



Staff Report

Date: January 16, 2024

To: Advisory Design Review (ADR) Group

From: Alex Lopez-Vega, Assistant Planner

Subject: 15 Skyland Way

Recommendation

ADR Group consideration and recommendation to the Town Council regarding the merits of the project and consistency with the Design Review criteria and standards of Ross Municipal Code (RMC) Section <u>18.41 Design Review</u>.

Project Information

Property Owner: Horatio LLC

Applicant: Pedersen Associates, Kai Okada

Street Address: 15 Skyland Way Parcel Number: 072-201-16 Zoning: R-1: B-A

General Plan: VL (Very Low Density)
Flood Zone: X (Moderate Risk)

Project Data

	Code Standard	Existing	Proposed
Lot Area	1 Acre min.	1.5 acres, 67,140 SF	No change
Floor Area (FAR)	15% max.	9,624 SF (14.3%)	No change
Building Coverage	15% max.	8,559 SF (12.7%)	No change
Impervious Surface Coverage	Minimize and/or mitigate for any increase.	12,594 SF (15.2%)	12,745 SF (15.3%)

Project Description

The applicant requests a recommendation to the Town Council for Design Review and a Hillside Lot Permit. The project proposes to rehabilitate and renovate the existing front and side landscape. The project will expand the existing driveway and construct retaining walls, gates and fences measuring up to 5'-6" in height, construct stone stairs, a landing, paved paths to the garage, along with realigned gravel paths to the existing pool area. Plantings will be incorporated in all disturbed areas, and exterior light fixtures within the project area will undergo renovation. Lighting will be shielded or directed downward to illuminate paved surfaces.

The front and side yard, currently features ornamental and native shrubs with seasonal grasses, and will undergo minimal changes, preserving much of the existing planting while introducing additional native and ornamental shrubs as shown on sheet L5 on the plans. The project will also remove a Blackwood Acacia to accommodate the side yard path and gate but retain the Coast live Oak.

Impervious Surfaces:

The project proposes to increase impervious surfaces by about 151 square-feet (SF). As shown on sheet L-2 of the project plans, drainage management areas of approximately 140 SF will be constructed to improve the drainage, directing paved areas to flow into landscape sections, slowing runoff and facilitating stormwater infiltration. In addition, the new driveway expansion will match the existing driveway to include permeable pavers that will contribute to effective stormwater management. The project is consistent with the Town's no net increase standard noted in RMC Section 18.41.100(t), Low Impact Development for Stormwater Management.

Project plans are included as **Attachment 1**; Project Application and Materials are included as **Attachment 2**.

The proposed project is subject to the following permit approval:

- Design Review Permit is required pursuant to RMC Section 18.41.010 to allow for construction of a new; fences and gates greater than 48" in height adjacent to the street right-of-way; and redevelopment, rehabilitation, and/or renovation of existing landscape over 2,500 square feet, including new hardscape, retaining walls, vegetation modifications, modification to topography, additional impervious surfaces, alterations of drainage patterns, and other site modifications that could affect the visual and/or physical character of the site and neighborhood.
- Hillside Lot Permit is required for lots with a slope of 30 percent greater or are wholly or partially with Hazard Zones 3 or 4 as identified on the town slope stability map, pursuant to RMC Section 18.39.020.

Background

The project site is located on an irregular shaped, 67,140-square-foot lot on the south side of Skyland Way. The lot has an average slope of approximately 28.6%. The property is designated as a Hillside Lot because the north and west edges of the lot are located within Slope Stability Hazard Zone 3. The property contains an existing single-family residence with attached garage wing in the middle of the lot; a pool house at the east side; and a detached garage at the west side. The western portion of the property is bisected by a vehicular access easement that separates the detached garage from the remainder of the property. The lot has an approved Design Review, Hillside Lot Permit and a Variance for a first and second-story addition to an existing attached garage at the west wing of the existing single-family residence.



Discussion

The overall purpose of the Design Review is to guide new development to preserve and enhance the special qualities of Ross and to sustain the beauty of the town's environment. Other specific purposes include; provide excellence of design consistent with the scale and quality of existing development; preserve and enhance the historical "small town", low-density character and identity that is unique to the Town of Ross; preserve lands which are unique environmental resources; enhance important community entryways, local travel corridors and the area in which the project is located; promote and implement the design goals, policies and criteria of the Ross general plan; discourage the development of individuals buildings which dominate the townscape or attract attention through color, mass or inappropriate architectural expression; preserve buildings and areas with historic or aesthetic value; upgrade the appearance, quality and condition of existing improvements in conjunction with new development or remodeling of a site; and preserve natural hydrology and drainage patterns and reduce stormwater runoff associated with development. The Design Review criteria and standards per RMC Section 18.41.100 can be found here: 18.41 Design Review.

Public Comment

At the time of writing this report, no comments were received from the public regarding the project.

Attachments

- 1. Project Plans
- 2. Project Application & Materials

ATTACHMENT 1

15 SKYLAND WAY

VICINITY MAP:

LANDSCAPE RENOVATION

SCOPE OF WORK

RETAINING WALL TO 5'-6" TALL, CONCRETE STAIRS, PAVER AUTO COURT RENOVATION, PAVER AND CONCRETE WALK, LANDSCAPE LIGHT RENOVATION PLANTING AND IRRIGATION RENOVATION

INDEX TO LANDSCAPE DRAWINGS:

- L-0 COVER SHEET
- L-1 LANDSCAPE MATERIAL PLAN & TREE REMOVAL LEGEND
- L-2 FINE GRADING PLAN AND
- PRELIMINARY STORMWATER CONTROL PLAN
- L-3 PLANTING PLAN
- L-4 SECTIONS AND ELEVATIONS
- L-5 IMAGES
- C-2 GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN

GENERAL NOTES

- CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE
- CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE
- CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE
- CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE
- CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE • CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE

2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLY WITH THE TOWN OF ROSS ORDINANCE AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE STATE OR LOCAL ORDINANCES. IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT, THE MORE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS SHALL APPLY.

