

Architectural Advisory Committee Staff Memorandum

DATE:

August 24, 2015

New Business

SUBJECT:

A MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION BY 02 ARCHITECTURE ON BEHALF OF HUTKIN FAMILY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 5,059-SQUARE FOOT SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE ON AN APPROXIMATELY 24,829-SQUARE FOOT LOT LOCATED AT

3182 BOGERT TRAIL, ZONE R-1-B. (CASE 3.3900-MAJ) (ER)

FROM:

Director of Planning Services

SUMMARY

This Major Architectural application is for the construction of an approximately 5,059 square foot single-family residence on an approximately 24,829-square foot parcel within the Andreas Hills neighborhood of the City. The proposal includes attached two-car garage, a swimming pool and associated landscape.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC) recommends approval of the proposed project to the Planning Commission.

ISSUES:

- The parcel is considered a hillside lot; approximately 40 feet in the rear yard area of the parcel is not buildable.
- There is an existing public utility easement located at the rear part of the lot.
- The applicant is seeking a relief to allow 20 feet front yard setback on the westerly portion of the front yard setback area. The required front yard setback is 25 feet. An Administrative Minor Modification for the request will be considered by the Planning Commission.

PRIOR ACTIONS:

On September 5, 1985, the City Council approved Tentative Tract Map 18087 for a 51-lot subdivision in the Andreas Hills neighborhood of the City.

BACKGROUND AND SETTING:

The site which is currently vacant is surrounded by existing residential uses to the east and south and vacant lands to the west and Andrea Hills to the north. The subject parcel is lot 35 of Tentative Tract Map 18087; a 51-lot subdivision approved by the Planning Commission and City Council in the 1980s. The subject property is located along East Bogert Trail. Lot 36 is one of four remaining vacant parcels on the northerly section of East Bogert Trail. Additional analysis of the site is provided in the analysis section of this memo.

Related Relevant C	ity Actions by Planning, Fire, Building, etc	
	None	
	Most Recent Ownership	
February 10, 2015 Purchased by current owner/applicant.		
	Field Check	
August 13, 2015 Staff visited site to observe existing conditions		
	Notification	
August 5, 2015	Notice of hillside project sent to adjacent property owners	
	Details of Application Request	
	Site Area	
Net Lot Area	et Lot Area 24,829-square feet	



AERIAL VIEW OF THE SITE



Perspective of proposed house

ANALYSIS:

Table 1

General Plan			
Land Use Designation	Density	Request	Compliance
ER (Estate Residential)	2 Units/Acre	1 SFR	Conforms
Specific Plan			•
None	None	None	None

Table 2

oning – Uses & Lot Standards				
	R-1-B Zone	Proposed: SFR	Compliance	
Uses permitted	Single-Family Residential	Single-Family Residential	Conforms Conforms	
Density	2 dwelling units/gross acre	2 dwelling units/gross acre		
Lot Standards	-		•	
Min. Lot Area	15,000 Square feet	24,829 sq. ft.	Conforms	
Min. Width	Minimum: 120 Ft.	154.28 ft.	Conforms	
Min. Depth	Minimum: 120 Ft.	170 ft.	Conforms	

Zoning - Building Development Standards

		Palm Springs Zoning Code	Proposed: SFR	Compliance
Building Height		1 Story @ max. height of 18 ft.	1 story @ 15.11 Feet	Conforms
Y	ard Setbacks			•
	Front	25 Feet	20 Feet	With AMM
	Side	10 Feet	10 Feet	Conforms
	Rear	15 Feet	63Feet	Conforms
Lot Coverage	35% Maximum	20%	Conforms	
Min. Dwelling Size		1,500 Sq. Ft.	5,059 sq. ft.	Conforms

	Existing General Plan Designations	Existing Land Use	Existing Zoning Designations
Subject Site	Estate Residential	Vacant	R-1-B Single-Family Residential
North	Estate Residential	Hill side Open Space	R-1-B Single-Family Residential
South	Estate Residential	Single Family Residence	R-1-B Single-Family Residential
East	Estate Residential	Single Family Residence	R-1-B Single-Family Residential
West	Estate Residential	Vacant	R-1-B Single-Family Residential

Project Description:

The proposed project is by David and Ellen Hutkin and it is for the construction of an approximately 5,029-square foot 15.11 feet high one story single-family residence on approximately 24,829-square foot of a vacant lot. The previously graded parcel is situated on East Bogert Trail in the San Andreas Hills neighborhood. As proposed, the project will include a swimming pool and a spa, attached two-car garage, a five-foot tall garden wall and landscaping. There is an existing sidewalk along the frontage and a six-foot tall CMU wall at the rear of the property.

