Meeting Date 06/02/2021

DATE: May 24, 2021 File: AR 21-06

TO: Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board

FROM: Tina Wilson, Associate Planner, 530-879-6807, tina.wilson@chicoca.gov

RE: Architectural Review 21-06 (North Fork Storage); Thorntree Drive, APN 016-200-

122-000

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 21-06 (North Fork Storage), subject to the recommended conditions therein.

BACKGROUND

The applicant proposes to construct approximately 61,000 square feet of new mini storage rental space and an approximately 1,800 square-foot rental office / caretaker's residence on an undeveloped 7.0-acre site located at the southerly side of Thorntree Drive, approximately 700 feet east of Cohasset Road (see **Attachment A**, Location Map). The site is designated Industrial/Office Mixed-Use on the City of Chico General Plan Land Use Diagram and zoned IOMU (Industrial Office Mixed-Use).

The proposed project is comprised of five one-story mini storage buildings and one rental office / caretaker's residence to be constructed in two phases. Phase One would include the rental office / caretaker's residence, Building A, and Building B. Phase Two would include Building C, Building D, and Building E. Buildings A, B, and C would each be 14,000 square feet, while Buildings D and E would each be 9,332 square feet (see **Attachment B**, Project Description and **Attachment C**, Site Plan). The site is currently vacant. Surrounding land uses include the Sycamore Creek Federal Setback Levee to the south and vacant parcels to the east and west.

ANALYSIS

The building to house both the caretaker's residence and rental office would be located at the northwest corner of the site, west of the access driveway from Thorntree Drive. A wrought iron vehicle security gate and fence would separate the access to the residence and office from the five mini-storage buildings. The mini-storage buildings would be located parallel to one another with vehicular and pedestrian access around them. A six-foot tall, galvanized chain link security fence would surround the mini-storage buildings to both the east and west. The southerly third of the project site would primarily be left in open space.

<u>Parking</u>

Pursuant to CMC Section 19.70.040, personal or mini storage projects are required to provide one off-street parking space for an on-site manager/caretaker, plus one off-street parking space for each 375 square feet of office space, with a minimum of three spaces. The proposed office area is 270 square feet. The project would provide four parking spaces accessible to visitors to the project site, and two covered parking spaces within an attached garage on the south side of the caretaker's residence / rental office building, meeting requirements.

Covered bicycle parking is proposed under the covered porch on the south side of the caretaker's residence / rental office building, meeting requirements.

Architectural Design

The project complies with all development standards including lot size, site coverage, setbacks and building height. The proposed one-story buildings would be white with green metal roofing, similar to the Eaton Road Storage project (see **Attachment D**, Photos of Eaton Road Storage Project Site, Exterior Elevations of Mini-Storage Buildings, Floor Plan of Caretaker's Residence, and Exterior Elevations of Caretaker's Residence).

Lighting and Landscaping

The landscape plan proposes a variety of native and drought tolerant trees and plants (see **Attachment E**, Landscape Plan). A total of 34 new trees would be planted onsite, including oak and sycamore trees. The City's Urban Forester recommends replacing the seven crape myrtle trees with different species, as noted in recommended condition of approval No. 6. A selection of shrubs having vibrant colors would be planted near building entrances and along the street frontage, further enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the site. Exterior lighting would include one parking lot light with a finished height of 14 feet, wall-mounted downlights on the buildings, and concealed ground-mounted lighting for the monument sign.

DISCUSSION

General Plan Goals, Policies and Actions

The Industrial Office Mixed Use land use designation accommodates a wide range and combination of light industrial and office development. Light industrial development often stands alone. Live-work uses, such as the proposed caretaker's residence for the project site, may be permitted with special consideration for compatibility with predominant uses, such as the proposed mini-storage buildings.

The proposed project is consistent with General Plan goals and policies that enhance Chico's long-term prosperity (ED-1), provides a needed service in the community especially as people rebuild after the Camp Fire (LU-2), and is very compatible near the airport whereas other land uses are constrained (CIRC-6.1.1).

Consistency with Design Guidelines Manual

The design intent of the Industrial Office Mixed Use project type is to balance functional needs with aesthetics. A pedestrian-friendly environment is achieved by placing the residential / office building near the street frontage on Thorntree Drive (DGs 1.1.13 and 1.1.15). Lighting has

been designed to promote safety and security and minimize light spillage and glare offsite (DG 1.5.14 and 6.2.24). Pre-manufactured colors of the roll-up doors of the storage units offer continuity in both colors and materials (DG 6.2.33).

REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

Environmental Review

The project falls within the scope of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared for the Thorntree Grading and Mini Storage Project (ER 19-01, SCH#: 2019089050) adopted by the City in September 2019, and as addended by the City in June 2020. Pursuant to Section 15162 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, no subsequent environmental review is necessary.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program is included as **Attachment F** of this report and all mitigation measures have been included as conditions of approval. Correspondence received during the public review period are provided under **Attachment G**. The agency comments are routine in nature and do not refute any conclusions of the environmental documentation.

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 for the construction of approximately 61,000 square feet of mini-storage buildings, including a caretaker's residence / rental office building, on a vacant property designated Industrial/Office Mixed-Use on the City of Chico General Plan Land Use Diagram. The proposal is also consistent with General Plan goals and policies that enhance Chico's long-term prosperity (ED-1), provides a needed service in the community especially as people rebuild after the Camp Fire (LU-2), and is very compatible near the airport whereas other land uses are constrained (CIRC-6.1.1).

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 would use materials that are common for this type of development, and are compatible with existing development in the neighborhood (including other mini-storage facilities and metal industrial and commercial buildings), as called for by the purpose of Chapter 19.18 of the Chico Municipal Code. The project is consistent with the Design Guidelines Manual, particularly the following guidelines:

DG 1.1.15 – Place buildings close to streets to reinforce a pedestrian-friendly environment depending on the size and traffic capacity of the adjacent streets. For instance, the quieter the street, the closer the buildings may come to the street and public sidewalk. Conversely, buildings may be placed further away from busier streets.

- DG 1.5.14 Incorporate the minimum [lighting] intensity necessary for safety and security to minimize glare impacts and energy consumption.
- DG 6.1.50 Incorporate design features that foster a sense of security through features that may include: landscaping, parking lot access, and pedestrian circulation improvements that facilitate surveillance from the street and from neighboring structures...
- DG 6.2.13 Incorporate a human scale and form for building masses near primary entrances, street frontages, or where industrial projects transition to non-industrial uses such as residential or smaller scale commercial projects.
- DG 6.2.24 Prioritize downwash techniques, rather than uplighting, to avoid light pollution into night skies.
- DG 6.2.33 Select pre-manufactured colors of loading bays and roll-up doors that are coordinated with the exterior color of the primary 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 mini-storage facility includes complementary pre-finished metal siding and roofing colors, along with a stucco finish compatible with the storage buildings. The AC condenser is screened by a small fence. Exterior lighting consists of full cutoff security and parking lighting of limited intensity, along with small architectural fixtures near pedestrian use areas.