3. CONFLICTS IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: IN CASE OF DISCREPANCIES OR CONFLICTS IN INFORMATION OR REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE DRAWINGS, SPECS. OR BETWEEN THE DRAWINGS AND THE SPECS, THE MOST EXPENSIVE REQUIREMENT SHOWN OR SPECIFIED SHALL BE THE BASIS OF THE CONTRACT FOR

4. WRITTEN DIMENSIONS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER GRAPHIC SCALE SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS. DO NOT SCALE DRAWINGS. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE SHOWN TO THE FACE OF FINISH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

5. ALL SYSTEMS AND ASSEMBLIES SHALL BE COMPLETE AND OPERATIVE THOUGH NOT FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. IN THE EVENT CERTAIN FEATURES OF THE CONSTRUCTION ARE NOT FULLY SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS OR CALLED FOR IN THE SPECS, THEN THEIR CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE OF THE SAME CHARACTER OF SIMILAR CONDITIONS SHOWN OR CALLED FOR.

6. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ALL CONNECTIONS AND FASTENERS SHALL BE CONCEALED. THE USE OF SURFACE FASTENERS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT. ALL EXTERIOR FASTENERS SHALL BE HOT-DIPPED GALVANIZED OR STAINLESS STEEL.

7. THE OWNER AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR: CONSTRUCTION MEANS, METHODS OR TECHNIQUES, SEQUENCES OR PROCEDURES OF THE CONTRACTOR, SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND PROGRAMS OF THE CONTRACTOR; OR FAILURE OF THE CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM THE WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

8. THESE DRAWINGS MAY NOT BE TO SCALE AND ARE FOR: ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS AND EXISTING CONDTIONS IN THE FIELD PRIOR TO EXECUTING THE WORK.

9. LARGER SCALE DRAWINGS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER SMALLER DRAWINGS.

10. INSTALL ALL MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES, APPLIANCES AND ACCESSORIES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. ALL WORK SHALL BE INSTALLED PLUMB, LEVEL AND TRUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

11. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HOLD HARMLESS THE OWNER, THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND THE TOWN OF ROSS FROM ALL LIABILITIES AND DAMAGES RESULTING FROM HIS CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS.

12. ANY AMBIGUITY OR DISCREPANCY DISCOVERED BY THE USE OF THESE PLANS SHALL BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.

13. SPOT ELEVATIONS INDICATED ARE CRITICAL ELEVATIONS. INTERVENING ELEVATIONS NOT SPECIFICALLY NOTED SHALL BE INTERPOLATED FROM ELEVATIONS SHOWN. A MINIMUM SLOPE OF EXTERIOR SURFACES SHALL BE 2% U.O.N.

14. INSURANCE: EACH CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN INSURANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FOR THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT, AND GIVE EVIDENCE OF SAME OR A CERTIFICATE INDICATING ITS EXISTENCE DELIVERED TO THE OWNER AND THE ARCHITECT AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR THE POLICIES LISTED HEREIN:

a) WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERING CONTRACTOR'S FULL LIABILITY UNDER "THE WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION AND SAFETY ACTS."

b) COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

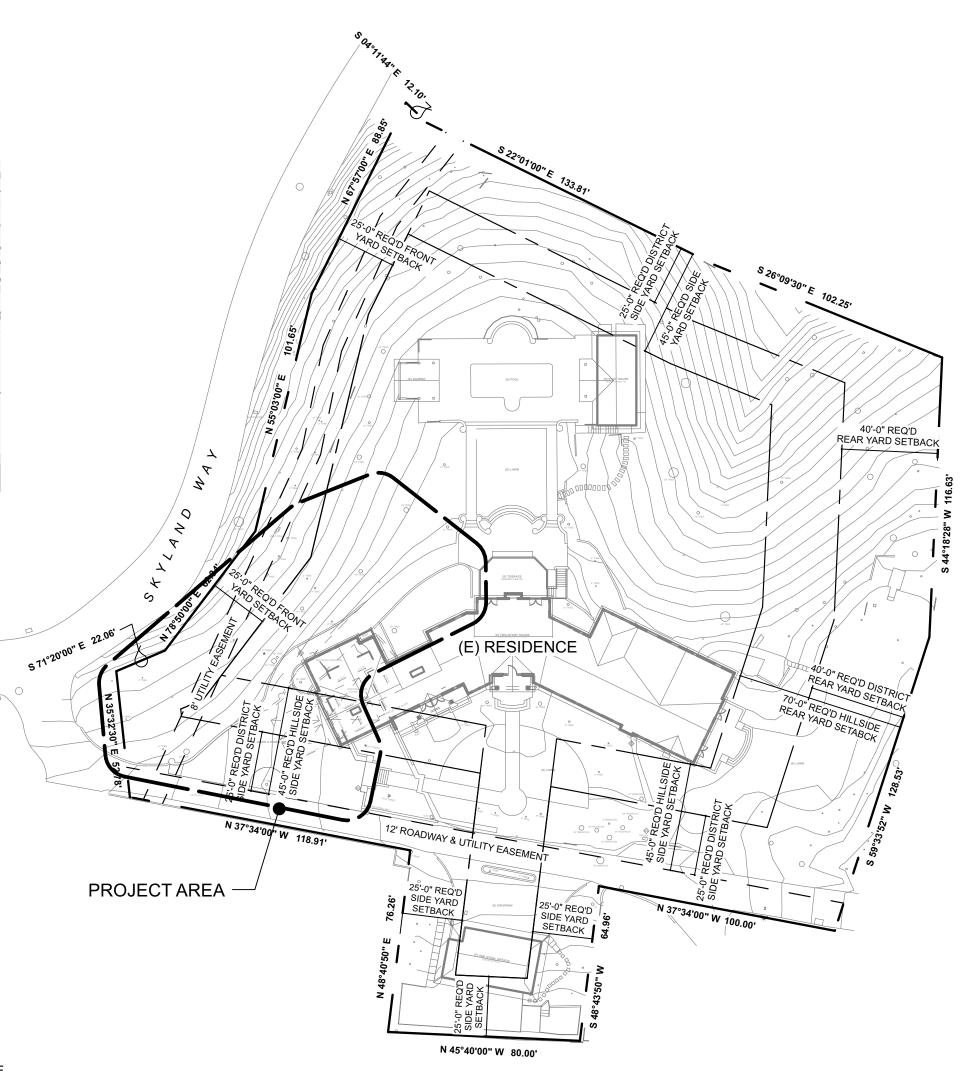
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c) COMPREPENSIVE AUTO LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

BODILY INJURY: \$1,000,000 EACH PERSON PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$1,000,000 EACH OCCURANCE

15. CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE SHALL INCLUDE THE "OWNER" AND THE "LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT" AS ADDITIONAL INSURED. CONTRACTOR IS TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE TO EACH OF THE ADDITIONAL INSURED PRIOR TO COMMENCING WORK. PROGRESS PAYMENTS WILL BE WITHHELD UNTIL CERTIFICATES ARE RECEIVED BY THE OWNER AND THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.