Site Plan and Project Design:

The project design has the modern style architecture with five-bedrooms, five bathrooms, a media room, a living room, a formal dinning room and an attached guest house with a kitchenette and a guest bath. The house is approximately 5,029 square feet in size. The development standards of the proposed house are all consistent with the R-1-B standards in terms of height, rear and side yard setbacks, dwelling size and lot coverage as depicted in Table 2 above.

Landscape Plan:

Conceptual landscape plan for the residence was submitted as part of the major architectural review. Proposed plant selections for the project include the following: 36" box Palo Verde, 36" box fruitless Olive tree, ten to twelve feet tall Mexican Fan Palm, five gallon Indigo Bush, five gallon Regal Mist, five gallon Aloe Vera and five gallon Pink Powder Puff. The proposed drought tolerant landscape plan will also include synthetic turf.

Section 94.04.00(D), Planning Commission Architectural Advisory Committee Review Guidelines of the Palm Springs Zoning Code states the following:

The planning commission architectural advisory committee shall examine the material submitted with the architectural approval application and specific aspects of design shall be examined to determine whether the proposed development will provide desirable environment for its occupants as well as being compatible with the character of adjacent and surrounding developments, and whether aesthetically it is of good composition, materials, textures and colors. Conformance will be evaluated, based on consideration of the following:

No	Guidelines	Conforms	Staff Evaluations
1	Does the proposed development provide a desirable environment for its occupants?	Yes	The project proposes a sufficient sized home with generous covered terrace landscaping.
2	Is the proposed development compatible with the character of adjacent and surrounding developments?	Yes	The surrounding neighborhood includes similar single-family hillside residences in a variety of architectural styles.
3	Is the proposed development of good composition, materials, textures, and colors?	Yes	The home is proposed in sand finish stucco and neutral colors with fitting accent colors.
4	Site layout, orientation, location of structures and relationship to one another and to open spaces and topography. Definition of pedestrian and vehicular areas; i.e., sidewalks as distinct from parking lot areas	Yes	The proposed home is sited to minimize the amount of cut and fill and grading on the lot and to take advantage of the views.
5	Harmonious relationship with existing and proposed adjoining developments and in the context of the immediate neighborhood/community, avoiding both excessive variety and monotonous repetition, but allowing similarity of style, if warranted	Yes	The proposed home is harmonious with the eclectic styles that already exist in the Andreas Hills neighborhood.
6	Maximum height, area, setbacks and overall mass, as well as parts of any structure (buildings, walls, screens, towers or signs) and effective concealment of all mechanical equipment	Yes	The proposed residence conforms to the development standards of the R-1-B zone. Mechanical equipment will be placed on the grade and properly screened.
7	Building design, materials and colors to be sympathetic with desert surroundings	Yes	The building is proposed in neutral grey tones, harmonious materials and is sited appropriately for this hillside location.
8	Harmony of materials, colors and composition of those elements of a structure, including overhangs, roofs, and substructures which are visible simultaneously	Yes	The proposed materials, colors and other components of the proposed building are adequate.
9	Consistency of composition and treatment	Yes	There is consistency in the composition and treatment of the building as proposed.
10	Location and type of planting, with regard for desert climate conditions. Preservation of specimen and landmark trees upon a site, with proper irrigation to insure maintenance of all plant materials	Yes	Proposed plant selections for the project include the following: 36" box Palo Verde, 36" box fruitless Olive tree, ten to twelve feet tall Mexican Fan Palm, five gallon Indigo Bush, five gallon Regal Mist, five gallon Aloe Vera and five gallon Pink Powder Puff. The landscape plan will also include synthetic turf.