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 proposed structures are placed close to the street frontage, and parking is provided to the side of the residence/office building. All buildings are single-story construction and should not block views from other structures or dominate their 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 landscape design includes a variety of trees and shrubs with moderate to low water use. The design will complement the proposed structures, help to screen certain portions of the site, and provide sufficient visual relief to create an attractive environment.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. The front page of all approved building plans shall note in bold type face that the

project shall comply with Architectural Review 21-06 (North Fork Storage). No building permits related to this approval shall receive final approval without prior authorization of Community Development Department Planning staff.

- All development shall comply with all other State and local Code provisions, including those of the City of Chico Community Development and Public Works Departments. The permittee is responsible for contacting these offices to verify the need for compliance.
- 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 exterior lighting shall be shielded and directed downward to avoid light spillage onto adjacent properties.
- 5. All new electric, telephone, and other wiring conduits for utilities shall be placed underground in compliance with CMC 19.60.120.
- 6. The landscape plan shall be modified to replace the proposed crape myrtle trees with species approved by the City's Urban Forester.
- 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.
- 8. <u>MITIGATION D.2 (Biological Resources)</u>: The project will incorporate the avoidance and minimization measures (AMMs), standard best management practices (BMPs) and other notification requirements identified in applicable permits into project plans and specifications and/or contract documents. Incorporation of these requirements will protect sensitive natural resources and water quality from project impacts and ensure that the project will not jeopardize the continued existence of special-status species.
 - MITIGATION MONITORING D.2: Planning and Engineering staff will require all standard BMPs and AMMs to be incorporated into project plans prior to issuance of any grading permit for the project.
- **9.** MITIGATION Q.1. (Tribal Monitor): The applicant's contractor shall, at no fiscal cost to the applicant or applicant's contractor, provide for the presence of a

Mechoopda Indian Tribal Monitor during all earth moving and ground disturbing activities. The applicant shall provide the contractor's contact information for the purpose of providing direct information to the Tribal Monitor regarding project scheduling and safety protocol, as well as project scope, location of construction areas, and nature of work to be performed. The determination to be present for any, some, or all construction activities shall be at the discretion of the Tribal Monitor.

MITIGATION MONITORING Q.1: Planning staff will verify that the above wording is included on construction plans. Should tribal cultural resources be encountered, the supervising contractor shall be responsible for reporting any such findings to Planning staff, and contacting a professional archaeologist, in consultation with Planning staff, to evaluate the find.

10. MITIGATION Q.2. (Inadvertent Discovery): If during ground disturbing activities, any potentially prehistoric, protohistoric, and/or historic cultural resources are encountered, the supervising contractor shall cease all work within 10 feet of the find (100 feet for human remains) and notify the City. A professional archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for prehistoric and historic archaeology and being familiar with the archaeological record of Butte County, shall be retained to evaluate the significance of the find. City staff shall notify all local tribes on the consultation list maintained by the State of California Native American Heritage Commission, to provide local tribes the opportunity to monitor evaluation of the site. If human remains are uncovered, the project team shall notify the Butte County Coroner pursuant to Section 7050.5 of California's Health and Safety Code. Site work shall not resume until the archaeologist conducts sufficient research, testing and analysis of the archaeological evidence to make a determination that the resource is either not cultural in origin or not potentially significant. If a potentially significant resource is encountered, the archaeologist shall prepare a mitigation plan for review and approval by the City, including recommendations for total data recovery, Tribal monitoring, disposition protocol, or avoidance, if applicable. All measures determined by the City to be appropriate shall be implemented pursuant to the terms of the archaeologist's report. The preceding requirement shall be incorporated into construction contracts and documents to ensure contractor knowledge and responsibility for the proper implementation.

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PUBLIC CONTACT

Public notice requirements are fulfilled by mailing a 10-day public hearing notice to all

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landowners and residents within 500 feet of the site, by placing a notice on the project site and by posting of the agenda at least 10 days prior to the ARHPB meeting. As of the date of this report, one written comment has been received in response to the public notice and it was forwarded to the ARHPB.

DISTRIBUTION

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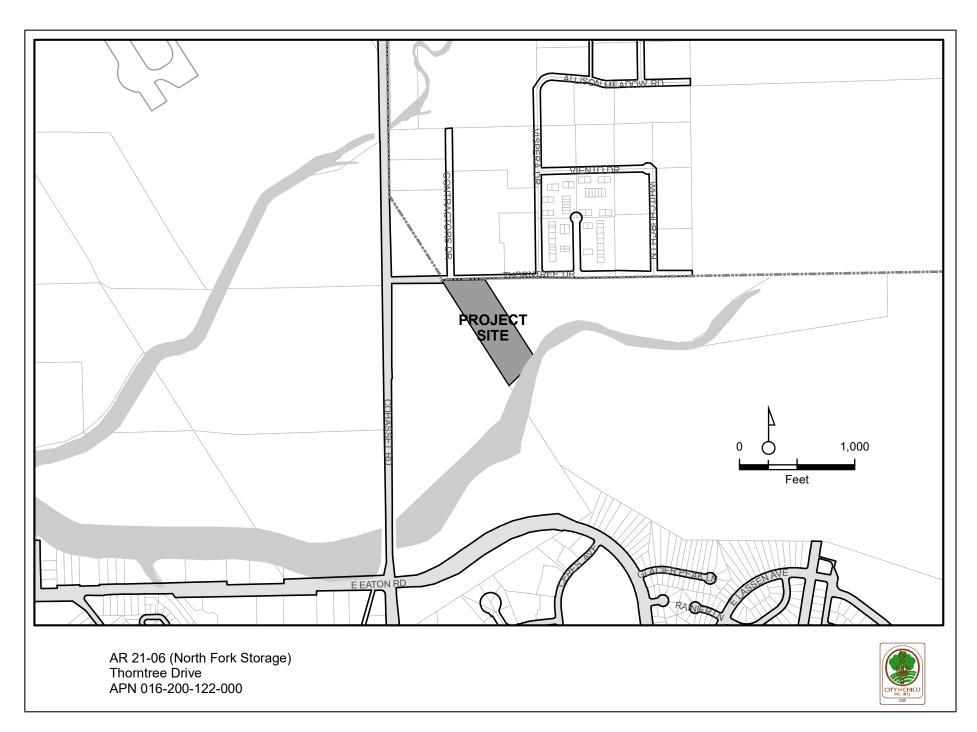
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ATTACHMENTS

