

ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 21, 2021 NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT: CHAD AND TENAH DYER, OWNERS, REQUESTING A MAJOR

ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE MINOR MODIFICATION APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 5,846-SQUARE FOOT SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE AND A 576-SQUARE FOOT DETACHED CASITA ON A HILLSIDE LOT LOCATED AT 585 CAMINO CALIDAD (CASE 3.4224 MAJ & 7.1631 AMM), ZONE R-1-A,

APN 513-260-028 (AP).

FROM: Development Services Department

SUMMARY:

The applicant is proposing construction of a 5,846-square foot single family residence and 576-square foot detached casita on a 20,037-square foot hillside lot. The single-family home and casita both have a modern design style. The building pad of the main dwelling unit is stepped in response to the topography of the lot. An Administrative Minor Modification application was submitted to request a height increase due to the natural topography of the property.

ISSUES

- The rooftop deck creates a privacy concern for the adjacent neighbor towards the south, see attachment 4.
- The main residence exceeds the maximum allowed height at the front setback.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval by the Planning Commission subject to the following conditions:

 Plant tall landscaping along the south property line to create privacy between the adjacent neighbors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Field Check	
4/22/21	Site visit by project planner.

Neighborhood Notification		
04/28/21	Notice of receipt of application mailed to adjacent property owners pursuant PSZC Section 93.13.00 (B,1,b).	
06/17/21	Notice of AAC meeting posted on City website and emailed to neighborhood organizations within one mile of the site.	

DETAILS OF APPLICATION REQUEST:

Site Area	
Net Acres	0.46 Acres

Surrounding	Existing General Plan	Existing Land Use	Existing Zoning
Property	Designations		Designations
Subject	ER (Estate Residential),	Vacant	R-1-A Single-Family
Property	2 Units per acre		Residential
North	ER	Single-Family	R-1-A
South	ER	Single-Family	R-1-A
East	ER	Single-Family	R-1-A
West	ER	Single Family	R-1-A



VIEW OF SUBJECT LOT LOOKING WEST FROM CAMINO CALIDAD



ANALYSIS:

Site Plan:

The site is located on the west side of Camino Calidad on a fully developed street within the hillside area. The homes adjacent to the subject lot are single story structures with varying architectural styles. The lot slopes upward from east to west with a total grade change of approximately 11 feet from elevation 520 at the lot front to 531 at the rear. The proposed dwelling is L-shaped and generally located along the east and north side of the lot. Placement of existing adjacent homes on their respective lots vary; however, most of the existing homes appear to occupy a majority of their respective lots.

Mass and Scale:

The home is low in its overall massing and the building pad is stepped in response to the topography on the site. The main residence height is roughly 11'-4" above adjacent grade and conforms to all setbacks. The home addresses the site topography by recessing the lower level garage and music room into the existing slope at the northeast corner of the lot and placing the main level of the home at the predominant existing grade level. The floor level of the casita is set approximately eighteen inches below the existing surrounding grade to help minimize the height impact of the roof deck. Since the garage and music room are subterranean with approximately 65% of the area located below adjacent grade, it can be considered a basement per Section 91.0010 of the PSZC.

Building Design and Detailing:

The proposed dwelling and casita are wood frame structures clad in white stucco. Clear glass is placed on all windows with a dark bronze aluminum frame. A dark grey stucco is proposed on the exterior walls of the subterranean level and an accent Cool Champagne metal siding is proposed on the south and west elevations of the main

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story. The proposed colors are neutral and blend in with the surrounding neighborhood.

Landscaping and Buffers:

The landscaping is composed in a naturalized desert setting with large boulders and drought-tolerant plants and trees. The proposed plant list consists of the following: Desert Museum Palo Verde, Wilson Fruitless Olive, Mexican Fan Palm, Mexican Fence Post, Regal Mist, Beaked Yucca, Texas Ranger, and Century Plant. The plant and tree materials are consistent with the desired materials in the CVWD Lush and Efficient handbook.