16. GUARANTEE: UNLESS SPECIFICALLY STATED TO THE CONTRARY IN THE DRAWINGS, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FURNISH A WRITTEN GUARANTEE TO THE EFFECT THAT ALL MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP FURNISHED UNDER THE CONTRACT SHALL BE GUARANTEED FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE TO BE FREE FROM DEFECTS AND FAULTY WORKMANSHIP AND THAT ANY SUCH DEFECTS SHALL BE PROMPLY REPAIRED OR REPLACED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST TO THE OWNER.





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DOUBLE

EXISTING SITE PLAN AND PROJECT AREA

ABBREVIATIONS & SYMBOLS

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FUT.

FOOTING

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(N)	NEW	DR.	DOOR	HORIZ.	HORIZONTAL	SPEC.	SPECIFICATION
A.C.	AIR CONDITIONING	DS.	DOWNSPOUT	HT.	HEIGHT	SQ.	SQUARE
A.D.	AREA DRAIN	DWG.	DRAWING	INST.	INSTALL	S.ST.	STAINLESS STEEL
ADJ.	ADJUSTABLE	E	ELECTRIC	JT.	JOINT	STD.	STANDARD
APPROX.	APPROXIMATE	EA.	EACH	MAX.	MAXIMUM	STL.	STEEL
ARCH.	ARCHITECTURAL	E.J.	EXPANSION JOINT	MECH.	MECHANICAL	STOR.	STORAGE
BD.	BOARD	EL.	ELEVATION	MFR.	MANUFACTURER	STRL.	STRUCTURAL
BLDG.	BUILDING	E.M.	ELECTIC METER	MH.	MANHOLE	SYM.	SYMMETRICAL
B.W.	BOTTOM OF WALL	ENCL.	ENCLOSURE	MIN.	MINIMUM	TRD.	TREAD
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C.B.	CATCH BASIN	EQ.	EQUAL	N.I.C.	NOT IN CONTRACT	T.P.	TOP OF PIER/COLUMN
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CONN.	CONNECTION	FL.	FLOOR	P.A.	PLANTING AREA	WD.	WOOD
CONT.	CONTINUOUS	FLASH'G	FLASHING	P.L.	PROPERTY LINE	W.M.	WATER METER
CTSK.	COUNTERSUNK	F.O.F.	FACE OF FINISH	P.O.B. R.	POINT OF BEGINNING	W/O	WITHOUT
CTR.	CENTER	FT.	FOOT/FEET	R. RAD	RISER RADIUS	WP.	WATERPROOF

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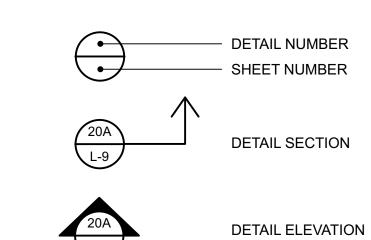
PROJECT DATA

TOTAL LOT AREA	82,542 SF	
SETBACKS		
FRONT (WEST)	25'0"	
SIDE (NORTH)	45'0"	
SIDE (EAST)	45'0"	
REAR (SOUTH)	70'0"	
PARKING	4	
	EXISTING	PROPOSED
BUILDING COVERAGE		
TOTAL BUILDING COVERAGE	8,559 SF	8,559 SF (NO CHANC
SITE COVERAGE	10.4%	10.4% (NO CHANGE)
IMPERVIOUS SURFACES		
ASPHALT & BRICK DRIVEWAY	5,599 SF	5,599 SF
PAVING AND LANDSCAPE WALLS	6,995 SF	7,146 SF
TOTAL IMPERVIOUS SURFACE	12,594 SF	12,745 SF
COVERAGE PERCENTAGE	15.2%	15.3%
PERVIOUS SURFACES		
PAVER (PERVIOUS)	2,229 SF	3,009 SF
GRAVEL	1,190 SF	1,517 SF
LANDSCAPE /TURF AREA	57,970 SF	56,712 SF
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TOTAL PERVIOUS SURFACE	61,389 SF	61,238 SF

PROJECT TEAM

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		ROSS, CA 94957
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	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT	PEDERSEN ASSOCIATES
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DETAIL SYMBOL KEY



COVER SHEET

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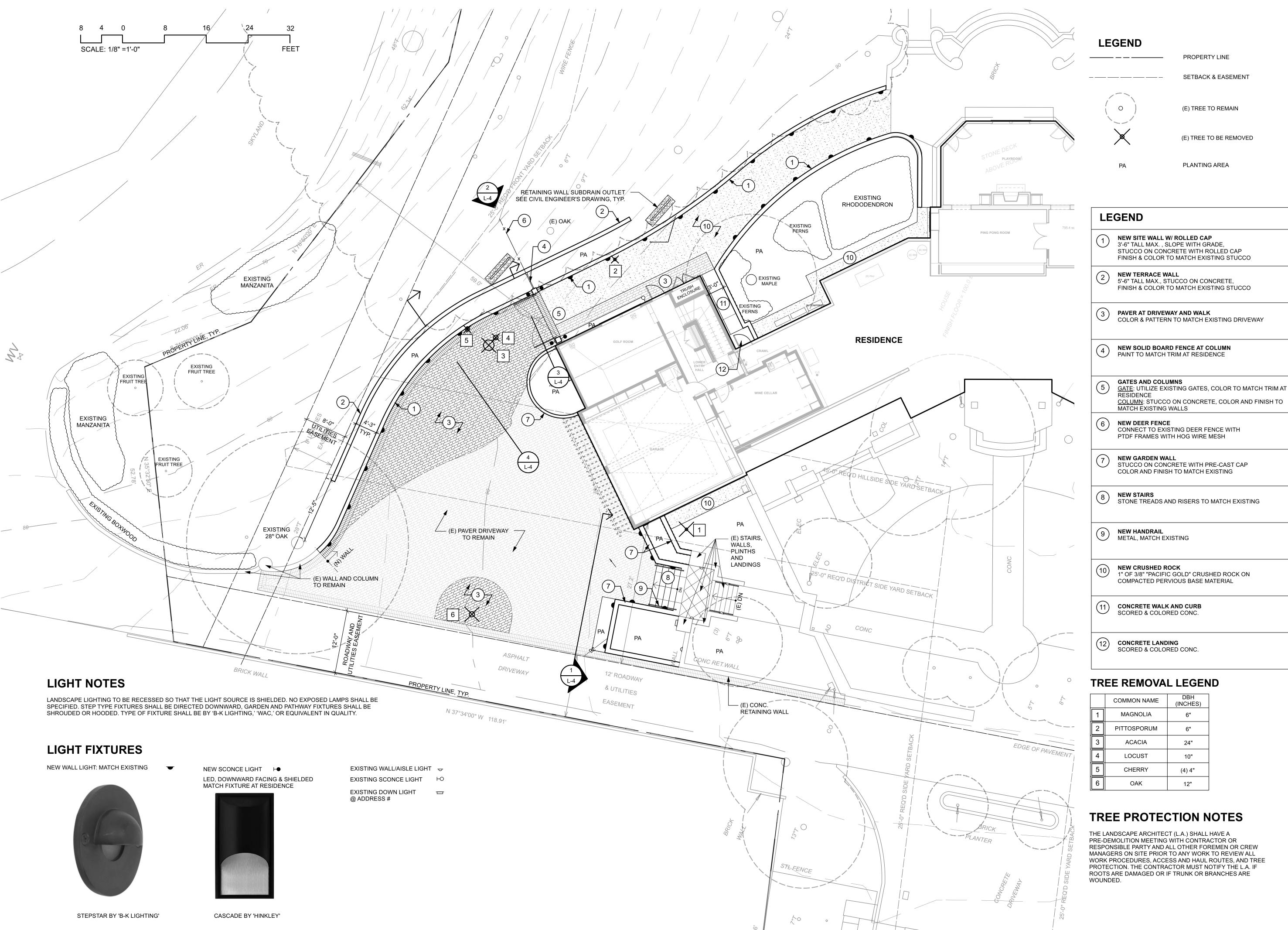
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PROPERTY LINE

SETBACK & EASEMENT

(E) TREE TO REMAIN

- STUCCO ON CONCRETE WITH ROLLED CAP FINISH & COLOR TO MATCH EXISTING STUCCO
- **NEW TERRACE WALL** 5'-6" TALL MAX., STUCCO ON CONCRETE, FINISH & COLOR TO MATCH EXISTING STUCCO
- PAVER AT DRIVEWAY AND WALK
 COLOR & PATTERN TO MATCH EXISTING DRIVEWAY
- GATE: UTILIZE EXISTING GATES, COLOR TO MATCH TRIM AT
- NEW DEER FENCE
 CONNECT TO EXISTING DEER FENCE WITH
- STUCCO ON CONCRETE WITH PRE-CAST CAP
- 8 STONE TREADS AND RISERS TO MATCH EXISTING
- NEW CRUSHED ROCK
 1" OF 3/8" "PACIFIC GOLD" CRUSHED ROCK ON

RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND ALL OTHER FOREMEN OR CREW MANAGERS ON SITE PRIOR TO ANY WORK TO REVIEW ALL WORK PROCEDURES, ACCESS AND HAUL ROUTES, AND TREE PROTECTION. THE CONTRACTOR MUST NOTIFY THE L.A. IF ROOTS ARE DAMAGED OR IF TRUNK OR BRANCHES ARE

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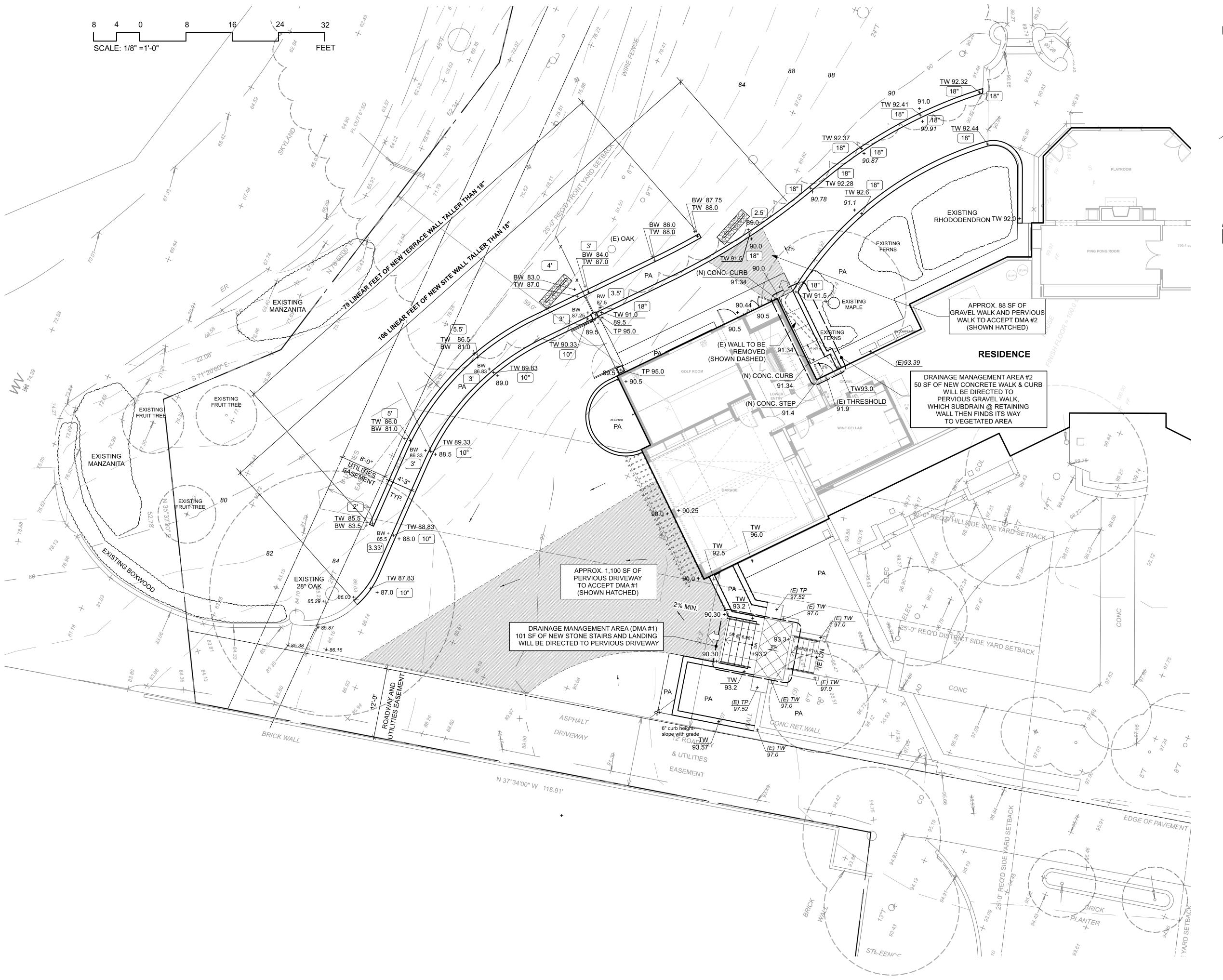
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LANDSCAPE MATERIAL PLAN & TREE REMOVAL LEGEND

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LEGEND

(E) SPOT ELEVATION + 93.5 PROPOSED SPOT ELEVATION + 93.5 DIRECTION OF SLOPE C.O./CLEAN OUT (E) CONTOURS PROPOSED CONTOUR LINES **HIGH POINT** TOP OF WALL **BOTTOM OF WALL** PLANTING AREA WALL HEIGHT DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT AREA DIRECTION OF FLOW RETAINING WALL SUBDRAIN OUTLET

GRADING & DRAINAGE NOTES

PROPERTY ALIGNMENT AND BUILDING ALIGNMENT ARE BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY POLSKY PERLSTEIN ARCHITECTS.

SEE CIVIL ENGINEER'S DRAWING

CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE ALL DEBRIS AND UNSUITABLE MATERIAL GENERATED BY ITS OPERATIONS FROM THE SITE.

KEEP WORK SPRINKLED TO PREVENT DUST. PROVIDE, ERECT AND MAINTAIN BARRICADES TO PROTECT THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WORKERS AND ADJOINING PROPERTY.

SLOPE TRANSITIONS TO BE SMOOTH AND EVEN WITH NO ABRUPT CHANGES IN GRADE. SLOPE ALL SOIL AWAY FROM BUILDING AT A MINIMUM OF 2%.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL ROUGH GRADES IN THE FIELD AND BRING ANY DISCREPANCIES TO THE ATTENTION OF THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT FOR A DECISION BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER WITH WORK.

ALL SLOPES 2:1 OR GREATER SHALL BE COVERED WITH SC150 EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS BY 'AMERICAN GREEN' O.E. SLOPES LESS THAN 2:1 SHALL BE COVERED BY THE DIRECTION OF THE L.A. ANY EROSIVE CONDITION SHALL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE L.A. FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION.

FINE GRADING

ALL GRAVEL BROKEN GLASS, ASPHALT, WOOD AND CONCRETE CHUNKS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM PLANTING AREAS DURING FINE GRADING PROCEDURES.

FINE GRADING PROCEDURES SHALL INCLUDE EVENING OF GRADE AROUND ANY EXISTING UTILITY BOXES AND GRATES.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE AMENDED ON-SITE STOCKPILED OR IMPORTED TOPSOIL TO ACHIEVE THE FINISH GRADES SHOWN ON THE GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN TO WITHIN TWO TENTHS OF A FOOT. TOPSOIL TO BE GENERAL LANDSCAPE MIX. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE TO CALCULATE FILL SETTLEMENT.

THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FINE GRADING AND POSITIVE SURFACE DRAINAGE IN ALL LANDSCAPED AREAS.

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FINE GRADING
PLAN AND
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CONTROL PLAN

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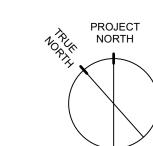
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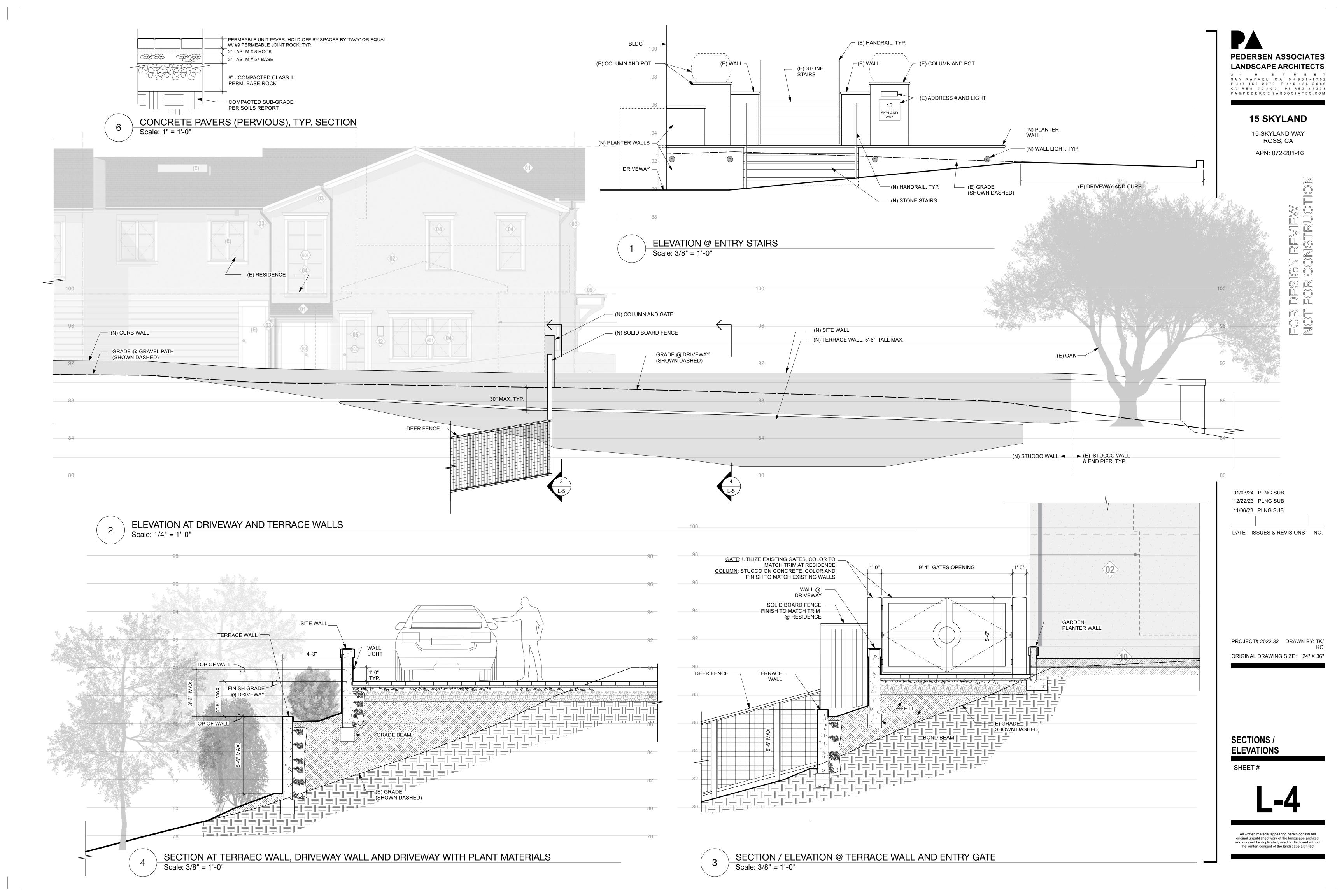