- A. Location Map
- B. Project Description
- C. Site Plan
- D. Photographs of Eaton Road Storage Project Site, Exterior Elevations of Mini-Storage Buildings, Floor Plan of Caretaker's Residence, and Exterior Elevations of Caretaker's Residence
- E. Landscape Plan
- F. Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program
- G. Correspondence



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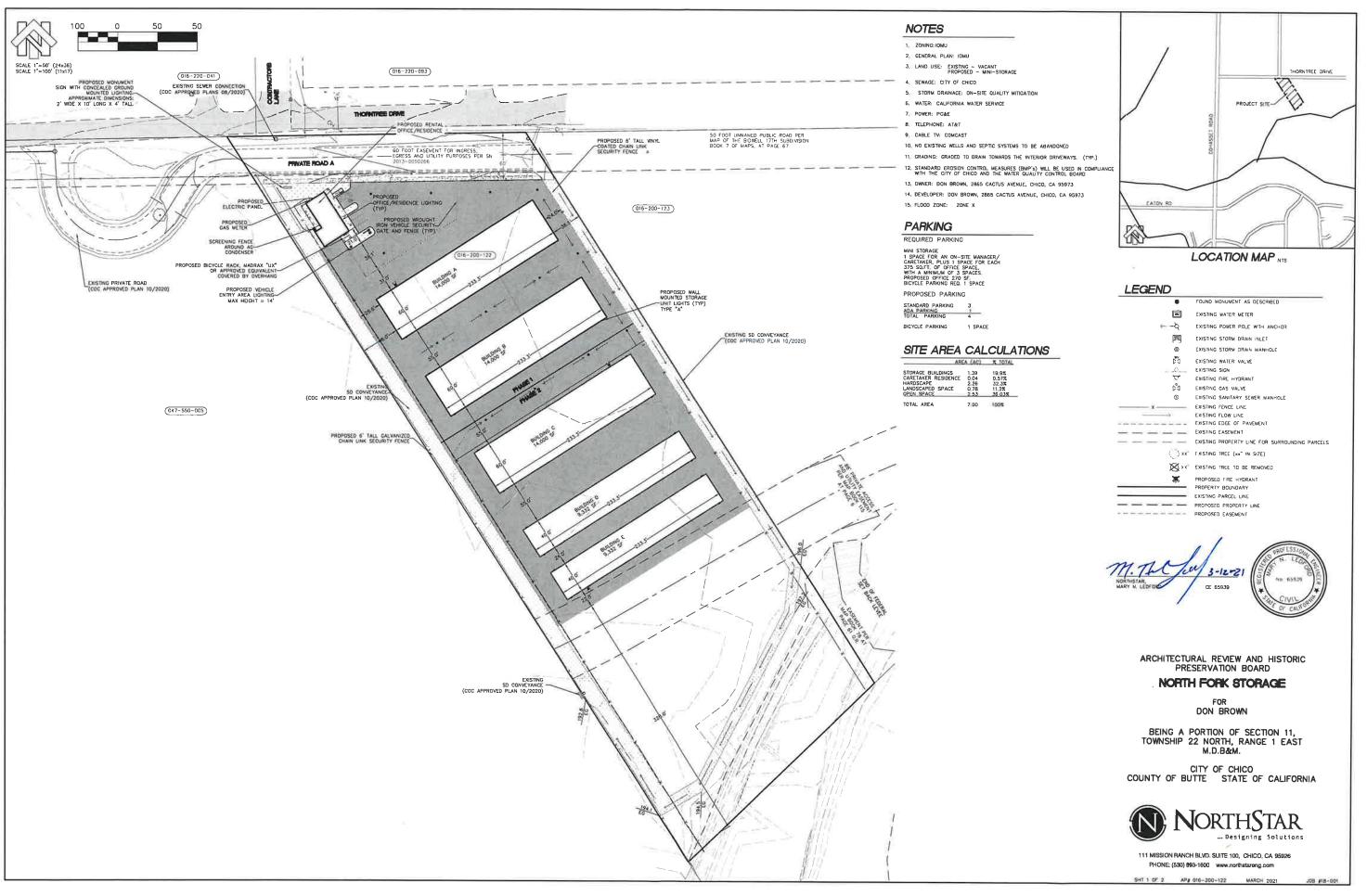
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The North Fork Storage project proposes to construct a new mini storage on APN 016-200-122. The proposed site is a vacant parcel, 7.0 acres in size and is zoned IOMU (Industrial Office Mixed Use). The property is bordered on the north by a Private Road and Thorntree Drive, on the west and east by vacant parcels, and on the south by the Sycamore Creek Federal Setback Levee.

The development proposes 61,000 sf of mini storage rental space and 1,800 sf of rental office/onsite residence space. The project site was evaluated with an Initial Study (ER 19-01) for the initial grading and installation of the private road at the project frontage.

The proposed landscaping meets the minimum required 15% for the Zoning District IOMU as specified in the Chico Municipal Code Title 19 Landscape Standards with 11 % of formal landscaping and 36% open space.

The project includes outdoor security lighting to provide safe access to the mini storage units and for security purposes. All lights are kept low to avoid transgressing onto neighboring properties.





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TYPICAL STORAGE AREA
WALL MOUNTED SECURITY LIGHTING
(SEE DETAIL)

IRON VEHICLE SECURITY FENCE (SEE DETAIL)