Hillside Review Criteria:

PSZC Section 93.13.00(B)(4) requires that architectural review of hillside development shall consider the following criteria:

	Guidelines [PSZC 93.13.00(B)(4)(a)]	Compliance
1.	Rock and soil exposure;	Y
	The proposed dwelling is nestled into a naturalized desert setting	
	where additional desert landscape is proposed	
2.	Size of building pad;	Y, with AMM
	The main dwelling unit has an L-shaped footprint and fits	
	harmoniously on the site, respecting all setbacks and the height	
	standard. The proposed casita consists of a roof top deck with a	
	guardrail that does not comply with the height standard of the	
3.	Zone.	Υ
J.	Design considerations, such as supporting stilts, colors and building arrangement;	ĭ
	The proposed home is modern in its design incorporating a	
	neutral overall color with subtle color on accent panels.	
4.	Screening of parking areas;	Υ
	Parking is proposed in an enclosed 2-car garage. The garage is	
	partially located underground; however, still visible from Camino Calidad.	
5.	Landscaping plans;	Υ
	The project proposes drought-tolerant plant species in a naturalized desert setting.	
6.	Continuity with surrounding development;	Υ
	The proposed home is complementary with the existing	
	residential development on the street.	
7.	Sensitivity to existing view corridors.	Υ
	The home is nestled into the site such that it respects the easterly	
	views from homes behind it to the west and in front of it to the	
	east.	

Architectural Review Criteria:

PSZC Section 94.04.00(D) requires an evaluation of the proposed development to determine if it will provide a desirable environment for its occupants, be compatible with the character of adjacent and surrounding developments, and whether it is of good composition, materials, textures and colors. Conformance shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

	Guidelines [PSZC 94.04.00(D)]	Compliance
1.	Site layout, orientation, location of structures and relationship to	Υ
	one another and to open spaces and topography. Definition of	
	pedestrian and vehicular areas; i.e., sidewalks as distinct from	
	parking lot areas.	
	The proposed site configuration will consist of a new single-family	
	home, detached casita, driveway approach and new landscape	
	areas. The proposed home is L-shaped with the detached casita in	
	the rear. The main structure is stepped in its building pad in	
	response to the topography of the site. The proposed residence	
	will have attractive building elevations. Pedestrian walkways will be	
	distinct from parking areas.	\
2.	Harmonious relationship with existing and proposed adjoining	Υ
	developments and in the context of the immediate	
	neighborhood/community, avoiding both excessive variety and	
	monotonous repetition, but allowing similarity of style, if warranted;	
	With its modern design, the residence will enhance the currently undeveloped property. The new residence will be harmonious with	
	existing adjoining developments as a one-story home and is	
	appropriately integrated into the site.	
3.	Maximum height, area, setbacks and overall mass, as well as	Y (with an
	parts of any structure (buildings, walls, screens, towers or signs)	AMM)
	and effective concealment of all mechanical equipment;	,
	The lot is in excess of 20,000 SF; as such Staff is recommending	
	that the Planning Commission determine building height from	
	adjacent finished grade as defined in PSZC 91.00.10. The home	
	does exceed the maximum allowable building height at the	
	setbacks for the R-1 zone and requires an AMM application.	
	Mechanical equipment is proposed in the rear yard setback areas	
	and is concealed by masonry walls.	
4.	Building design, materials and colors to be sympathetic with desert	Υ
	surroundings;	
	The project involves a modern building with a white and dark grey	
	stucco finish. Clear glass with a dark bronze metal frame is	
	proposed on all the exterior windows. Accent material on the west	
	and south elevations include a cool champagne metal siding. The	
	proposed colors are sympathetic with desert surroundings.	

	Guidelines [PSZC 94.04.00(D)]	Compliance
5.	Harmony of materials, colors and composition of those elements of a structure, including overhangs, roofs, and substructures which are visible simultaneously;	Y
	The home is primarily clad in sand finish stucco with harmonious finishes and colors on all elevations. The proposed residence will have overhands and a flat roof, similar to the adjacent neighbors.	
6.	Consistency of composition and treatment; In general, there is consistency with the proposed colors and materials.	Υ
7.	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;	Y
	The project consists of a variety of drought-tolerant vegetation all of which can be found in the Coachella Valley Water District Lush and Efficient handbook. Natural boulders are proposed throughout the site. The project will be required to irrigate plant materials in accordance with the City's water efficient landscaping ordinance.	
8.	Signs and graphics, as understood in architectural design including materials and colors. N/A	N/A

CONCLUSION:

The proposed single-family home is designed to integrate with the topography and natural features on the site. The main structure conforms to the development standards of the zone and will provide a desirable environment for its occupants. The proposed development will be compatible with the character of adjacent and surrounding developments, and is of good composition, materials, textures and colors. Staff recommends approval to the Planning Commission subject to the following conditions:

• Plant tall landscaping along the south property line to block visibility to the adjacent neighbors.

