only compatible with other surrounding commercial uses but would also provide a neighborhood-serving retail element benefitting the residential areas in the vicinity. The project is consistent with numerous Design Guidelines including those that call for commercial buildings to use appropriate massing, fenestration, and materials to provide a pedestrian-level scale (DG 2.2.11); provide varied building depths and roof lines and clearly identify the building entrance (DG 2.2.22, 2.2.23, 2.2.24, 2.2.25, 2.2.26, 2.2.31); shield views of the parking area and vehicles in the drive through queue (DGs 1.1.14, 1.1.15, 2.1.26, 2.1.27); and, provide pedestrian and bicycle amenities, a shaded outdoor patio area, and the planting of parking lot shade trees (DGs 2.1.24, 2.1.28, 2.1.32).

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 restaurant building would have an area of 3,100 square foot and a finished height of approximately 25 feet. The architecture is a contemporary style, with parapet walls and tower elements. Neutral base colors enhanced by warm accent colors and materials such as wood veneer would be incorporated into the design and applied throughout all elevations of the proposed building (DGs 2.2.32, 2.2.33). Overall, the design, materials and colors of the proposed new building are visually compatible with the surrounding commercial development. Exterior equipment will be properly screened from view by roof parapets, landscaping or by locating equipment inside the building.

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.

As previously stated, the project site is located in an area characterized by intense commercial retail and service uses. Cohasset Road is a well trafficked arterial road well equipped to accommodate drive through businesses and vehicle-oriented uses. The

project's location would be compatible with surrounding land uses and enhance the commercial services available at this junction. The use is also consistent with the City's desire for intensification and revitalization of commercial uses on busy corridors. The building will not unnecessarily block views or dominate its surroundings.

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 project proposes an abundance of landscaping that will provide visual relief around the new building and parking area, vastly improving the site from its current condition. Pursuant to CMC Section 19.68.040, parcels in the CR zoning district have a minimum landscaping requirement of 5-percent the area of the site. The project proposes to landscape approximately 30-percent of the site, more than satisfying these requirements. All landscaping is proposed to have very low to low water demands, compliant with AB 1881 water efficiency requirements. Several trees would be planted in the parking area and along the drive through lane, satisfying the parking lot shading requirements and enhancing the overall design.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- 1. All approved building plans and permits shall note on the cover sheet that the project shall comply with AR 20-17 (Restaurant with Drive Through). No building permits related to this approval shall be finaled without authorization of Planning staff.
- The permittee shall comply with all other State and local Code provisions, including those of the Building Division, Public Works Department, Fire Department, and Butte County Environmental Health. The permittee is responsible for contacting these offices to verify the need for permits.
- 3. All approved building plans and permits shall note that 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. All parapet caps and other metal flashing shall be painted, consistent with the approved building colors. Adequate screening shall be verified by Planning staff prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- 4. All project signage shall be reviewed and approved separately by Planning staff through an administrative sign permit.
- 5. Should additional parking lot lighting be necessary, the applicant may install bollard lighting along the perimeter of the site and adjacent to the drive through lane.
- 6. Tree species and variety shall be in accordance with the proposed landscaping plan. The applicant shall verify the substitution of any trees with the Urban Forest Manager.
- 7. 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

Public notice requirements are fulfilled by placing a notice on the project site and by posting of the agenda at least 10 days prior to the ARHPB meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Location Map
- B. Site Plan
- C. Building Elevations
- D. Colors and Materials Sheet
- E. Site Details
- F. Landscaping Plan

DISTRIBUTION:

Internal (2)