TYPICAL STORAGE UNIT

SECURITY FENCING

- OFFICE UNIT ENTRY DOOR



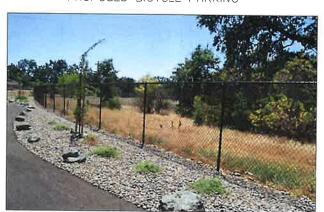
TYPICAL MONUMENT SIGN



TYPICAL VEHICLE SECURITY GATE AND SIGNAGE



PROPOSED BICYCLE PARKING



PROPOSED LOW MAINTENANCE LANDSCAPING



WALL MOUNTED STORAGE UNIT LIGHTING



FREE STANDING SECURITY LIGHTING

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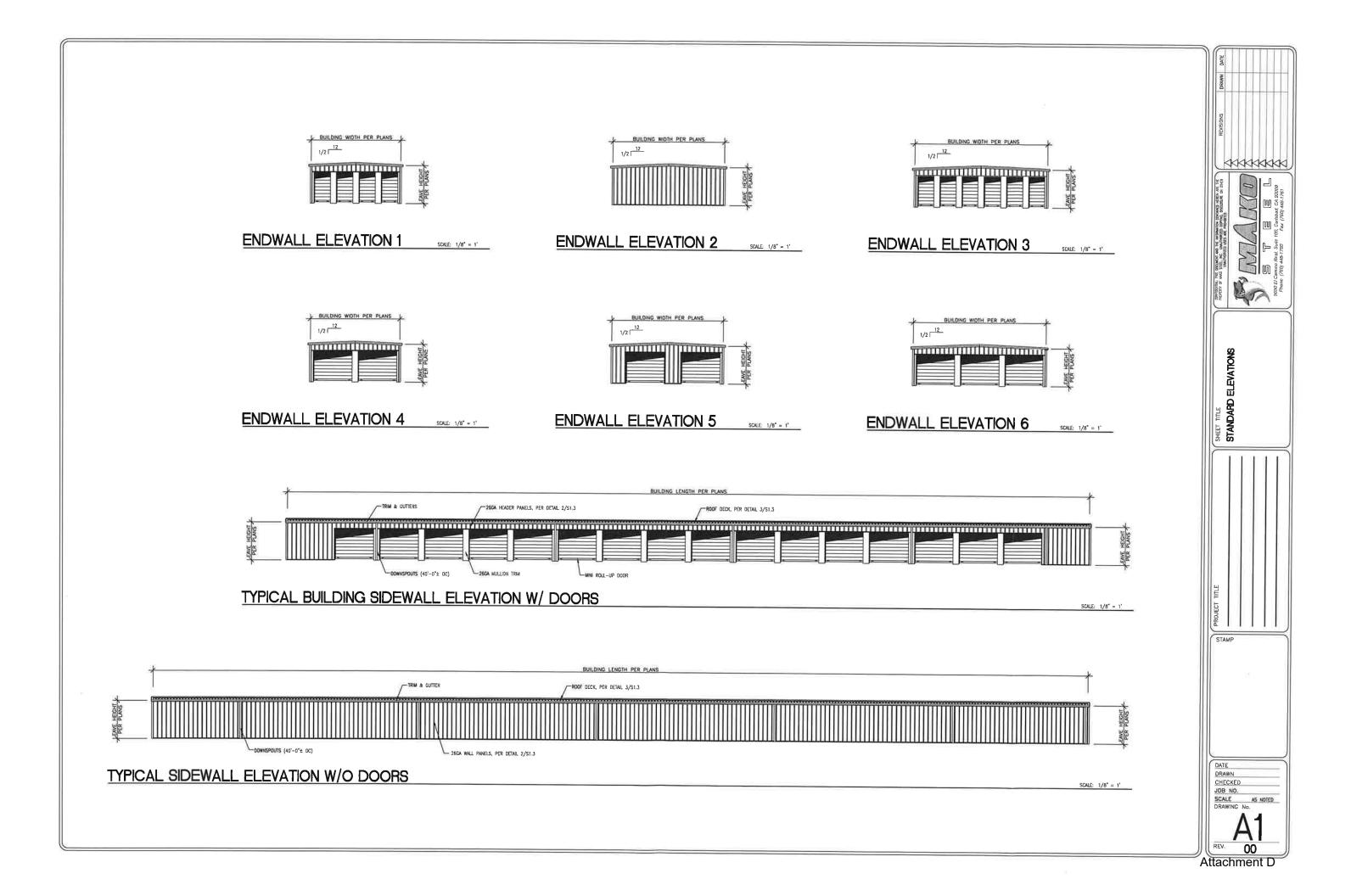
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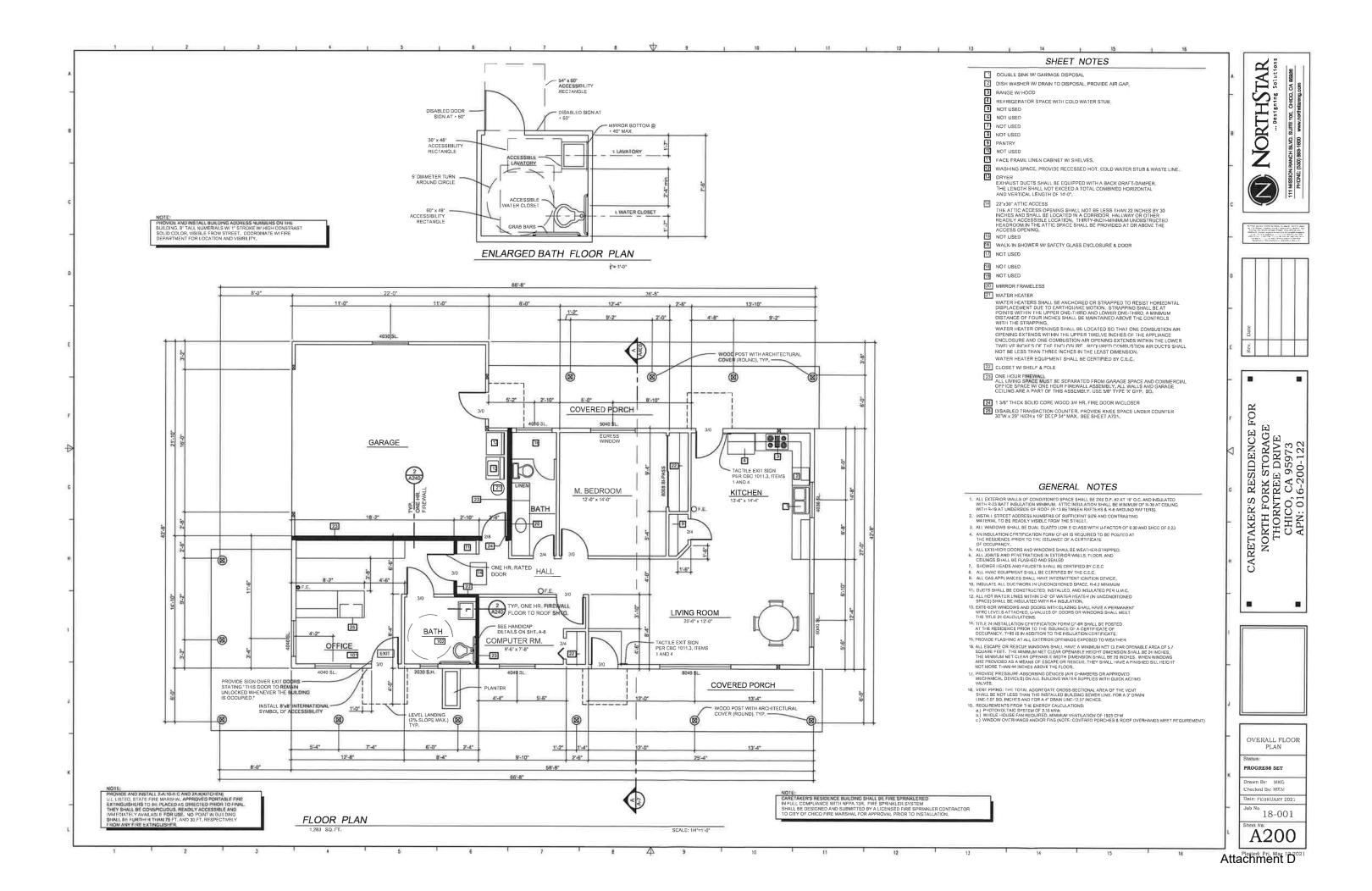
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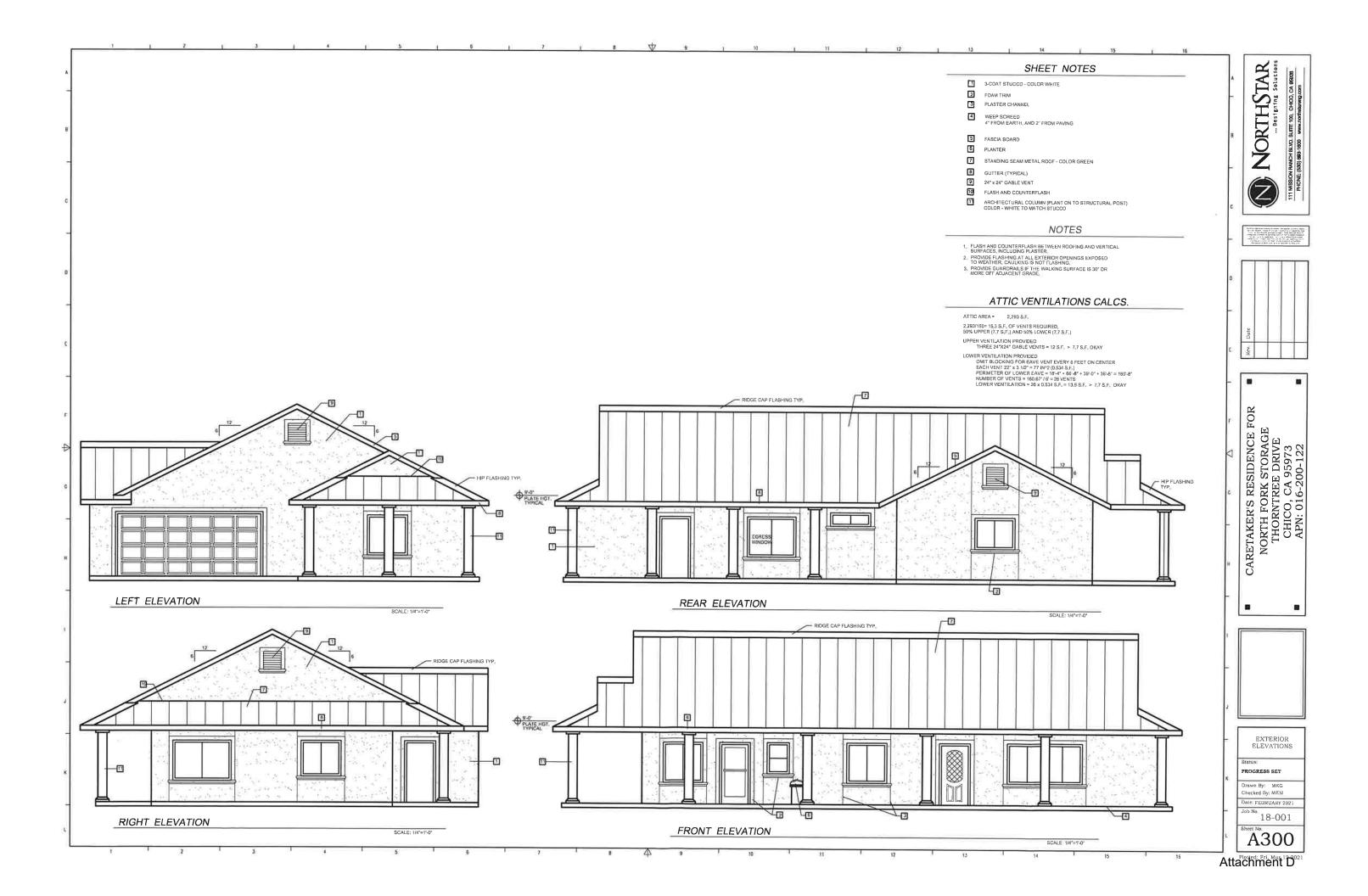