PLANTING PLAN

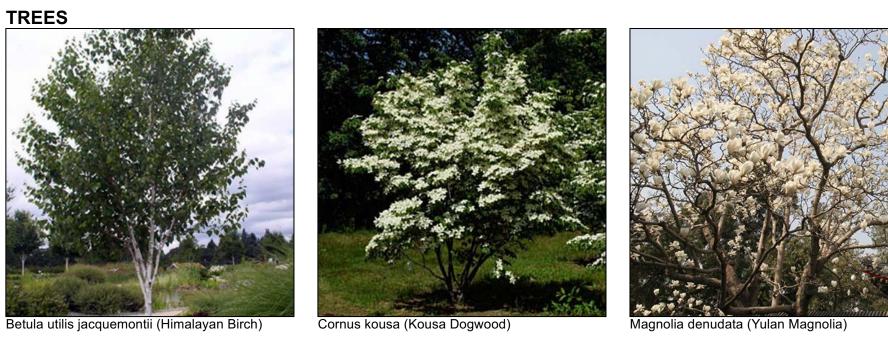
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PLANT IMAGES





Prunus x blireana (Purple-leafed Plum)

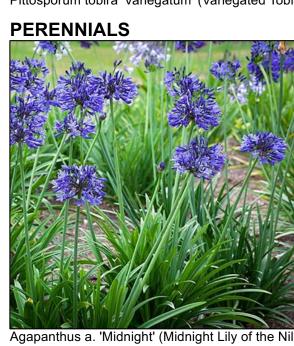
















(Cape Blanco Stonecrop)





MATERIAL IMAGES

PAVING

CRUSHED ROCK: 3/8" 'PACIFIC GOLD'





STAIRS AND HANRAILS

STAIRS: STONE HANDRAIL: METAL

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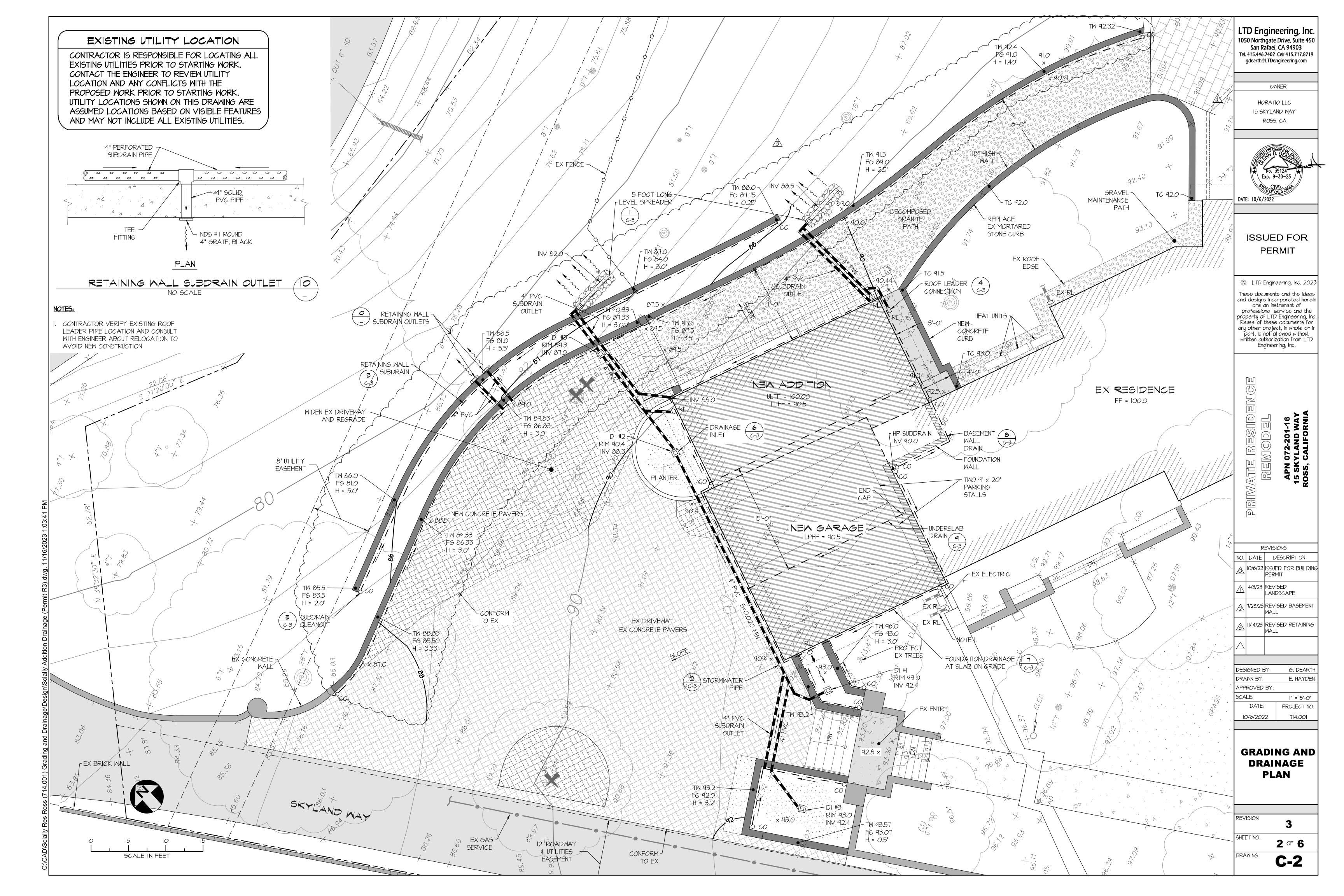
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ATTACHMENT 2