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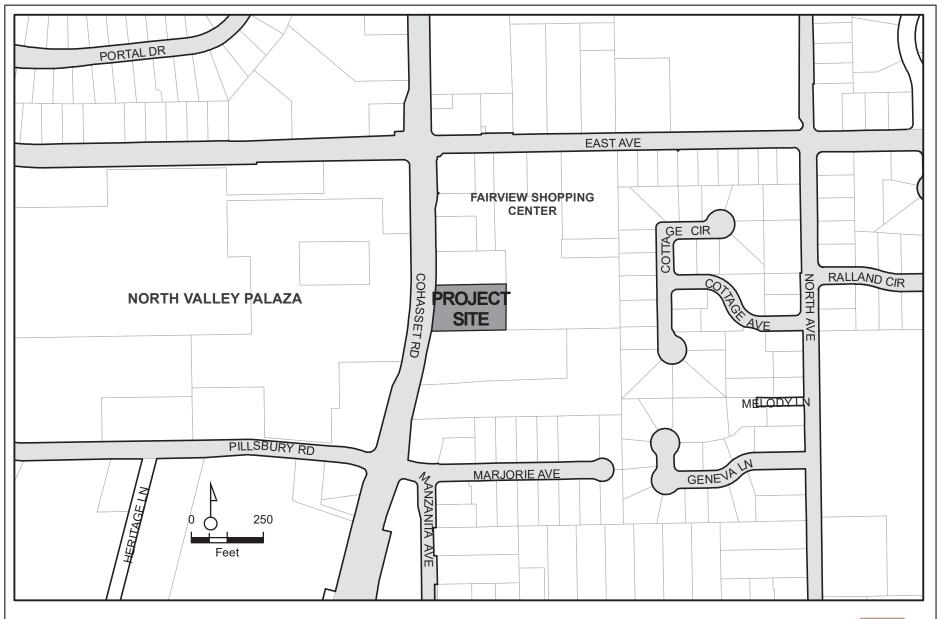
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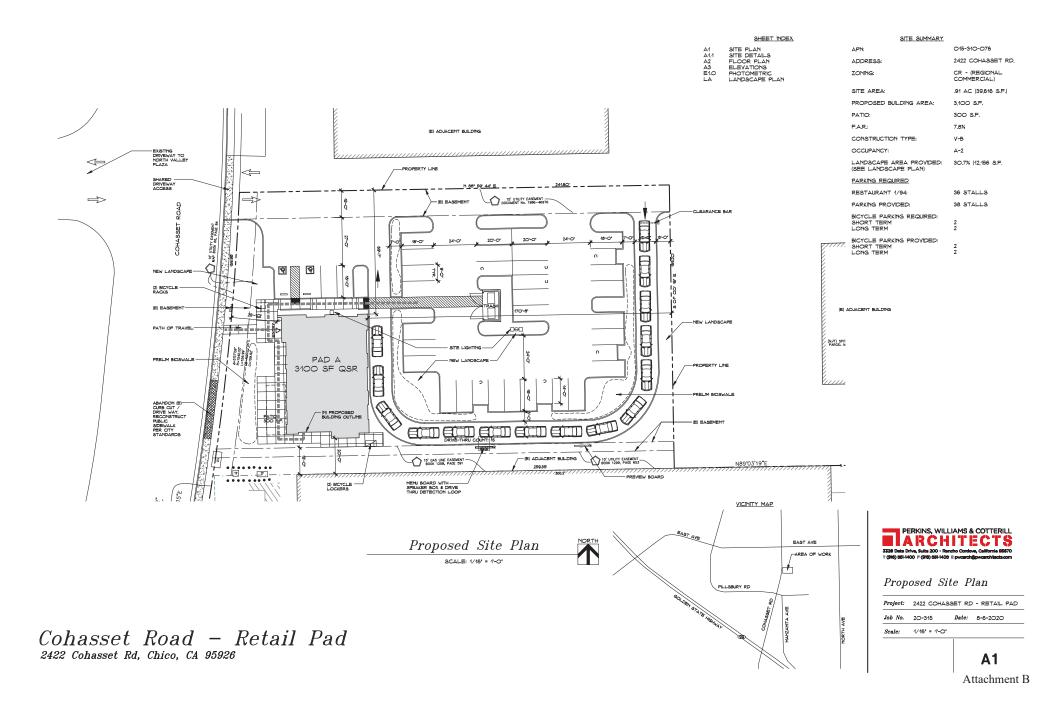
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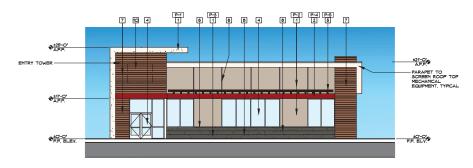




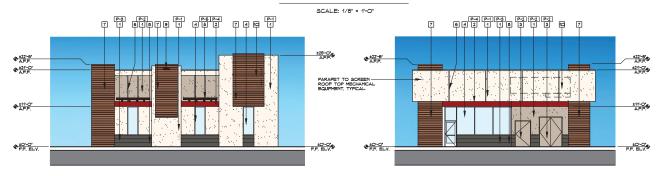








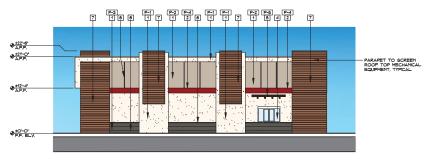
West Elevation



North Elevation SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

South Elevation

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



East Elevation

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

Cohasset Road - Retail Pad 2422 Cohasset Rd, Chico, CA 95926

KEYNOTES

- PANTED CEMENT PLASTER SYSTEM
- 2 ARCHITECTURAL FOAM TRIM
- 3 HOLLOW METAL MAN DOOR PAINTED
- CLEAR ANODIZED ALUMNUM STOREFRONT WINDOW SYSTEM W/ CLEAR INSULATED GLAZING SOLAR BAN 70 OR APPROVED EQUAL
- 5 PAINTED STEEL TRELLIS
- 6 2" ALUMNUM REVEAL
- SIMULATED WOOD VENEER RESYSTA COLOR: 2/3 (BURMA), 1/3 (DARK BURMA)
- 8 STANDARD CEMENT PLASTER CONTROL JOINT
- WALL MOUNTED LIGHT FIXTURE MH +20'