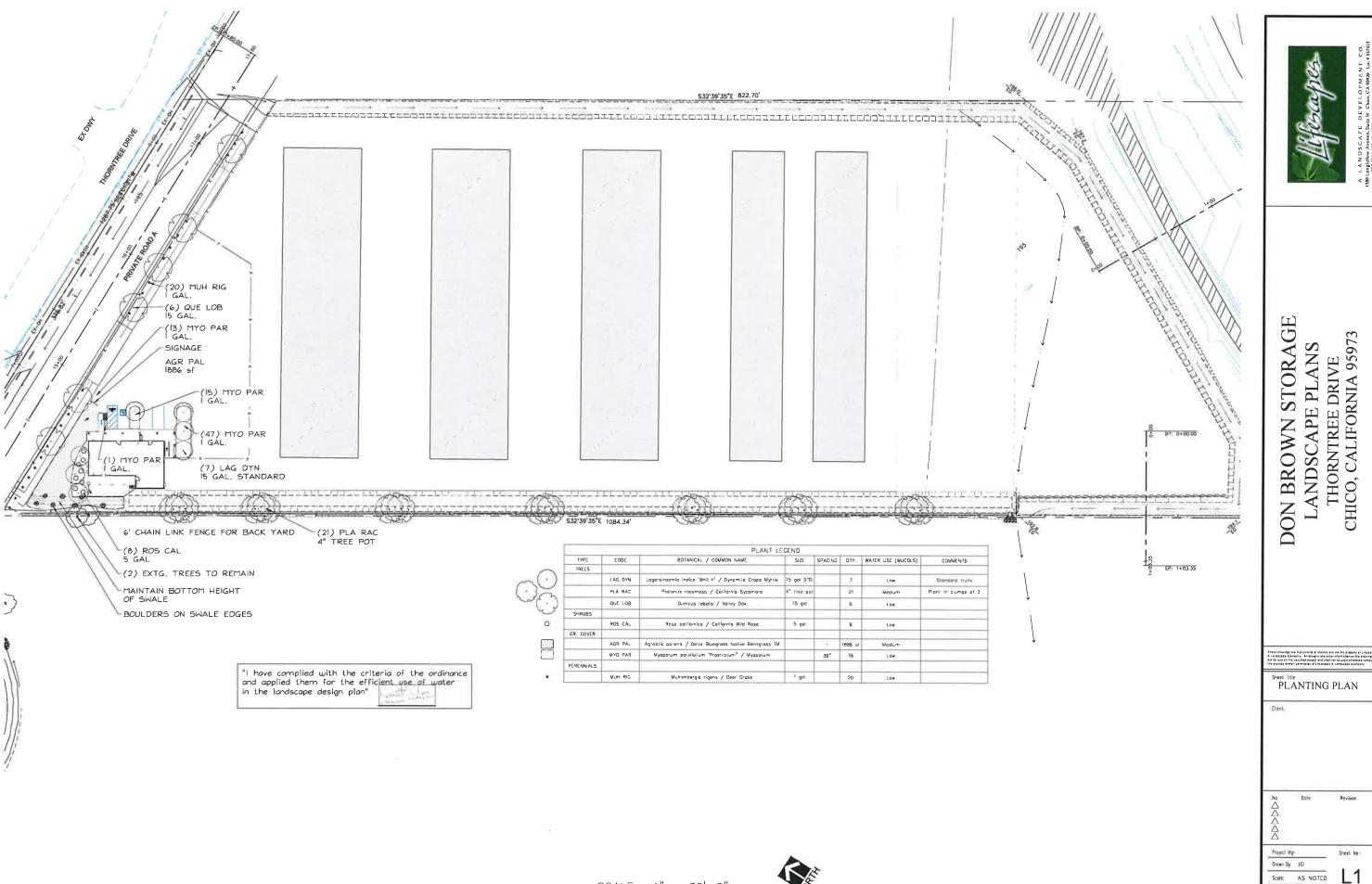
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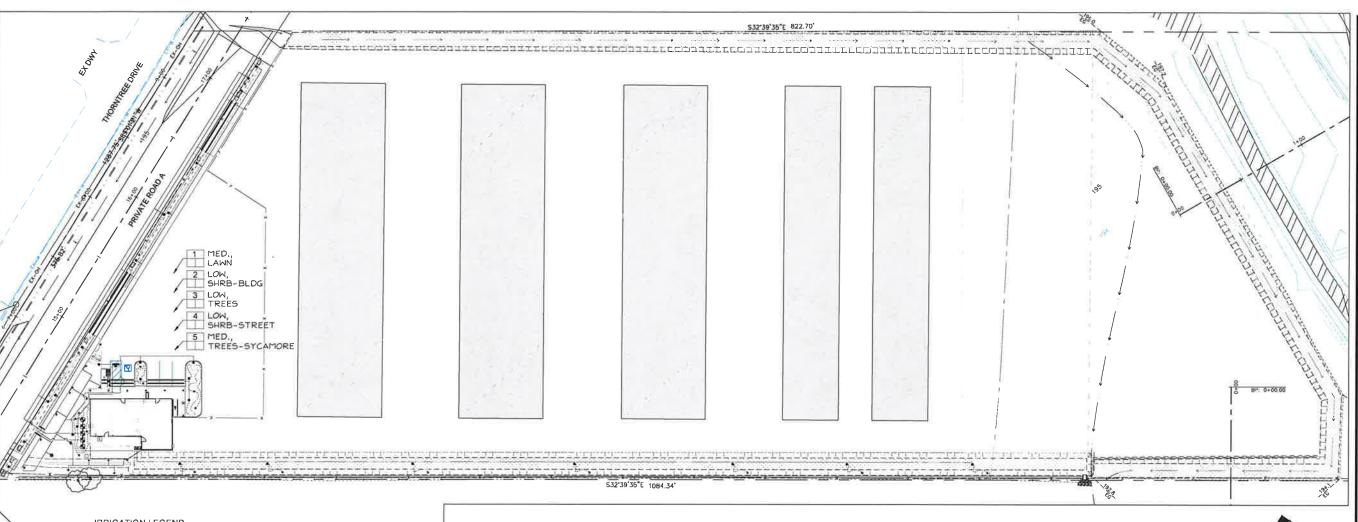