Town of Ross

Planning Department Post Office Box 320, Ross, CA 94957 Telephone (415) 453-1453, Ext. 121 Fax (415) 453-1950

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PLANNING APPLICATION FORM
Type of Application (check all that apply): Advisory Design Review Appeals Basement and Attics Exception Certificate of Compliance Demolition Permit Design Review Design Review- Amendment Final or Parcel Map General Plan Amendment Hillside Lot Permit Lot Line Adjustment Minor Exception Minor Exception Accessory Dwelling Unit Tentative Map Tentative Map Amendment Tentative Map Amendment Use Permit Variance Zoning Ordinance Amendment Other:
To Be Completed by Applicant:
Assessor's Parcel No(s):
Project Address:
Property Owner:
Owner Mailing Address (PO Box in Ross):
City/State/Zip: Owner's Phone:
Owner's Email:
Applicant:
Applicant Mailing Address:
City/State/Zip: Applicant's Phone:
Applicant's Email: kokada@pedersenassociates.com, ppedersen@pedersenassociates.com
Primary point of Contact Email:
To Be Completed by Town Staff: Date Received: Planning 5300 Application No.: Tree Permit 5305 Zoning: Fee Program Administration 5315-05 Record Management 5316-05 Record Retention 5112-05 Technology Surcharge 5313-05 Date paid: TOTAL FEES: Make checks payable to Town of Ross. Fees may not be refunded if the application is withdrawn.

SUBDIVISION INFORMATION ONLY

Number of Lots:			
	LOT LINE AD	DJUSTMENT ONLY	
Describe the Proposed Lot Line Ac	djustment:		
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Existing Parcel Size(s)	Parcel 1:	Parcel 2:	
Adjusted Parcel Size(s)	Parcel 1:	Parcel 2:	
PARCEL ONE		PARCEL 2	
Owners Signature:		Owner's Signature:	
Date:		Date:	
Owner's Name (Please Print):		Owner's Name (Please Print):	
Assessor's Parcel Number:		Assessor's Parcel Number:	
* If there are more than two af	fected property o	wners, please attach separate letters of authorization.	
RI	EZONING OR TE	XT AMENDMENT ONLY	
The applicant wishes to amend Se	ection	of the Ross Municipal Code Title 18.	
The applicant wishes to Rezone pa	arcel	_from the Zoning District to	
GENE	RAL OR SPECIFIC	PLAN AMENDMENT ONLY	
Please describe the proposed ame	endment:		
CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE	:S		
, the property owner, do hereby auduring the review process by City sta		ant designated herein to act as my representative	
Owner's Signature:		Date:	
		ury that the facts and information contained in this rials, are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge	
Owner's Signature:		Date:	

SIGNATURE:

I hereby authorize employees, agents, and/or consultants of the Town of Ross to enter upon the subject property upon reasonable notice, as necessary, to inspect the premises and process this application.

I hereby authorize Town staff to reproduce plans and exhibits as necessary for the processing of this application. I understand that this may include circulating copies of the reduced plans for public inspection. Multiple signatures are required when plans are prepared by multiple professionals.

I further certify that I understand the processing procedures, fees, and application submittal requirements.

I hereby certify that I have read this application form and that to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application form and all the exhibits are complete and accurate. I understand that any misstatement or omission of the requested information or of any information subsequently requested shall be grounds for rejecting the application, deeming the application incomplete, denying the application, suspending or revoking a permit issued on the basis of these or subsequent representations, or for the seeking of such other and further relief as may seem proper to the Town of Ross. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this application was signed at

, California on	
Signature of Property Owner(s) and Applicant(s)Signature of Plan Preparer	

Notice of Ordinance/Plan Modifications

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65945(a), please indicate, by checking this box, if you would like to receive a notice from the Town of any proposal to adopt or amend the General Plan, a specific plan, zoning ordinance, or an ordinance affecting building permits or grading permits, if the Town determines that the proposal is reasonably related to your request for a development permit.

<u>Alternate Format Information</u>

The Town of Ross provides written materials in an alternate format as an accommodation to individuals with disabilities that adversely affect their ability to utilize standard print materials. To request written materials in an alternate format please contact us at (415) 453-1453, extension 105.

Consultant Information		
The following information is required	for all project c	onsultants.
Landscape Architect		
Project Landscape Architect		
Mailing Address		
City		
Phone	Fax	
Email		
Town of Ross Business License No		Expiration Date
Civil/ Geotechnical Engineer		
Firm		
Project Engineer		
Mailing Address		
City	State	ZIP
Phone	Fax	
Email		
Town of Ross Business License No		Expiration Date
Arborist		
Firm		
Project Arborist		
Mailing Address		
City		
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Email		
Town of Ross Business License No		Expiration Date
Other		
Consultant		
Mailing Address		
City		ZIP
Phone	Fax	
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Town of Ross Business License No		Expiration Date
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Consultant		
Mailing Address		
City		
Phone	Fax	
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Town of Ross Business License No		

Written Project Description – may be attached. A complete description of the proposed project, including all requested variances, is required. The description may be reviewed by those who have not had the benefit of meeting with the applicant, therefore, be thorough in the description. For design review applications, please provide a summary of how the project relates to the design review criteria in the Town zoning ordinance (RMC §18.41.100).

15 Skyland Way: Design Review Application Project Description November 6, 2023

Written Project Description – may be attached.

A complete description of the proposed project, including all requested variances, is required. The description may be reviewed by those who have not had the benefit of meeting with the applicant, therefore, be thorough in the description. For design review applications, please provide a summary of how the project relates to the design review criteria in the Town zoning ordinance (RMC §18.41.100).

The project consists of retaining walls for an expanded parking court, side yard walls, gates & fence, stone stairs and landing, paved paths to the garage and crawl space, realigned gravel paths to existing pool area. Plantings at all disturbed area and exterior landscape light fixtures within the project area will be also renovated.

Please see L-0: Coversheet for Project Data.

The summary of how this project relates to the design review criteria in the Town zoning ordinance is as follows:

- 1. The existing front yard is composed of drifts of ornamental and native shrubs and seasonal grasses. Much of the planting shall remain with some additional native and ornamental shrubs added. There are no significant site features in the front yard area where the improvements will occur with the exception of a Coast Live Oak, that will remain, and a Blackwood Acacia (Acacia melanoxylon) that will be removed to accommodate the side yard path and gate.
- 2. All disturbed areas will be planted and mulched in a similar fashion as the other homes at the end of Skyland.
- 3. The project provides guest parking in front of the garage and allows enough space to maintain the existing driveway turn around.
- 4. The new site retaining walls have been broken into two separate offset walls with a generous planting between. This allows the driveway edge to not require a guard rail. The walls will receive a stucco finish to match the residence.
- 5. The auto court expansion and new planting will screen the guest parking area from Skyland Way.
- 6. The side yard screen wall and gate utilize the same materials as the garage (stucco and painted wood) to create a cohesive design palette, in keeping with the existing walled garden and entry treatments.
- 7. The planting design utilizes low water, fire and deer resistant material. All disturbed areas will be planted and mulched.

- 8. LID stormwater management for the project will be improved with through-curb drainage, allowing paved areas to flow into landscape areas, slowing runoff and allowing stormwater infiltration. The existing and new driveway pavers are sand-set and previous.
- 9. All new site lighting is shielded or aimed down to illuminate paved surfaces.

Mandatory Findings for Variance Applications	Mandatory	/ Findings	for Variance	Applications
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In order for a variance to be granted, the following mandatory findings must be made:

Special Circumstances
That because of special circumstances applicable to the property, including size, shape, topography, location, and surroundings, the strict application of the Zoning Ordinance deprives the property of
privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity and under identical zoning classification. Describe the special circumstances that prevent conformance to pertinent zoning regulations.
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Substantial Property Rights That the project is a second of the project in the p
That the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights. Describe why the project is needed to enjoy substantial property rights.

Public Welfare
That the granting of a variance will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property in the neighborhood in which said property is situated. Describe why the variance will not be
harmful to or incompatible with other nearby properties.



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December 27, 2023

Alex Lopez-Vega, Assistant Planner Town of Ross P.O.Box 320/ 31 Sir Francis Drake Blvd Ross, CA 94957

Subject: Response to Planning and Dept. of Public Works Comments for 15 Skyland Way, APN 072-201-16

Dear Alex,

Please see my response to the comments from the Department of Public Works and Planning dated December 18, 2023.

Comments from Planning and Public Works

There is an increase in impervious surface in two locations. Please see L-2.

Drainage Management Area #1 includes 101 square feet of new stone stairs and landings, and Drainage Management Area #2 includes 50 square feet of new concrete walk and curb. Stormwater from each area will be directed to permeable surface and the diagram and descriptions are on the plan.

Additionally with this submittal, we included C-2 Grading and Drainage Plan and Detail 6 on L-4 for Concrete Paver (previous) detail per your comments, and Detail 3 and 4 on L-4 are updated accordingly.

Thank you so much, and please contact us with any questions or if you need anything else.

Sincerely,

Kai Okada Pedersen Associates (415) 456-2070 kokada@pedersenassociates.com



December 18, 2023

Horatio LLC Attn: Pedersen Associates 24 H Street San Rafael, CA 94102

Re:

15 Skyland Way, APN 072-201-16

Application DRP23-0023

Dear:

Thank you for submitting your planning application for Design Review to renovate existing landscaping over 2,500 square feet, including hardscape, retaining walls, vegetation modifications and other site modifications at 15 Skyland Way, APN 072-201-16. Staff has reviewed your submittal and determined your application to be incomplete for processing. Please provide the following information to staff to ensure a complete application:

Comments from Planning:

If there is an increase in impervious surfaces, please provide a remedy.

Comments Received from Public Works:

- Net impervious area is being increased. Applicant must provide a preliminary drainage or stormwater management plan indicating how the project will generate no net runoff using on site bioretention areas, or else revise plan to decrease impervious areas to at or below historic value. Per Town of Ross Policy, any net-increase in impervious area must be routed through an equivalent sized BASMAA-type bioretention basin. The area of bioretention = 8% x net-increase. The drainage area that is routed into the bioretention must include, at a minimum, an area of impervious surface equal to the net increase but no more than 2X the net increase.
- For new pavers to be considered as pervious material, provide a detail showing paver section with an adequate open-graded subbase reservoir to provide detention storage. Type 12" of 1-1/2 to 3" rock.

Please submit all of the above information in order for staff to continue reviewing this application. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter at (415) 453-1453 ext. 116 or at alopez-vega@townofross.org

Sincerely,

Alex Lopez-Vega Assistant Planner



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To: Neighbors of 15 Skyland Way, Ross

From: Pete Pedersen, Landscape Architect, CLA #2300

Date: January 3, 2024

RE: Proposed Front and Side Yard Renovation

Dear Neighbor,

We are writing on behalf of Horatio LLC, who are in the process of applying for approval from the Town of Ross for a front and side yard landscape renovation. Although you will also likely receive a notice from the Town, the Town encourages applicants to reach out to neighbors to describe pending projects and to invite input.

The project includes an expanded auto court with retaining walls (to support approved additions to the garage), reconfigured entry walk, stairs & low garden terrace walls, a new side gate and access path around the garage expansion, resurfacing of the driveway with water permeable pavers, and new plantings at the front yard and entry garden.

The main motivators for this project are;

- a) To provide an auto court with ample guest parking and maneuvering space to eliminate having to back down the private driveway to the cul-de-sac.
- b) To provide a gracious entry experience to the front gate and garden entrance
- c) To allow service access to the back yard for garden maintenance vehicles
- d) To update and refresh the landscaping to complement the neighborhood.

You will receive a notice from the Town of Ross, which will include a link to the staff report with attached plans at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. If you'd like to review the plans prior to that, please contact the Ross's Assistant Planner, Alex Lopez-Vega at alopez-vega@townofross.org to get a copy of the plans.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Pete Pedersen, Pedersen Associates CLA#2300





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Neighbor of 15 Skyland Way P.O. Box 672 Ross, CA 94957-0672





Neighbor of 15 Skyland Way P.O. BOX 1362 ROSS CA 94957-1362





Neighbor of 15 Skyland Way P.O.Box 517 Ross. CA 94957-0517





Neighbor of 15 Skyland Way P.O.Box 81 Ross, CA 94957-0081





Neighbor of 15 Skyland Way P.O.Box 213 Ross. CA 94957-0213





Neighbor of 15 Skyland Way P.O. Box 546 Ross, CA 94957-0546





Neighbor of 15 Skyland Way P.O. Box 496 Ross, CA 94957-496