PAINT

- P-1 GLIDDEN #AO160 'PELICAN'
- P-2 GLIDDEN #A1763 "CHINCHILLA WHITE"
- P-3 GLIDDEN #A1700 'MIDNITE HOUR'
- P-4 GLIDDEN #AO298 MOCHA TREAT
- P-5 GLIDDEN #AO420 'COCOA MOUSSE'



Elevations

Project: 2422 COHASSET RD - RETAIL PAD

Job No. 20-315 Date: 8-6-2020

AS NOTED Scale:

A3





Waste Container

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Site Furniture

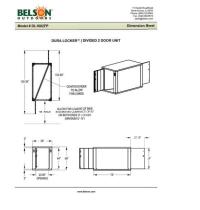
Patio Umbrella

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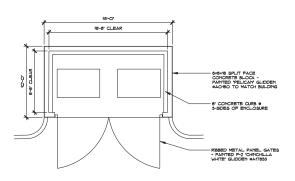
Bike Rack

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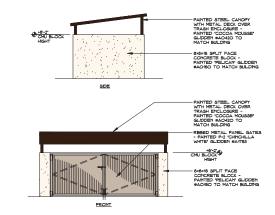
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Trash Enclosure Plan

1/8" = 1'-0"

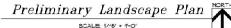


Trash Enclosure Elevations

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PARKING LOT SHADE CALCULATIONS:

	AREA/		QUANTITY					
TREE TYPE			FALL	3/4	1/2	1/4	BUBTCTAL	TCTAL
25' DIA TREES								
OLEA EUROPEA	490	S.F.	0	2	0	8	1715 SF.	
PARKINSONIA X	490	5.F.	0	3	0	0	1103 SF.	
							25' TOTAL:	2813 5
30' DIA TREES								
ULWUS WILSONIANA	706	5.F.	0	2	6	3	3707 SF.	
							3C' TOTAL	3707 5
35' DIA TREES								
PISTACHIA CHINENSIS	952	5.F.	0	3	2	0	3127 SF.	
							35' TOTAL	3127 5
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				SH	4DE	REG	UIRED: BO%	8900 6
				24	ADE	PRO	VIDED: 54%	9651 6

LANDSCAPE AREA CALCULATION:

TOTAL SITE AREA:	39,618 BF.
LANDSCAPE AREA REQUIRED (OR ZONE, 5%)	1,860 SF.
LANDSCAPE AREA FROVIDED (30.7%)	12,56 BF.

PLAN	NT LIST & LEGEND BOTANIC NAME/COMMON NAME	61.ZE
	QUA EUROPEA MAJESTIC BEAUTY/FEUTLISS CUIVE	15 GALLO
	PARKINSONIA X. DESERT MUSEUM/PALD YERDE	15 GALLO
	PISTACIA CHINENSIS/CHINESE PSTACHE	TS GALLO
	UMUS WILSONIANN "FROSPECTOR/PROSPECTOR EUN	15 GALLO
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	CHONDROPETALUM TECTORUM/DWF. CAPE RUSH	5 GAILO
	CALLISTEMON V. WITTLE JOHN/JOWF, BOTTLE BRUSH	5 GAILO
	COTONEASTER D. 'LOWFAST'/PROSTRATE COTONEASTER	1 GALLO
	CAREX DIVULSA/EURASIAN GRAY SEDGE	1 GALLO
	DIETES BICOLOR	1 GALLO
	DIANELLA REVOLUTA 'LITTLE REV/BLACK FLAX LILY	1 GALLO
	HESPERALOE X. BRAKE LIGHTS/HYBRID RED YUCCA	2 GAILO
	JUNIPERUS C. "SAN JOSE/SAN JOSE JUNIPER	1 GALLO
	LOMANDRA LONGIFOLIA BREEZEYDWF, MAT RUSH	1 GALLO
	LANTANA MONTEVIDENSIS/LANTANA	5 GAILO
	NERIUM O. 'DWARF RED'/PETITE RED OLEANDER	5 GAILO
	NANCINA DOMESTICA GULF STREAM/DWF, HEAVENLY BAMBOO	5 GAILO
	ROSA CALIFORNICA/WILD ROSE	5 GAILO
	SALVIA MICROPHYLLA "HOT LIPS/AUTUMN SAGE	5 GAILO
	TEUCRIUM CHAMAEDRYS/DWARF GERMANDER	1 GALLO
	TULBAGHIA VIDLACEA/SOCIETY GARLIC	1 GALLO
	VERBENA PERUVIANA "HOMESTEAD PURPLE"/HYBRID VERBENA	1 GALLO
	NOTE: ALL PROPOSED PLANTS ARE LISTED AS "LOW OF IN THE STATE'S WUGOLS, Y DATABASE.	S 'VERY LOW



Proposed Site Plan 2422 Cohasset Rd, Chico, CA 95926