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IRRIGATION LEGEND

- 6 HUNTER SOIL-CLIK MODULE AND SENSOR PROBE
- HUNTER FLOW METER HC-100-FLOW
- © HUNTER PHC-2400 CONTROLLER W/ SOLAR SYNC
- B IRRIGATION POINT OF CONNECTION
- HUNTER ICZ-101 REMOTE CONTROL VALVE
- • HUNTER MP2000-90, -210, AND -360 (MP ROTATORS)
 - · HUNTER MP1000-90 (MP ROTATOR)
- HUNTER ICZ-101, DRIP CONTROL ZONE KIT
- HUNTER PLD-10-24, SUBSURFACE INLINE EMITTER TUBING:
 INSTALL TWO LINES LENGTHWISE IN STREETSIDE PLANTERS, ONE
 ON EACH SIDE OF THE PLANTS. STAGGER EMITTERS OF 2 LINES.
- TRANSITION FROM LATERAL TO DRIP, IN CARSON 910 VALVE BOX
- HUNTER FLUSH VALVE FOR PLD INLINE EMITTER TUBING
- $\mbox{\ \ \ }$ HUNTER PLD-AVR, AIR RELIEF VALVE FOR PLD INLINE EMITTER TUBING
- HUNTER PLD BLANK TUBING, W/ HUNTER POINT SOURCE EMITTERS: HE-60-T FOR TREES, HE-10-B FOR SHRUBS, 2 AT EACH TREE/SHRUB
- HUNTER PLD-BV SHUT-OFF VALVE FOR DRIP BLANK TUBING
- MAIN LINE, SCH. 40 PVC
- --- LATERAL, SCH. 40 PVC
- = SLEEVE, SCH. 40 PVC



NOTES

I. IRRIGATION PLAN IS DIAGRAMMATIC; PIPES, TUBING AND COMPONENTS SHALL BE LAID OUT IN PLANTERS WHEREVER POSSIBLE; POINT-SOURCE DRIP IRRIGATION SHALL BE RUN TO EACH PLANT/TREE

"I have complied with the criteria of the ordinance and applied them for the efficient use of water in the irrigation design plan"

SCALE: 1" = 30' - 0"

HYDROZONE TABLE

| Valve # | High Water Needs (sq. ft.) | Med. Water Needs (sq. ft.) | Low Water Needs (sq. ft.) | Very Low Water (sq. ft.) | Special Landscape Area (sq. ft.) |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 11 | 1886 | | | |
| 2 | | | 1120 | | |
| 3 | | | 260 | | |
| 4 | | | 1592 | | |
| 5 | | 420 | | | |
| TOTALS | 0 | 2306 | 2972 | 0 | ٥ |