CONCLUSION:

The proposed home is very spacious in its design. The modern architectural design will complement the otherwise simple, clean architecture and proposed building materials. The house is well-sited and fits well in the immediate surrounding with similar housing units. Staff is asking the AAC to recommend approval of the proposed project to the Planning Commission as submitted.

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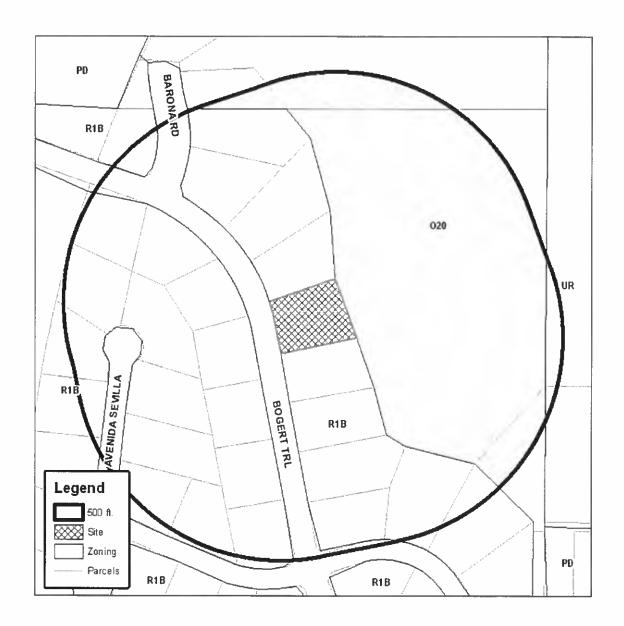
Attachments:

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. Site, Elevations, landscape and Section Plans.

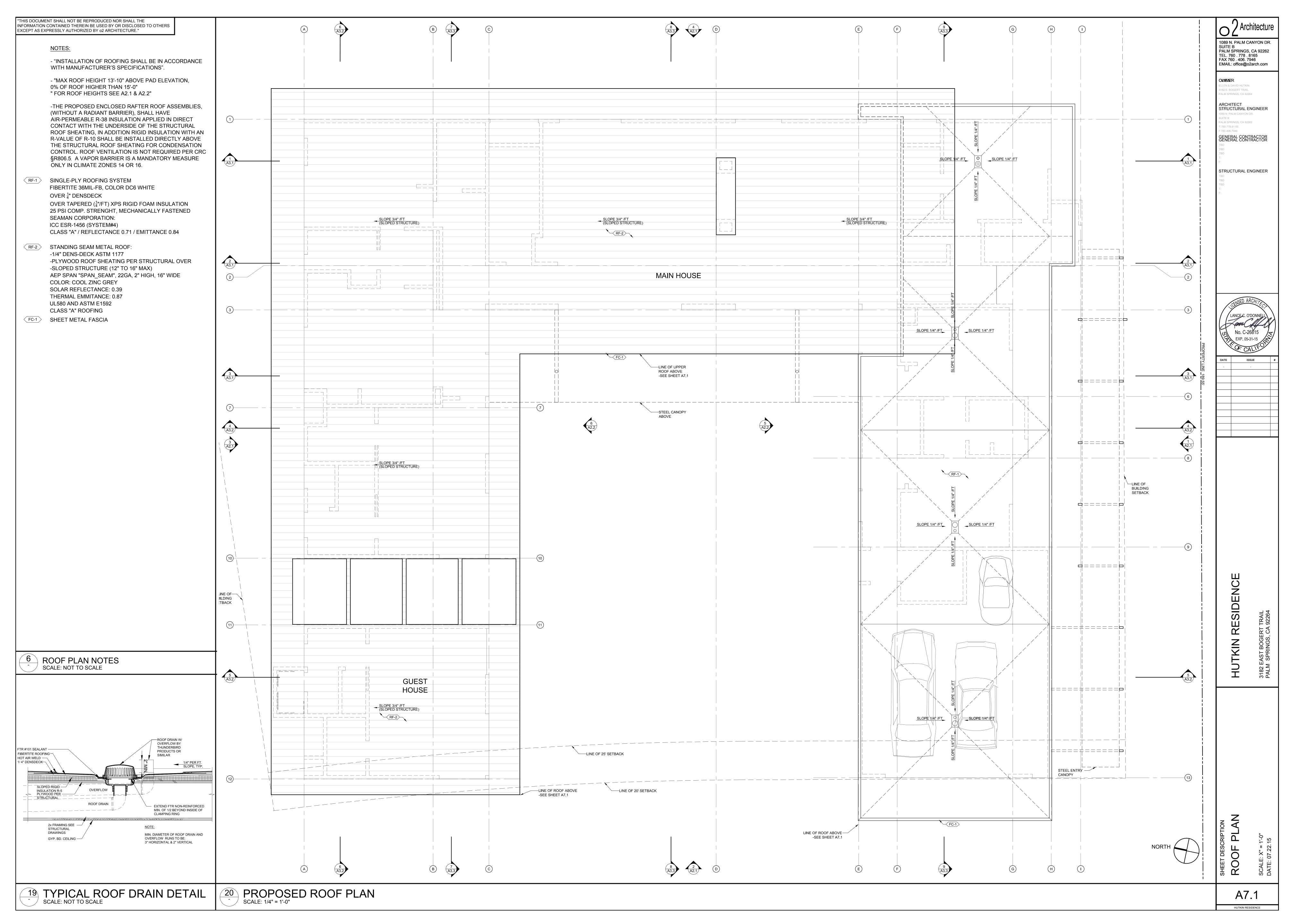


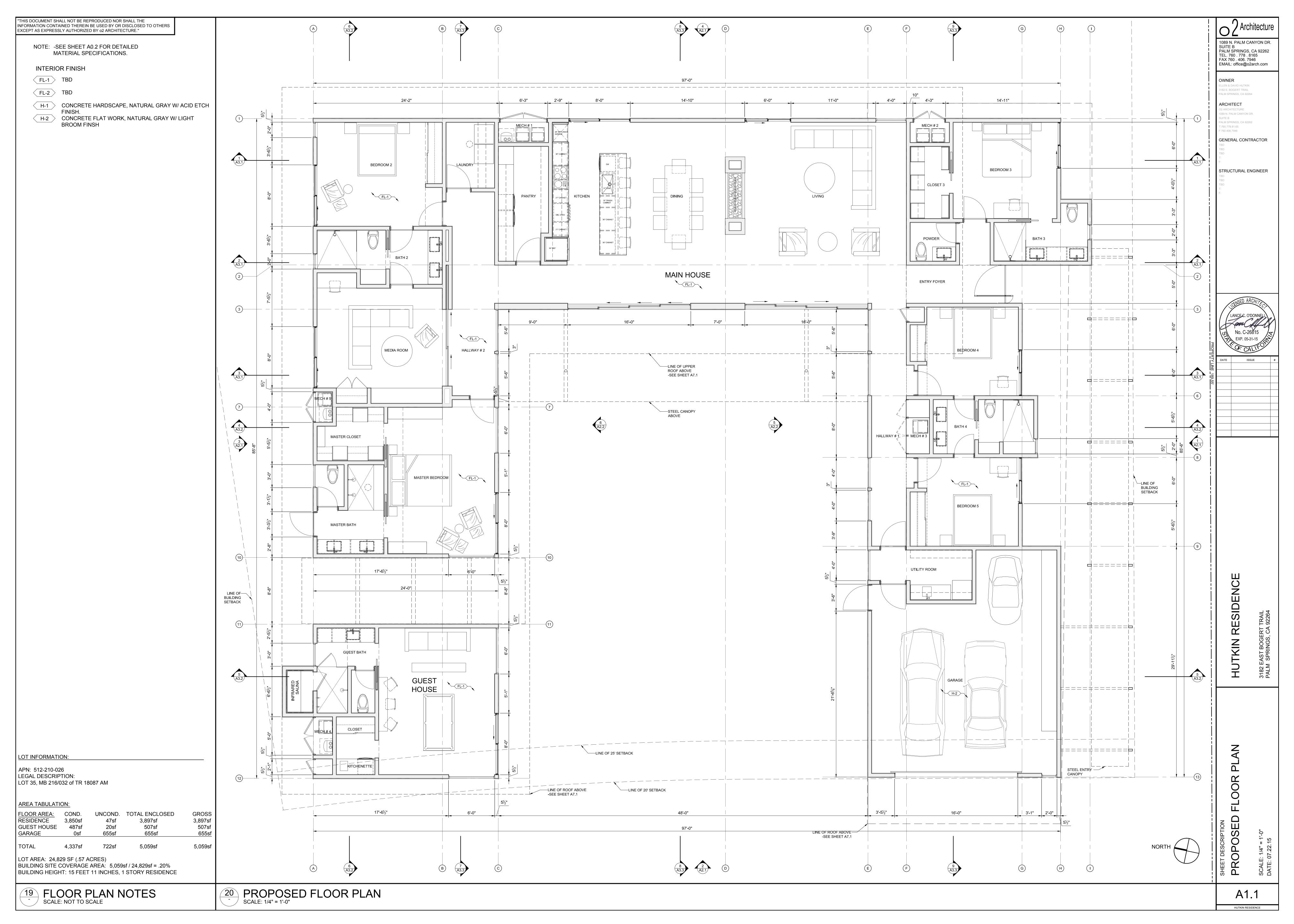
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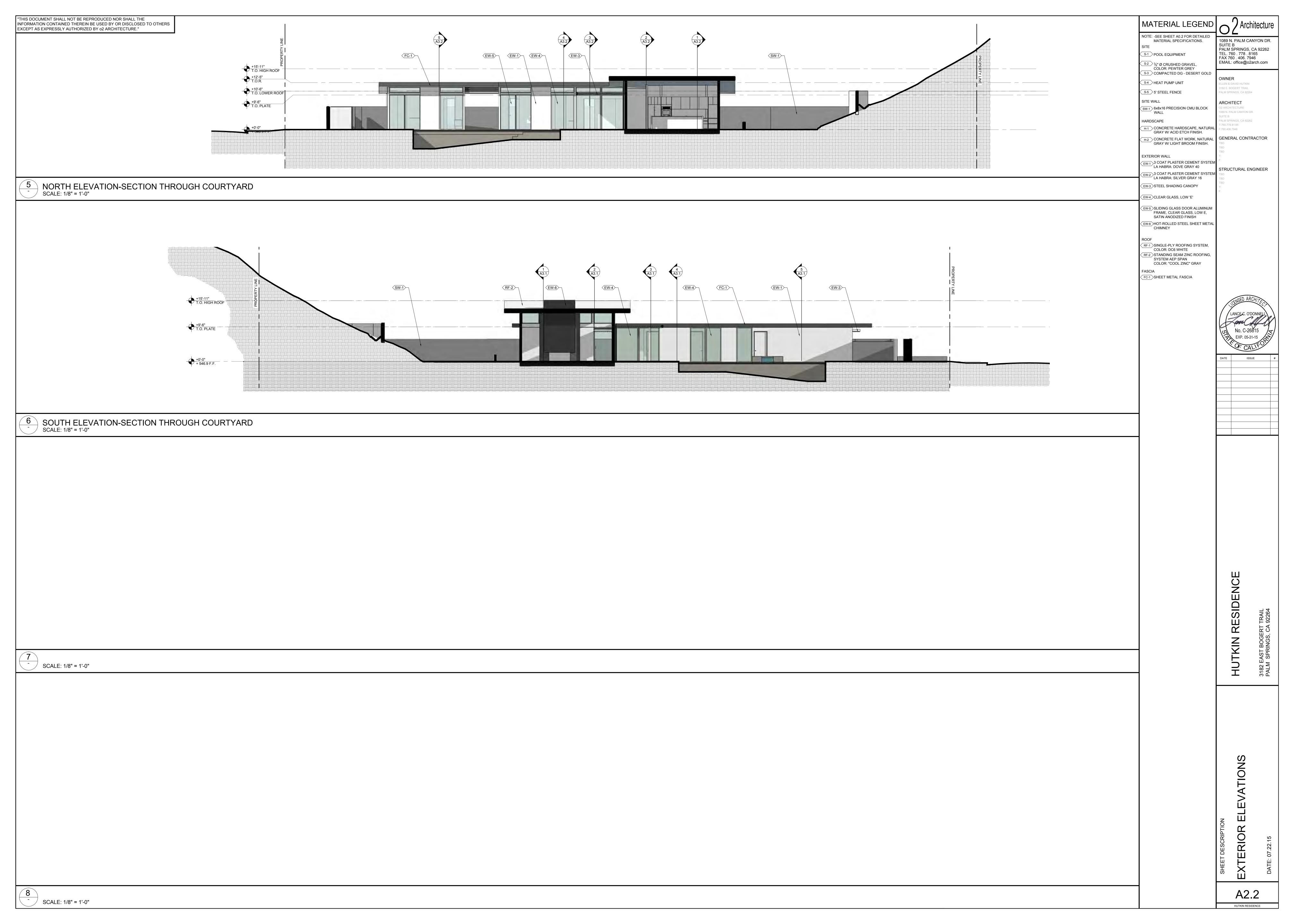
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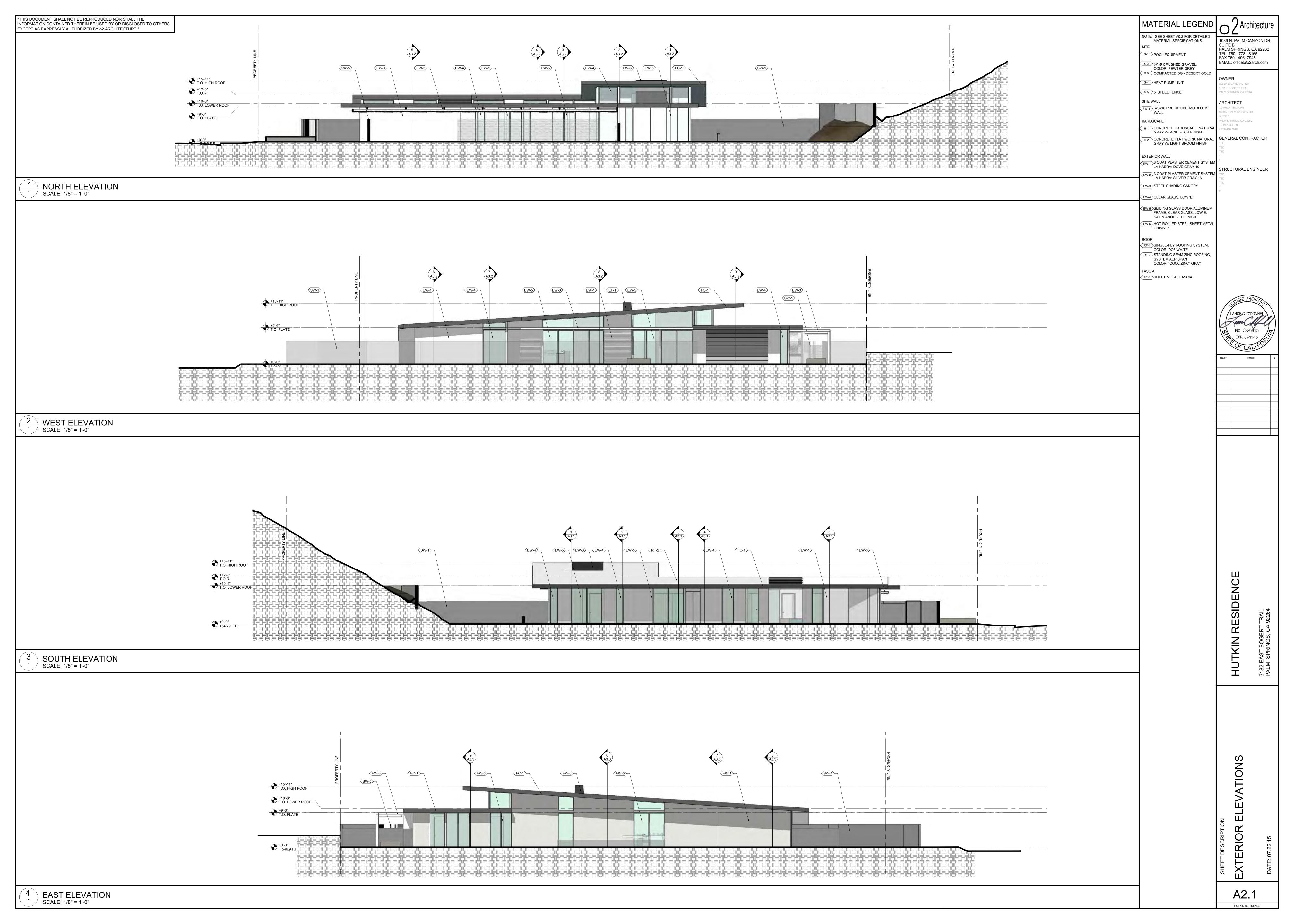


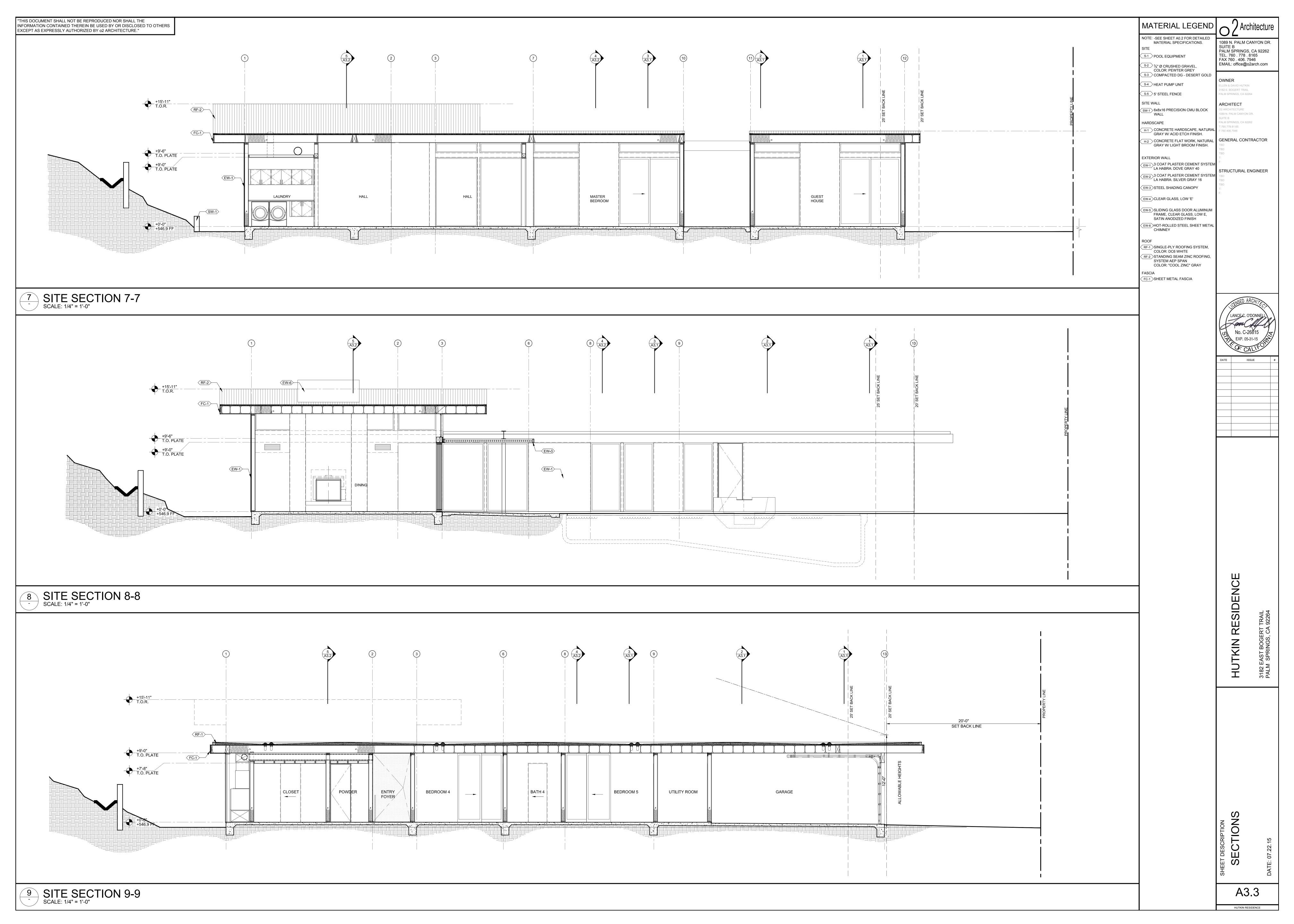
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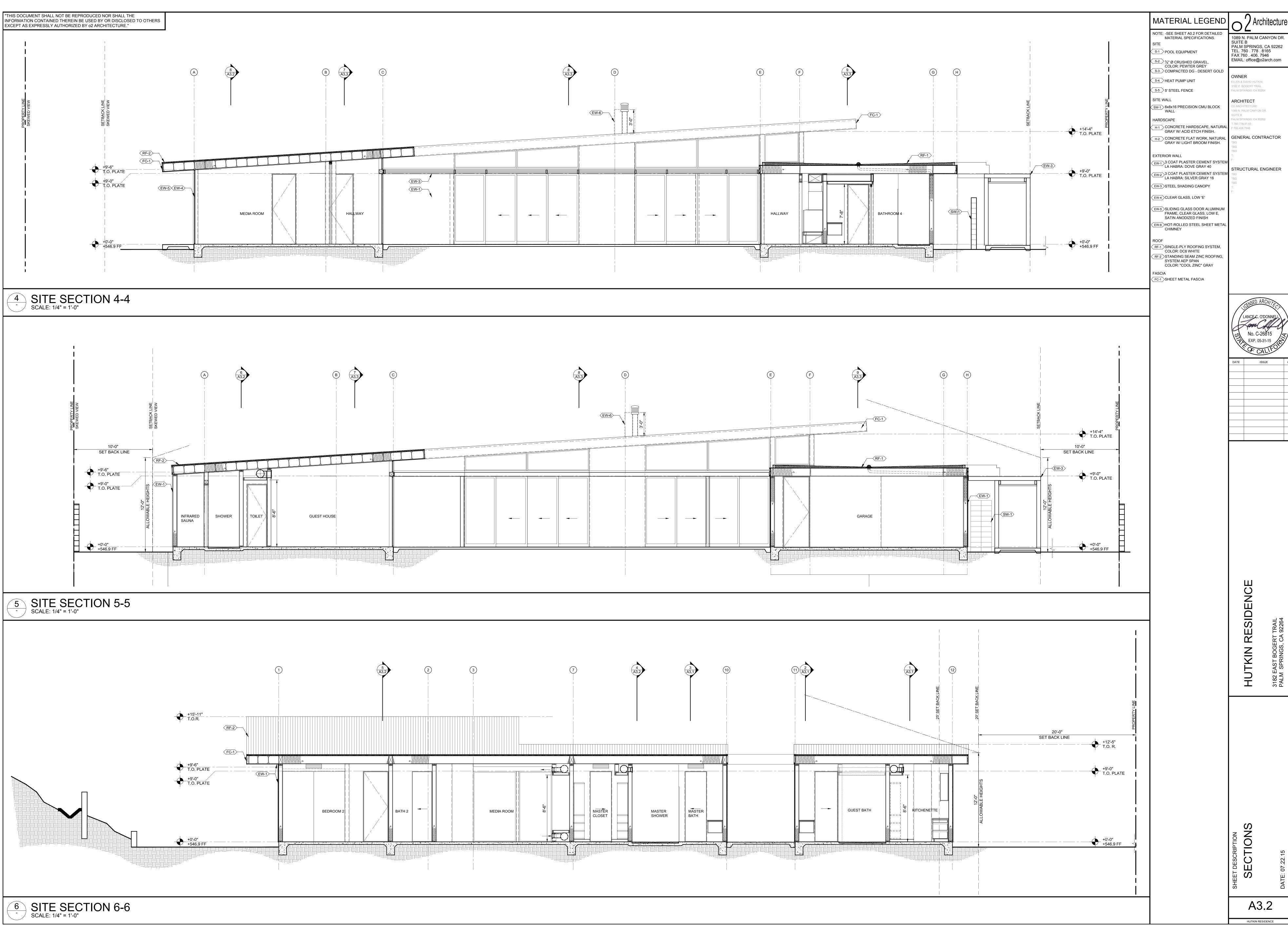












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