Alex Perez, Assistant Planner

David Newell, AICP

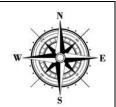
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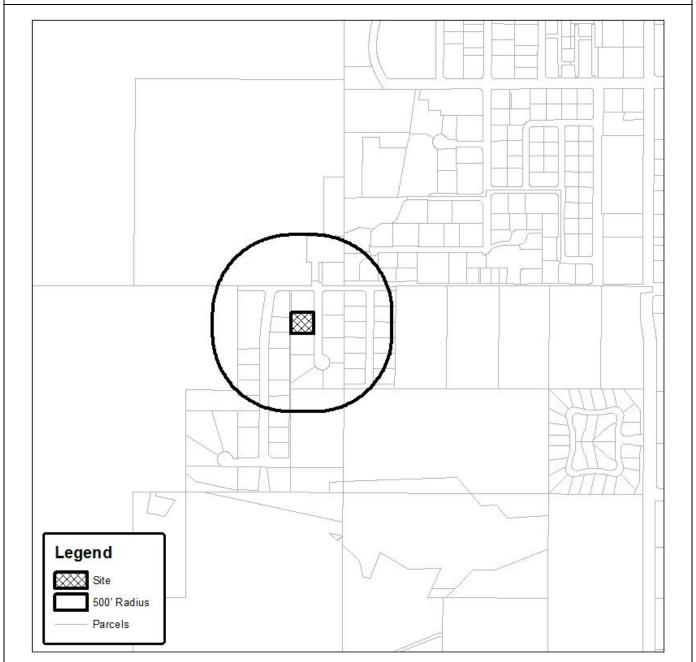
ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. Justification letter
- 3. Application materials
- 4. Public Comment



Department of Planning Services Vicinity Map





CITY OF PALM SPRINGS 585 Camino Calidad



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Major Architectural Application - Justification Letter

April 13, 2021

Re:

Dyer Residence 585 Camino Calidad Palm Springs, CA 92262 APN: 513-260-028

Project Description:

Enclosed for review is the proposed new construction of a 5,846 SF single family residence on an undeveloped parcel of land that is classified as hillside per PSMC 93.13.00. The project consists of a two-story 5,270 SF main building with garage and music room on the lower level, and four bedrooms and general living areas on the main level. There is a 576 SF detached casita with roof deck above. The project also includes a swimming pool, spa and water efficient desert landscaping.

The home addresses the sites topography by recessing the lower level garage and music room into the existing slope at the Northeast corner of the lot and placing the main level of the home at the predominant existing grade level. The floor level of the casita is set approximately eighteen inches below the existing surrounding grade to help minimize the height impact of the roof deck above. The project meets all yard setback and height limitation requirements and is consistent with the City's hillside development guidelines. The scale and architectural style of the home are consistent with adjacent development.

Please find the enclosed drawing exhibit which illustrates the proposed project for your consideration and review. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

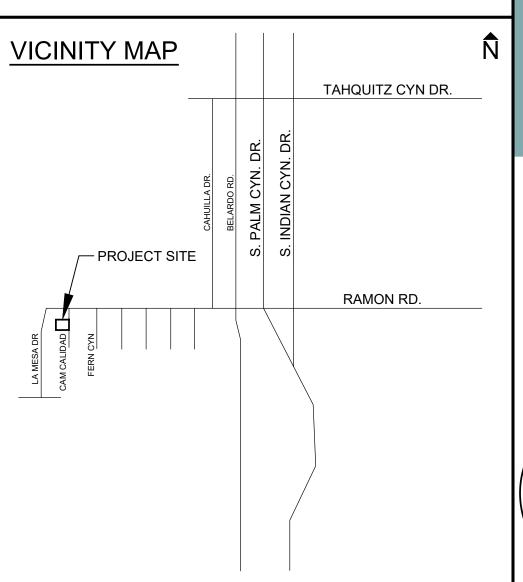
Jeff Bicknell / Owner's Representative o2 Architecture

585 CAMINO CALIDAD PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262

DYER RESIDENCE SCHEMATIC DESIGN







PROPERTY INFORMATION:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 02, TRACT NO. 25829 CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXISTING USE: VACANT / UNDEVELOPED LAND

PROJECT INFORMATION:

BUILDING TYPE: SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE (R3 OCCUPANCY)

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: TYPE V-B

GROSS FLOOR AREA: 5,846 SF FIRE SPRINKLERS: YES / PER SECTION R313.2

BUILDING HEIGHT / # OF STORIES: 23 FEET - 7 INCHES / TWO

AREA TABULATION:

LOT COVERAGE:

PROPOSED BUILDING: LOWER LEVEL: 1,205 SF 4,065 SF MAIN LEVEL: 576 SF 5,846 SF DETACHED CASITA: TOTAL ENCLOSED AREA:

COVERED PATIO AREA: TOTAL ROOF AREA:

APPLICABLE CODES:

ALL CONSTRUCTION SHALL COMPLY WITHTHE FOLLOWING CODES: -THE 2019 CALIFORNIA TITLE 24 BUILDING CODES PARTS 1-7, & 9-12 (ADMINISTRATIVE, BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, ENERGY, & GREEN CODE)
-THE 2019 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE TITLE 24, PART 9, NFPA STANDARDS AS ADOPTED IN TITLE 24

6,031 SF

PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK:

NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STORY, 5-BEDROOM, 5.5-BATHROOM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH ATTACHED 2-CAR GARAGE; INCLUDING POOL, LANDSCAPE AND HARDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS ON AN UNDEVELOPED PARCEL project title:

address: 585 Camino Calidad Palm Springs, CA

92262

DRAWING INDEX:

A0.1 COVER SHEET

C1.0 TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

L1.0 SITE - LANDSCAPE PLAN

A1.0 SITE - PRELIMINARY GRADING PLAN

A1.1 SITE SECTIONS

A1.2 FLOOR PLAN

A1.3 ROOF PLAN

A2.0 EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

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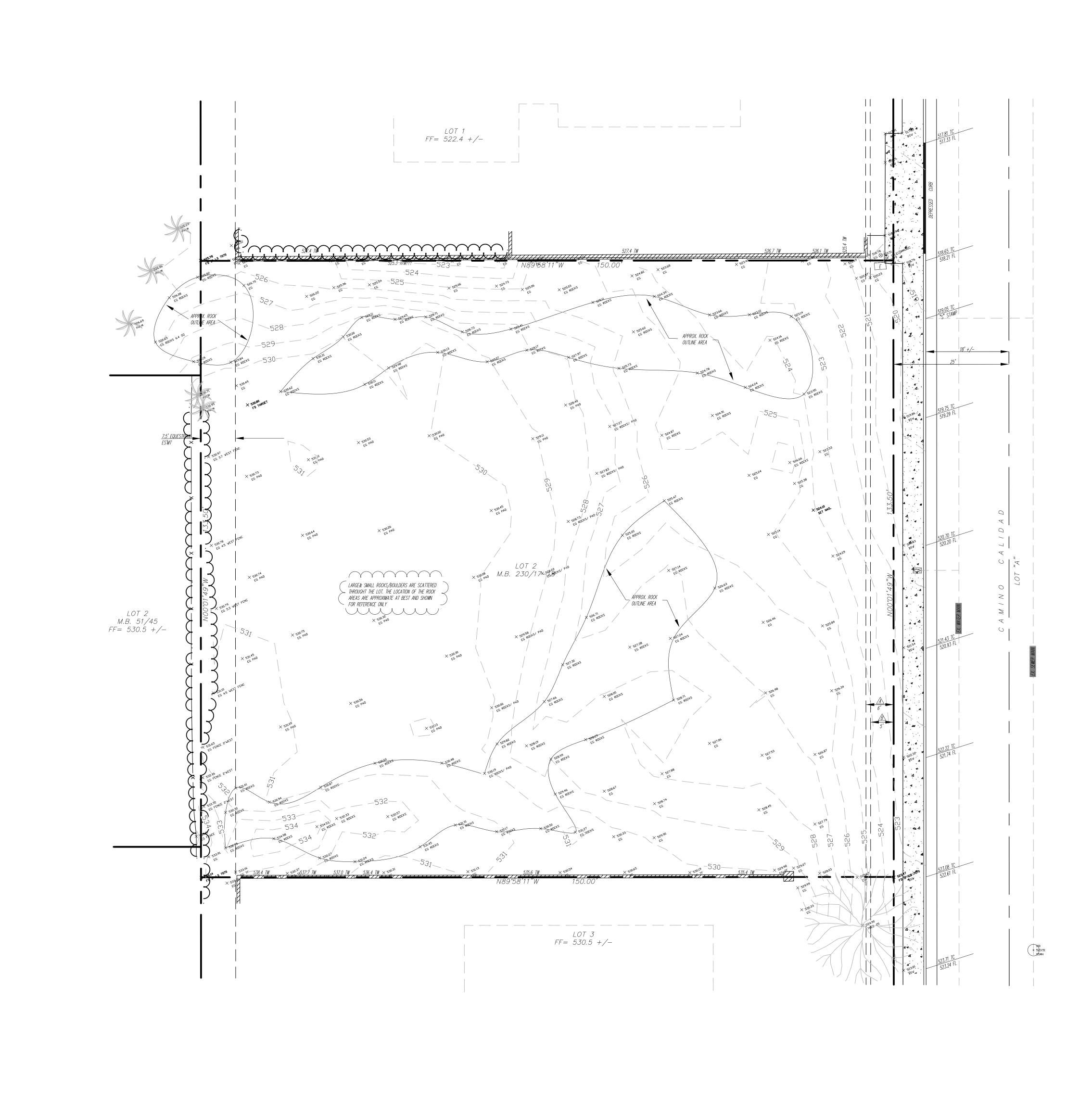
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NOTES:

TC = TOP OF CURB

SCALE 1"=10'

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TOPOGRAPHIC BASE SHEET

LOT 2, TRACT NO. 25829



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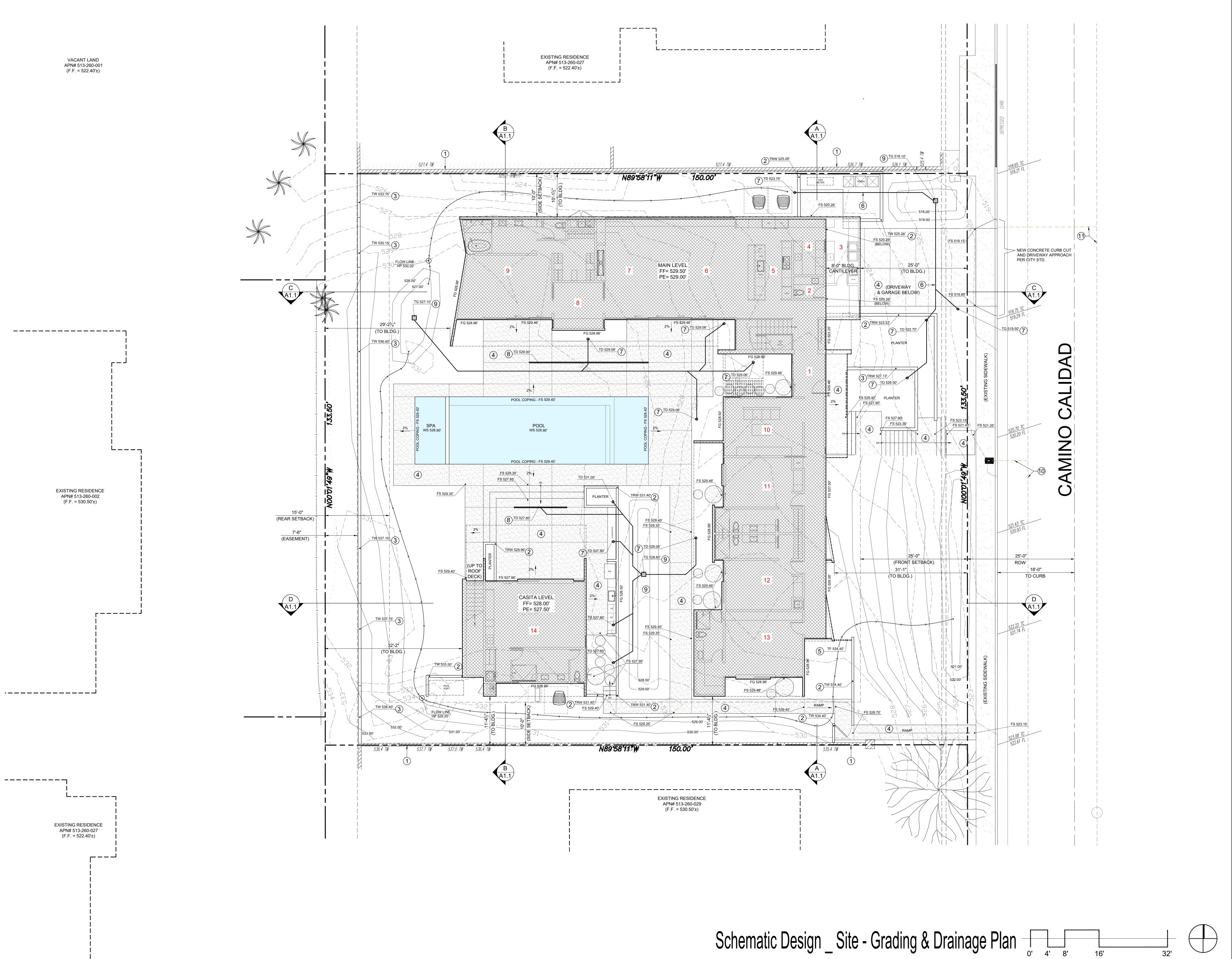
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East-West Site Section

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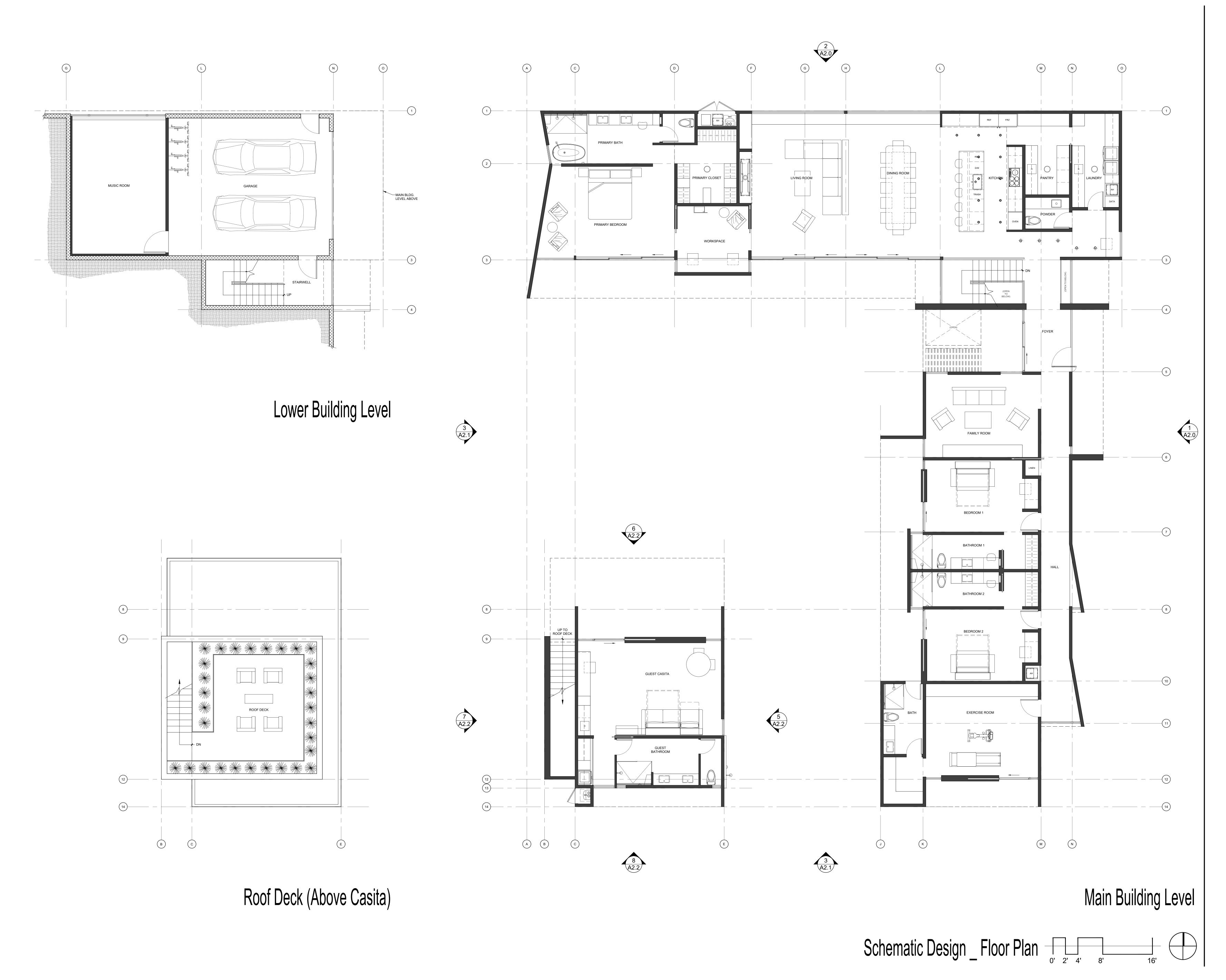
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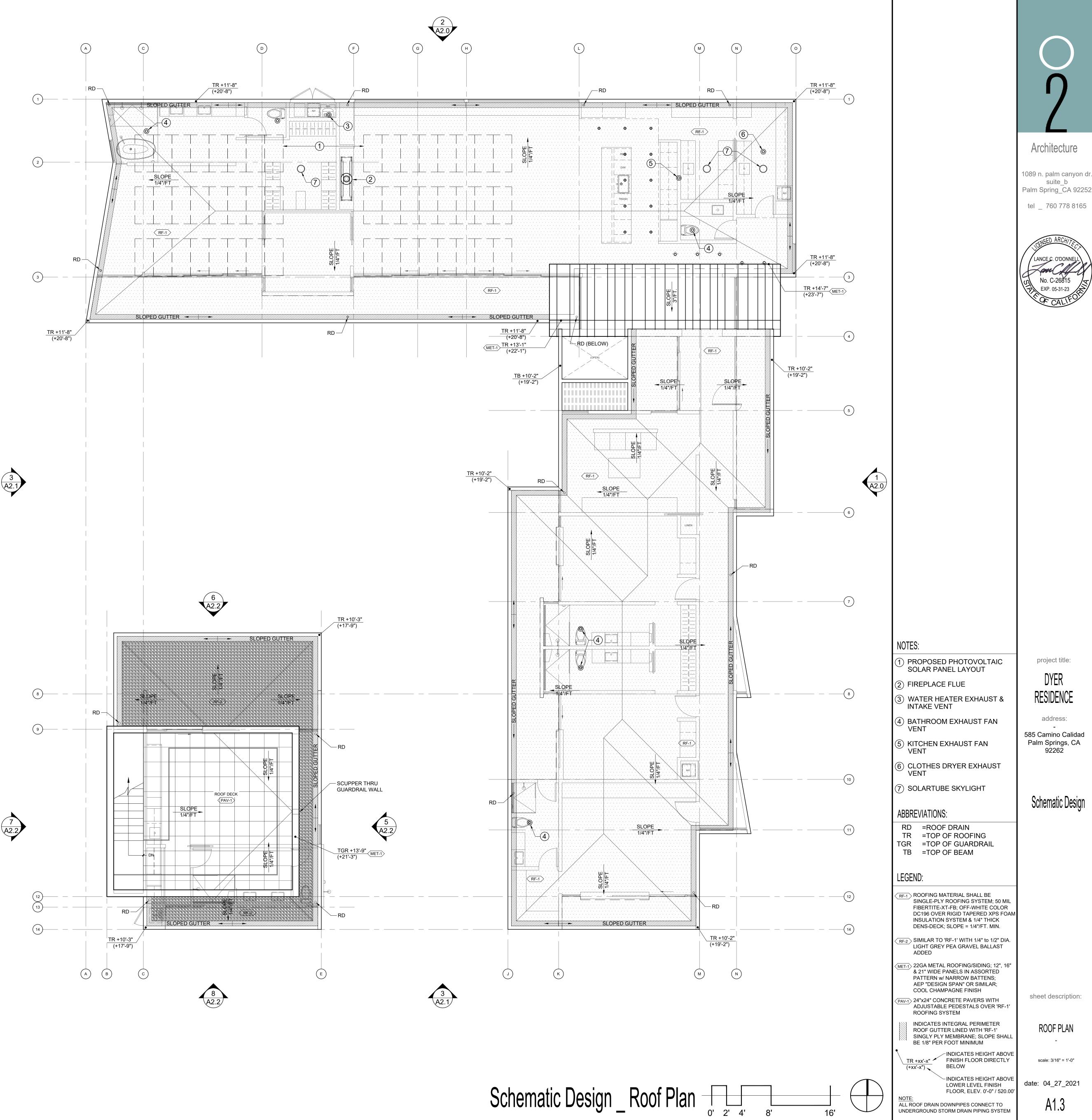
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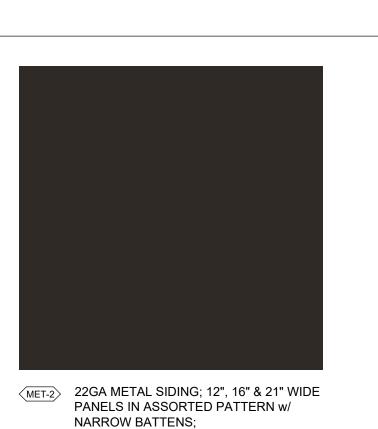


North- Exterior Elevation ²





SOLARBAN 60 LOW-E COATING



AEP "DESIGN SPAN" OR SIMILAR;

DARK BRONZE FINISH



AEP "DESIGN SPAN" OR SIMILAR;

COOL CHAMPAGNE FINISH



SYSTEM w/MESH & ACRYLIC COATING BETWEEN BROWN & FINISH COATS;

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SMOOTH SAND FINISH;

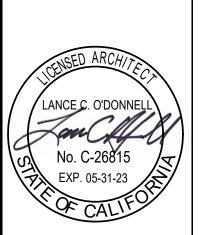




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PROPOSED **EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS** -MAIN HOUSE

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EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

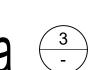
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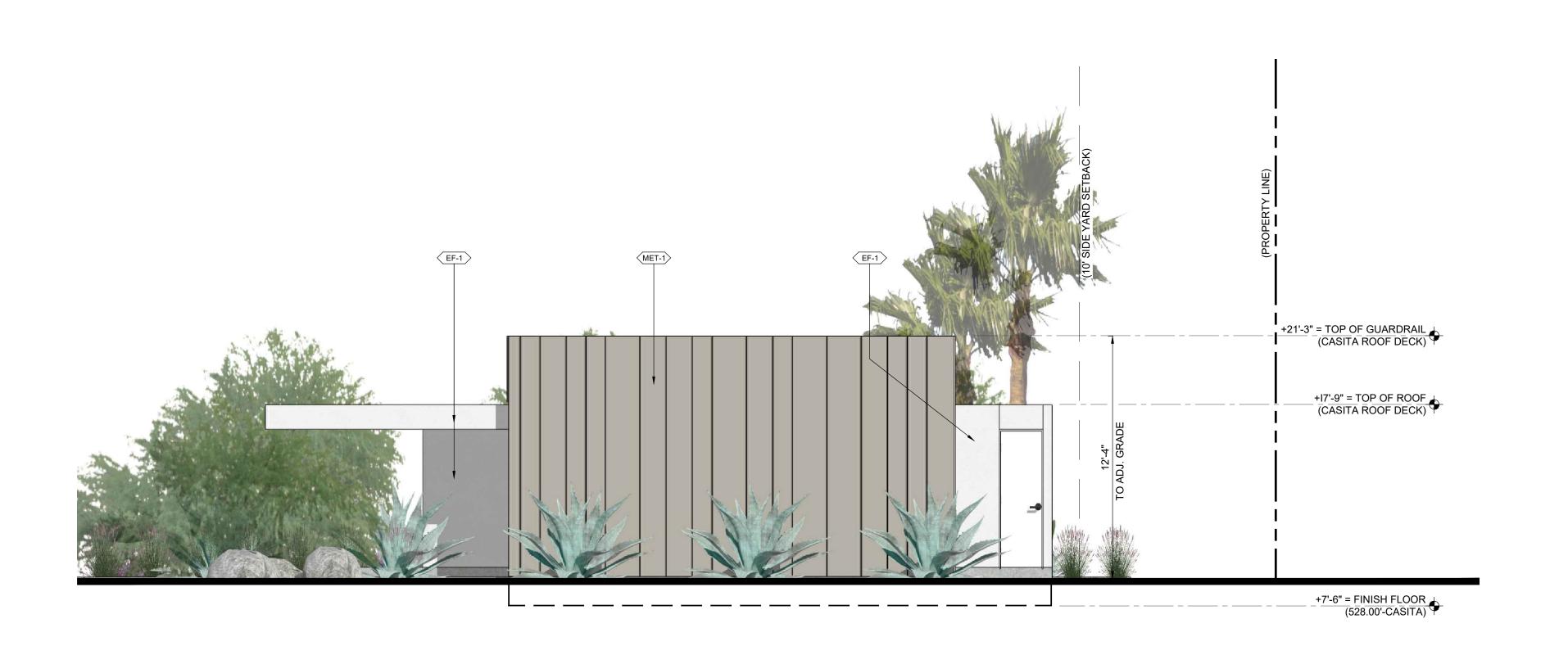
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East - Exterior Elevation - Casita 3

North - Exterior Elevation - Casita 3





West - Exterior Elevation - Casita 4



South - Exterior Elevation - Casita 4





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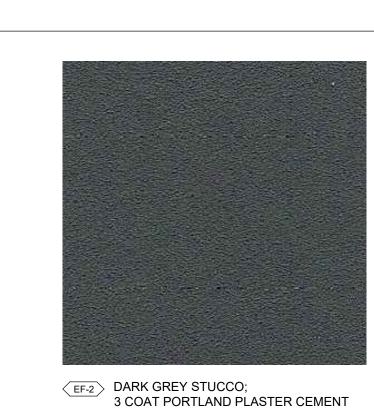
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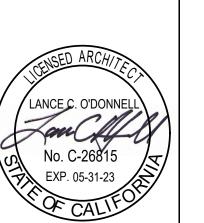
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RESIDENCE 585 Camino Calidad Palm Springs, CA 92262

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ELEVATIONS -CASITA scale: 1/4" = 1'-0" date: 04_27_2021

FROM THE DESK OF

Robert Hawley

May 14, 2021

Alex Perez Planning Department City of Palm Springs

Dear Alex

After reviewing the plans for the new property to be built at 585 Camino Calidad, adjacent to our property, I have only one minor concern. The plans show a rooftop deck on the guest casita near our mutual property line. My only concern with this is that it is my desire that we maintain visual privacy between the two properties. Our existing wall is too low to provide this, but our ficus hedge may need to be taller in order to provide such privacy. Also, there is no guarantee that the hedge will be of sufficient density to maintain privacy. The current plans hint at a hedge on their property, but this is not explicitly called out in the plans. I would ask the new homeowners to work with us to maintain plantings to provide for our mutual privacy.

Thank you,

Rob Hawley