WATER BUDGET CALCULATIONS

Reference Evapotranspiration (Eto): _____51.7___ (Chico, CA)

| Valve #/Hydrozone/ Description | Plant Factor (PF) | Irrig. Method | Irrig. Efficiency (IE) | ETAF (PF/IE) | Landscape Area (Sq. Ft.) | ETAF x Area | Estimated Total Water Use (ETWU) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. MED LAWN | 0,5 | Spray | 0.75 | 0.67 | 1886 | 1264 | 40516 |
| 2. LOW SHRBS-BLDG | 0.2 | Drip | 0.81 | 0.25 | 1120 | 280 | 8975 |
| 3. LOW TREES | 0.2 | Drip | 0.81 | 0.25 | 260 | 65 | 2084 |
| 4. LOW SHRB-STREET | 0.2 | Drip | 0.81 | 0.25 | 1592 | 398 | 12757 |
| 5. MED TREES-SYCAM. | 0.5 | Drip | 0.81 | 0.62 | 420 | 260 | 8334 |

TOTALS: 5278 72666 (See formula below) Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA): 76131

ETWU Formula for each valve/hydrozone: ETo x 0.62 x ETAF x Area

(ETo is inches per year of evapotranspiration, 0.62 converts to gallons, ETAF is ETo Adjustment Factor)

Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) Formula: ETo x 0.62 x ETAF x Total Landscape Area Where ETAF in this case is 0.55 for residential or 0.45 for non-residential MAWA: 51.7 x 0.62 x 0.45 x 5278 = 76131 gallions allowed per year



MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM CITY OF CHICO PLANNING DIVISION

Based upon the analysis and findings contained within the attached Initial Study, a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is proposed by the City of Chico Planning Division for the following project:

PROJECT NAME AND NUMBER: Thorntree Grading and Mini Storage (ER 19-01)

APPLICANT NAME: Don Brown

2865 Cactus Avenue Chico, Ca 95973

PROJECT LOCATION: Southerly side of Thorntree Drive, approximately 700 feet easterly

of Cohasset Road, within the City of Chico city limits, APN 016-

200-122

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project involves grading of an approximate 6.9-acre area to facilitate the future development of the site with a personal storage facility (mini storage). The grading will involve a cut volume of approximately 1,017 cubic yards with a fill volume of approximately 8,550 cubic yards of material across the site. The types of equipment used for the project may include, but are not limited to, a grader, dumb haul trucks, backhoe, excavator, and work trucks. An upland flow conveyance ditch will be constructed along the eastern, southern, and a portion of the western boundaries of the property. The conveyance ditch will be approximately 10-feet wide and the base approximately 2-feet deep. The bottom of the bioretention basin will contain a subsurface drainage/storage layer consisting of gravel overlain with a layer of soil. Native grasses will be planted along the slope of the basin to prevent erosion. The basin will also include an outfall weir near its southern intersection with the upland flow ditch.

The project will maintain a distance of 15-feet away from the tow of the existing Sycamore Creek Federal Setback Levee. With the addition of the 10-foot width for the upland flow conveyance ditch the distance grading will maintain from the setback levee is 25-feet. The project is approximately 110 feet away from the top of bank of Sycamore Creek and approximately 165 feet from the centerline of Sycamore Creek.

The proposed grading is to facilitate the future development of the site with a personal storage facility (mini storage). The project involves approximately 68,800 square feet of building footprint, including five storage buildings and one office building. Access to the site would be provided by a private driveway from Thorntree Drive. Other site improvements include landscaping, parking areas and new lighting, such as pole-mounted box lights and building mounted pack-lights. Full Site Design and Architectural Review in compliance with Chico Municipal Code (CMC) section 19.18 will be required at a future date, at which time detailed plans will be reviewed and conditioned as necessary to ensure adherence to all applicable CMC development requirements.

FINIDING: As supported by the attached Initial Study there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the project will have a significant effect on the environment if the following mitigation measures are adopted and implemented for the project:

<u>MITIGATION D.2 (Biological Resources):</u> The project will incorporate the avoidance and minimization measures (AMMs), standard best management practices (BMPs) and other notification requirements identified in applicable permits into project plans and specifications and/or contract documents. Incorporation of these requirements will protect sensitive natural resources and water quality from project impacts and ensure that the project will not jeopardize the continued existence of special-status species.

MITIGATION MONITORING D.2: Planning and Engineering staff will require all standard BMPs and AMMs to be incorporated into project plans prior to issuance of any grading permit for the project.

Implementation of the above mitigation measure and monitoring will avoid potential conflicts with the nesting raptors, owls or migratory birds to a level that is considered **less than significant with mitigation incorporated**.

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Implementation of the above mitigation measure and monitoring will avoid potential conflicts with the inadvertent discovery of Tribal Cultural and Cultural Resources on the site and will reduce potential impacts to a level that is considered **less than significant with mitigation incorporated**.

PROJECT APPLICANTS INCORPORATION OF MITIGATION INTO THE PROPOSED PROJECT:

I have reviewed the Initial Study for The Gonzales Grading Plan (ER 18-01), and the mitigation measures identified herein. I hereby modify the project on file with the City of Chico to include and incorporate all mitigation set forth in this document.

| Authorized S Don Brown | ignature, Project Applicant | | |
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| Prepared by: | Shannon Costa, Associate Planner Community Development Department | Date | |
| Adopted via: | | | |

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

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August 30, 2019

Ms. Shannon Costa City of Chico PO Box 3420 Chico, California 95928



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CITY OF CHICO PLANNING SERVICES

Subject: Thorntree Grading and Mini Storage (ER 19-01), Mitigated Negative Declaration,

SCH No. 2019089050

Location: Butte County

Dear Ms. Costa,

Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) staff has reviewed the subject document and provides the following comments:

The proposed project is within Sycamore Creek, a regulated stream under Board jurisdiction, and may require a Board permit prior to construction.

The Board's jurisdiction covers the entire Central Valley including all tributaries and distributaries of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, and the Tulare and Buena Vista basins south of the San Joaquin River.

Under authorities granted by California Water Code and Public Resources Code statutes, the Board enforces its Title 23, California Code of Regulations (Title 23) for the construction, maintenance, and protection of adopted plans of flood control, including the federal-State facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control, regulated streams, and designated floodways.

Pursuant to Title 23, Section 6 a Board permit is required prior to working within the Board's jurisdiction for the placement, construction, reconstruction, removal, or abandonment of any landscaping, culvert, bridge, conduit, fence, projection, fill, embankment, building, structure, obstruction, encroachment, excavation, the planting, or removal of vegetation, and any repair or maintenance that involves cutting into the levee.

Permits may also be required to bring existing works that predate permitting into compliance with Title 23, or where it is necessary to establish the conditions normally imposed by permitting. The circumstances include those where responsibility for the works has not been clearly established or ownership and use have been revised.

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Other federal (including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 10 and 404 regulatory permits), State and local agency permits may be required and are the applicant's responsibility to obtain.

Board permit applications and Title 23 regulations are available on our website at http://www.cvfpb.ca.gov/. Maps of the Board's jurisdiction are also available from the California Department of Water Resources website at http://gis.bam.water.ca.gov/bam/.

Encroachment permit applications received on or after July 1, 2019 are subject to fees, additional information is available on the Board's website at http://cvfpb.ca.gov/fees-2019/.

Please contact James Herota at (916) 574-0651, or via email at James.Herota@CVFlood.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrea Buckley

Environmental Services and Land Management Branch Chief

cc: Office of Planning and Research

P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 From: Zaitz, Scott@Waterboards

To: **Shannon Costa**

Subject: RE: Comment received- MND Thorntree Grading Date: Monday, September 9, 2019 11:53:36 AM

Hi Shannon, the BRA is sufficient. I have printed and attached it to our letter in Butte County's file. Thanks much, Scott

From: Shannon Costa <shannon.costa@Chicoca.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 10:23 AM

To: Zaitz, Scott@Waterboards <Scott.Zaitz@waterboards.ca.gov>

Subject: Comment received- MND Thorntree Grading

Hi Scott-

I received your comments regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Thorntree Grading and Mini Storage project located on Thorntree Drive in Chico, CA (SCH # 2019089050) (your letter attached). Your comments indicate that the evaluation for jurisdictional waters needs to be determined prior to any disturbance of the site. I do have a BRA (attached) for the project site concluding that "no aquatic features within the project area that would be considered jurisdictional". Is this determination sufficient for you, or are your comment based on concerns specific to this site?

Thank you,

Shannon Costa

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COMMENTS ON THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE THORNTREE GRADING AND MINI STORAGE (ER 19-01) PROJECT, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2019089050, CHICO, BUTTE COUNTY

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is a responsible agency for this project, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On 19 August 2019, we received your request for comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Thorntree Grading and Mini Storage (ER 19-01) Project (Project).

The proposed project involves grading of an approximate 6.9-acre area to facilitate the future development of the site with a personal storage facility (mini storage). The grading will involve a cut volume of approximately 1,017 cubic yards with a fill volume of approximately 8,550 cubic yards of material across the site. The project involves approximately 68,800 square feet of building footprint, including five storage buildings and one office building. Other site improvements include landscaping, parking areas and new lighting, such as pole-mounted box lights and building mounted pack-lights. The conveyance ditch will be approximately 10 feet wide and the base approximately 2 feet deep. The bottom of the bio-retention basin will contain a subsurface drainage/storage layer consisting of gravel overlain with a layer of soil. Native grasses will be planted along the slope of the basin to prevent erosion. The basin will also include an outfall weir near its southern intersection with the upland flow ditch. Access to the site will be provided by a private driveway from Thorntree Drive. The Project site is located at the cross streets of Thorntree Drive and Cohasset Road. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 016-200-122.

Based on our review of the information submitted for the proposed project, we have the following comments:

KARL E. LONGLEY SCD, P.E., CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401, Water Quality Certification

The Central Valley Water Board has regulatory authority over wetlands and waterways under the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and the California Water Code, Division 7 (CWC). Discharge of dredged or fill material to waters of the United States requires a CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Central Valley Water Board. Typical activities include any modifications to these waters, such as stream crossings, stream bank modifications, filling of wetlands, etc. 401 Certifications are issued in combination with CWA Section 404 Permits issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. The proposed project must be evaluated for the presence of jurisdictional waters, including wetlands and other waters of the State. Steps must be taken to first avoid and minimize impacts to these waters, and then mitigate for unavoidable impacts. Both the Section 404 Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification must be obtained prior to site disturbance. Any person discharging dredge or fill materials to waters of the State must file a report of waste discharge pursuant to Sections 13376 and 13260 of the California Water Code. Both the requirements to submit a report of waste discharge and apply for a Water Quality Certification may be met using the same application form, found at Water Boards 401 Water Quality Certification Application (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/water_quality_certification/w gc application.pdf)

General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (CGP)

Construction activity, including demolition, resulting in a land disturbance of one acre or more must obtain coverage under the CGP. Thorntree Grading and Mini Storage (ER 19-01) Project must be conditioned to implement storm water pollution controls during construction and post-construction as required by the CGP. To apply for coverage under the CGP the property owner must submit Permit Registration Documents electronically prior to construction. Detailed information on the CGP can be found on the State Water Board website Water Boards Stormwater Construction Permits (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits. shtml)

Isolated wetlands and other waters not covered by the Federal Clean Water Act Some wetlands and other waters are considered "geographically isolated" from navigable waters and are not within the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act. (e.g., isolated wetlands, vernal pools, or stream banks above the ordinary high-water mark). Discharge of dredged or fill material to these waters may require either individual or general waste discharge requirements from the Central Valley Water Board. If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determine that isolated wetlands or other waters exist at the project site, and the project impacts or has potential to impact these non-jurisdictional waters, a Report of Waste Discharge and filing fee must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board. The Central Valley Water Board will consider the information provided and either issue or waive Waste Discharge Requirements. Failure to obtain waste discharge requirements or a waiver may result in enforcement action.

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(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wgo/wgo2004-0004.pdf)

Post-Construction Storm Water Requirements

Studies have found the amount of impervious surface in a community is strongly correlated with the impacts on community's water quality. New development and redevelopment result in increased impervious surfaces in a community. Post-construction programs and design standards are most efficient when they involve (i) low impact design; (ii) source controls; and (iii) treatment controls. To comply with Phase II Municipal Storm Water Permit requirements the City of Chico must ensure that new developments comply with specific design strategies and standards to provide source and treatment controls to minimize the short and long-term impacts on receiving water quality. The design standards include minimum sizing criteria for treatment controls and established maintenance requirements. The proposed project must be conditioned to comply with post-construction standards adopted by the City of Chico in compliance with their Phase II Municipal Storm Water Permit.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact me at (530) 224-4784 or by email at Scott. Zaitz@waterboards.ca.gov.

Scott A. Zaitz, R.E.H.S

Environmental Scientist

Storm Water & Water Quality Certification Unit

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cc: Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 2, Rancho Cordova Ms. Laura Shively, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento