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June 21, 2018

Chuck Centers
2625 Sheridan Way
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Re: Cultural Resource Reinvestigation of the Proposed Cameron Ranch Project,
Cameron Park, El Dorado County, California

Dear Mr. Centers:

This letter report is written in response to the comments received from the El Dorado County Planning Department regarding the cultural resources study prepared by Historic Resource Associates in 2007 for the Cameron Ranch project in Cameron Park, California. The Cultural Resources Study prepared by Historic Resource Associates in October 2007 lists the followings APNs for Cameron Ranch: 102-421-01, 102-110-11, 102-110-13, and 102-110-14 (Figure 1). The current APNs for the proposed Cameron Ranch are: 102-421-01, 102-110-14, and 102-110-24 (Figure 2).

According Mr. Centers, both APN 102-110-11 and 102-110-13 are no longer valid and have been split multiple times, creating APN 102-110-24. The current project is depicted on the USGS 7.5' *Shingle Springs, California* quadrangle map in a portion of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, MDM (Figure 5). The project area is bounded on the west by Hastings Drive, on the south by Green Valley Road, and on the north by Starbuck Road. The current project, as depicted in Figure 2, encompasses 5.6 acres.

On June 20, 2018, the proposed project area was revisited by Dana E. Supernowicz, M.A., RPA. Transects of 10-20 meters apart were walked throughout the project area, with 1-2 meter transects walked along the parcel's boundary facing Hastings Drive. The majority of the parcel was covered with a dense stand of tall grass and thistle, with the exception of the parcel edge along Hastings Drive, where someone has taken a weed cutter and removed about 10'-20' feet of grass and weeds along the road margin.

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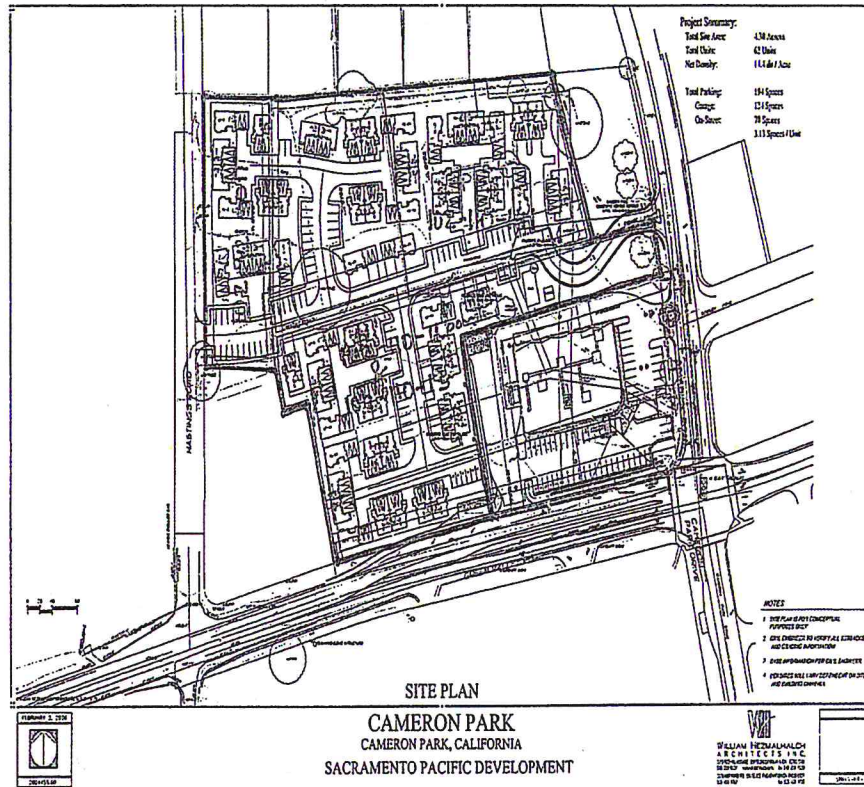


Figure 1: Original Cameron Ranch Site Plan, 2007

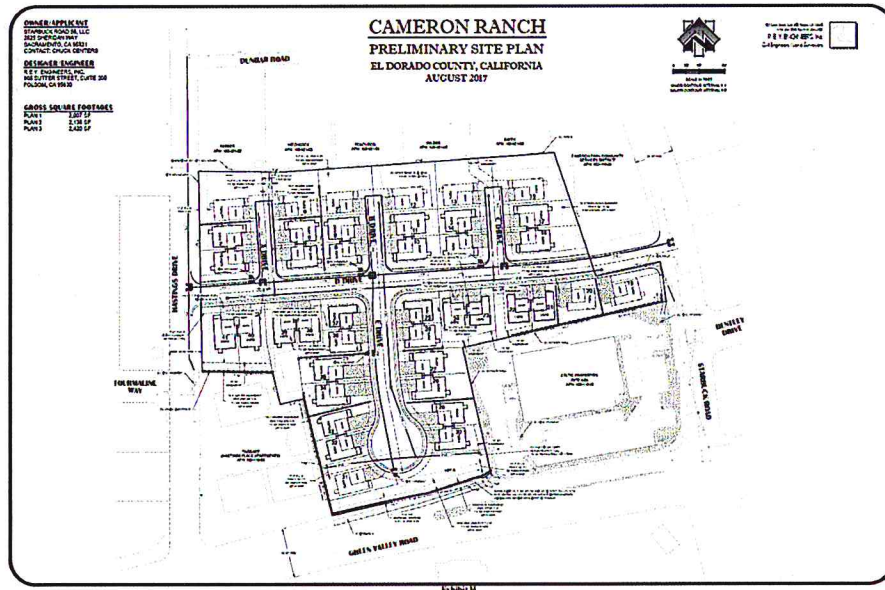


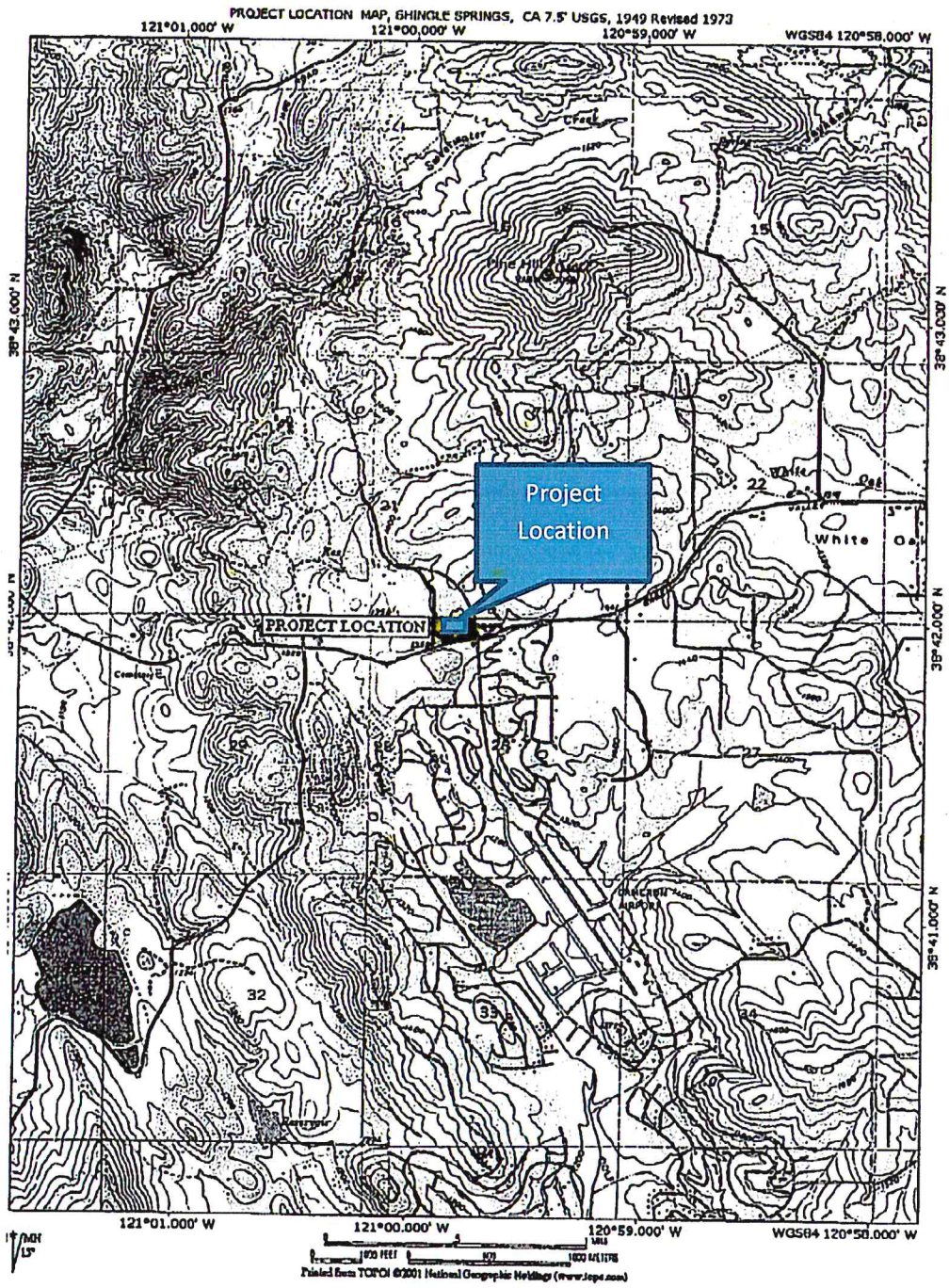
Figure 2: Cameron Ranch Preliminary Site Plan, 2018



Figure 3: Project Aerial View (Google Earth 2018)



Figure 4: Project 3D Aerial View, west end (Google Earth 2018)



*Figure 5: Project Location Map
(USGS 7.5' Shingle Springs, CA topographic map)*

The project site is situated along the north end of Cameron Park, lying north of Green Valley Road. In the mid-1920s the parcels appear to have been owned by the Green Valley School District, with the former Green Valley School once located to the east near the intersection of Green Valley Road and Cameron Park Drive (Official Map of El Dorado County, 1925).

According to local historian Doug Noble, Cameron Park began in the late 1950s, when Robert L. Cameron acquired several blocks of a property and, by 1961, three units of small lots had been developed north of Highway 50 and a unit of 5-acre parcels to the south of the highway (Noble 2012). Prior to Cameron's initial development of the community, Cameron Park was largely open fields, dense stands of chaparral, and oaks that were used for grazing livestock. A handful of ranches had been developed within the current boundaries of the community, some, like the Engesser Ranch, dated to the 1850s.

By the early 1960s, Cameron had developed a golf course country club, followed by an airport, and, to the south, the Red Coach Inn, which later became Sam's Town. In more recent years, the Arnold Palmer Golf Academy was developed at the northeast corner of Highway 50 and Cameron Park Drive (Noble 2012). The former Skinner Ranch, which was centered near the intersection of Starbuck Road and Cameron Park Drive, was developed with a nursery and retail shopping. Skinner's vineyard was located to the southeast of his winery.

Within approximately 1/8 mile of the proposed project were a number of cultural sites, including Skinner's Winery, most of which were destroyed, with the exception of St. Michael's Cemetery, which lies immediately to the west of the project site across Hastings Drive. The other sites include the Engesser House, which was located on the south side of Green Valley Road across from the Emerald Meadows subdivision. St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery was established in 1882. This cemetery was encroached upon by housing developers and the telephone company, who constructed a building on the corner of the cemetery in the form of a church. In recent years, a fence has been placed around the cemetery.



Figure 6: Aerial view depicting historic sites near the proposed project.

CULTURAL RESOURCE REINVESTIGATION RESULTS

As described by County planning staff, a concrete feature was identified near the southwest edge of the current project. This area, as previously noted, was reinvestigated on June 20, 2018 by Dana E. Supernowicz, M.A., RPA. One meter transects were walked along the western edge of the parcel in response to the feature and any other features of a similar shape and design that may exist. During the 2007 study by Historic Resource Associates this feature reportedly was located in an area outside the project, as defined by the former project design map (Figure 1). In addition, grass and weeds were still relatively tall in early fall, which likely obscured anything low to the ground.

The feature, herein referred to as Cameron Ranch Feature 1 was identified and recorded on June 20, 2018 (Figures 7-10). Measurements and photographs were taken and historic maps and aerial photographs were investigated to understand the context of the feature and its potential relationship with St. Michael's Cemetery, whose southern edge lies directly to the west across Hastings Drive.



Figure 7: 3D Aerial View of Cameron Ranch Feature 1.



Figure 8: View of Cameron Ranch Feature 1, looking northwest.



Figure 9: View of Cameron Ranch Feature 1, looking west across Hastings Road towards St. Michael's Cemetery. Note that directly across the road is the telephone company faux church.



Figure 10: View looking east from the telephone company faux church structure towards Cameron Ranch Feature 1, to the right of the left live oak.

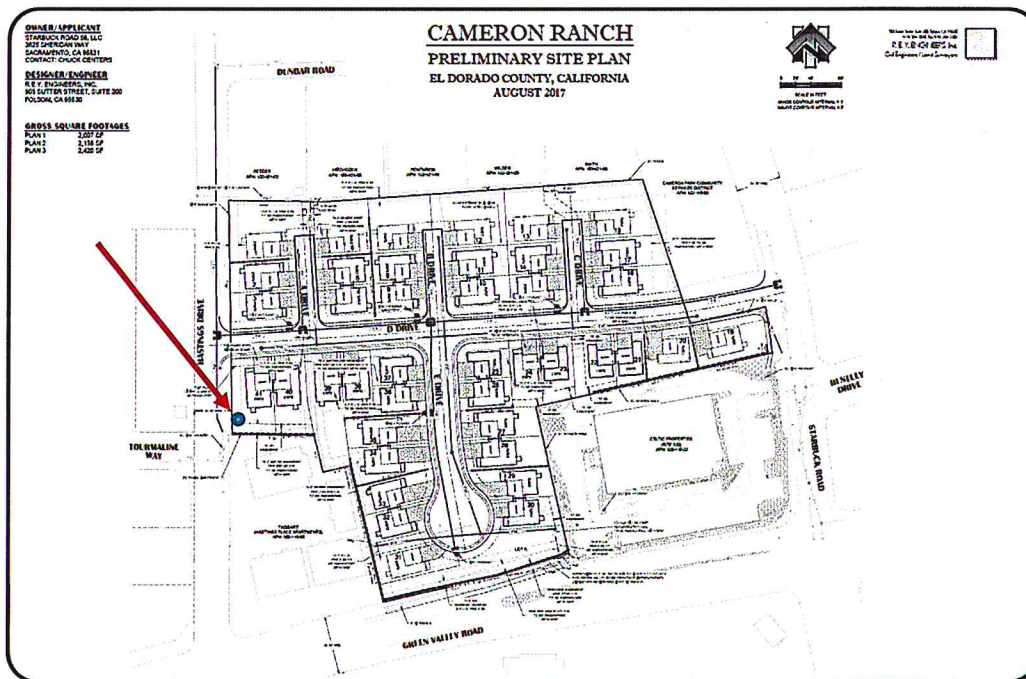


Exhibit II

Figure 11: Location of Cameron Ranch Feature 1 (red arrow)

Cameron Ranch Feature 1 can be described as a monolithic, board-formed slab of concrete attached to three perimeter stem walls. The feature is currently positioned 327 degrees northwest, with an incline or slope of about 7% trending to the south. Lying between two live oak trees, the feature appears out of place and its alignment is not consistent with cemetery plots across Hastings Drive within the St. Michael's Cemetery. In addition, the feature lies to the east across Hasting's Drive and directly across the street from the location of the Pacific Bell telephone company's faux church, which impacted the southeast corner of the cemetery, when it was constructed in the circa 1980s.

The south end of the concrete feature lacks a stem wall and parts of the longitudinal stem wall have been broken. Based upon its structural characteristics, board-formed Portland cement/concrete construction, slab, and stem walls, the feature was a former burial plot marker from the St. Michael's cemetery that was likely moved to its current position when the telephone facility was constructed directly across the street. No other marking, inscriptions, or design elements were found on the east side of Hastings Drive to suggest the cemetery extended across the road. All the historic maps and aerial photographs dating from 1940 suggest the cemetery boundary was the west side of Hastings Drive. Furthermore, the positioning of the slab, disoriented northwest rather than due north in keeping with the other plots, and the fact that the slab slopes downward to the south, suggests that the slab was relocated from across the road during construction activities at the telephone facility site.

RECOMMENDATIONS

On June 20, 2018, the proposed Cameron Ranch project area was revisited and during the course of the pedestrian survey conducted by Dana E. Supernowicz, M.A., RPA, one feature was identified at the southwest corner of the project, approximately 12' from Hastings Drive and directly across the street from the south end of St. Michael's Cemetery and the telephone company faux church.

Considering its spatial location, orientation, size, and the damage incurred to it, the feature represents a former burial plot marker that was likely removed from its original location across the street to the west, within or near where the telephone company faux church was built. Damage to the concrete stem wall is consistent with a front-end loader lifting it or attempting to lift it and breaking portions of the stem wall in the process. Furthermore, historic maps and aerial photographs dating to the 1940s clearly depict St. Michael's Cemetery as lying on the west side of Hastings Road. If the cemetery was larger in the historic past, it could easily have expanded to the west, where the current Emerald Meadows Subdivision was built, rather than crossing over a rural road. No other associated cemetery related features or objects were observed on the east side of Hasting's Drive within the project location.

Therefore, it is recommended that the concrete slab be carefully lifted and moved west across Hastings Drive and placed in an appropriate location within St. Michael's Cemetery. Unfortunately, the concrete slab bears no inscriptions.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding the outcome of the field survey and my recommendations, please contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana E. Supernowicz".

Dana E. Supernowicz, M.A., RPA
Principal

REFERENCES

Netronline Website. Historic Aerial Photographs. Historic.aerials.com. Accessed June 2018.

Noble, Doug. "Where the heck is Cameron Park." *Mountain Democrat*. February 26, 2012.

Official Map of El Dorado County. 1925.

Supernowicz, Dana E. Cultural Resource Study of the Proposed Cameron Ranch, APN. 102:421:011 and 102:110:11, 13 & 141, North of Green Valley Road, Cameron Park, El Dorado County, California 95682, October 2007.

United States Geological Survey. *Shingle Springs, California* topographic quadrangle maps 1950, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1973, 1984, and 2012.

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*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) Cameron Ranch Feature 1

- P1. Other Identifier: APN 102-421-10
- *P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted *a. County: El Dorado
- *b. USGS 7.5' Quad: Shingle Springs, CA 7.5' 1973; Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, MDM
- c. Address: N/A City: Cameron Park Zip: 95682
- d. UTM:
- *e. Other Locational Data: The feature is located approximately 289' north of Green Valley Road, on the east side of Hastings Drive between 2 oak trees and about 12' from the edge of the pavement. APN 102-421-10.
- *P3a. Description:

The feature consists of a monolithic slab of concrete measuring 66" x 54", a top stem wall measuring 8 1/2" wide x 8" high, a left broken stem wall measuring 6" wide x 53" long, and a right stem wall measuring 47" long x 6 1/2" wide. The board-formed, monolithic slab (all parts were formed together as one unit) and stem walls are oriented 327 degrees to the northwest, and slopes at an approximate 7% incline to the southeast. Damage to the stem wall and slab edge suggest it was moved from its original location across Hastings Drive to its current location in the past few decades. The slab appears to have been originally designed as a burial plot marker for an individual or family interred at St. Michaels Cemetery, which lies to the west across Hastings Drive. The southeast corner of the cemetery was impacted a few decades ago during construction of a phone utility structure built in the form of a church.

- P3b. Resource Attributes: HP26 – Possible concrete burial plot
- *P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District

P5a. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



- P5b. Description of Photo: Looking southwest at the concrete feature with Hastings Road in the background and the telephone company faux church beyond it.
- *P6. Date Constructed/Age: Historic Undetermined (circa 1920s).
- *P7. Owner and Address: Chuck Centers, 2625 Sheridan Way, Sacramento, CA 95821.
- *P8. Recorded by: Dana E. Supernowicz, Architectural Historian, Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.
- *P9. Date Recorded: June 20, 2018.
- *P10. Type of Survey: Pedestrian 1 meter transects
- Describe: CEQA project
- *P11. Report Citation: Cultural Resource Reinvestigation of the Proposed Cameron Ranch Project, APN. 102-421-01, 102-110-14, and 102-110-24, Cameron Park, El Dorado County, California 95682. Prepared for Chuck Centers, 2625 Sheridan Way, Sacramento, CA 95821. Prepared by Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. June 2018.

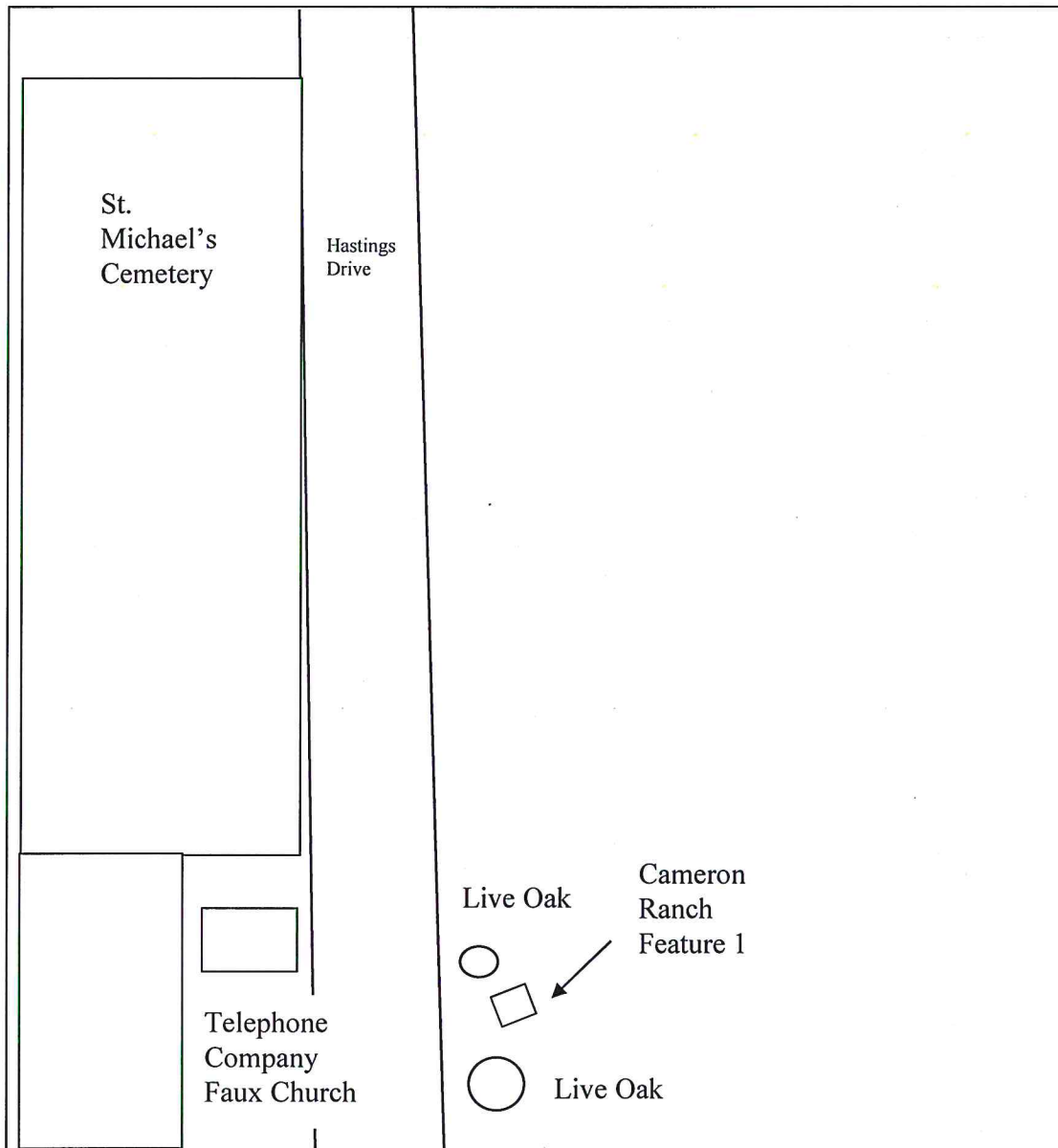
- *Attachments: NONE Location Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record
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- Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List):

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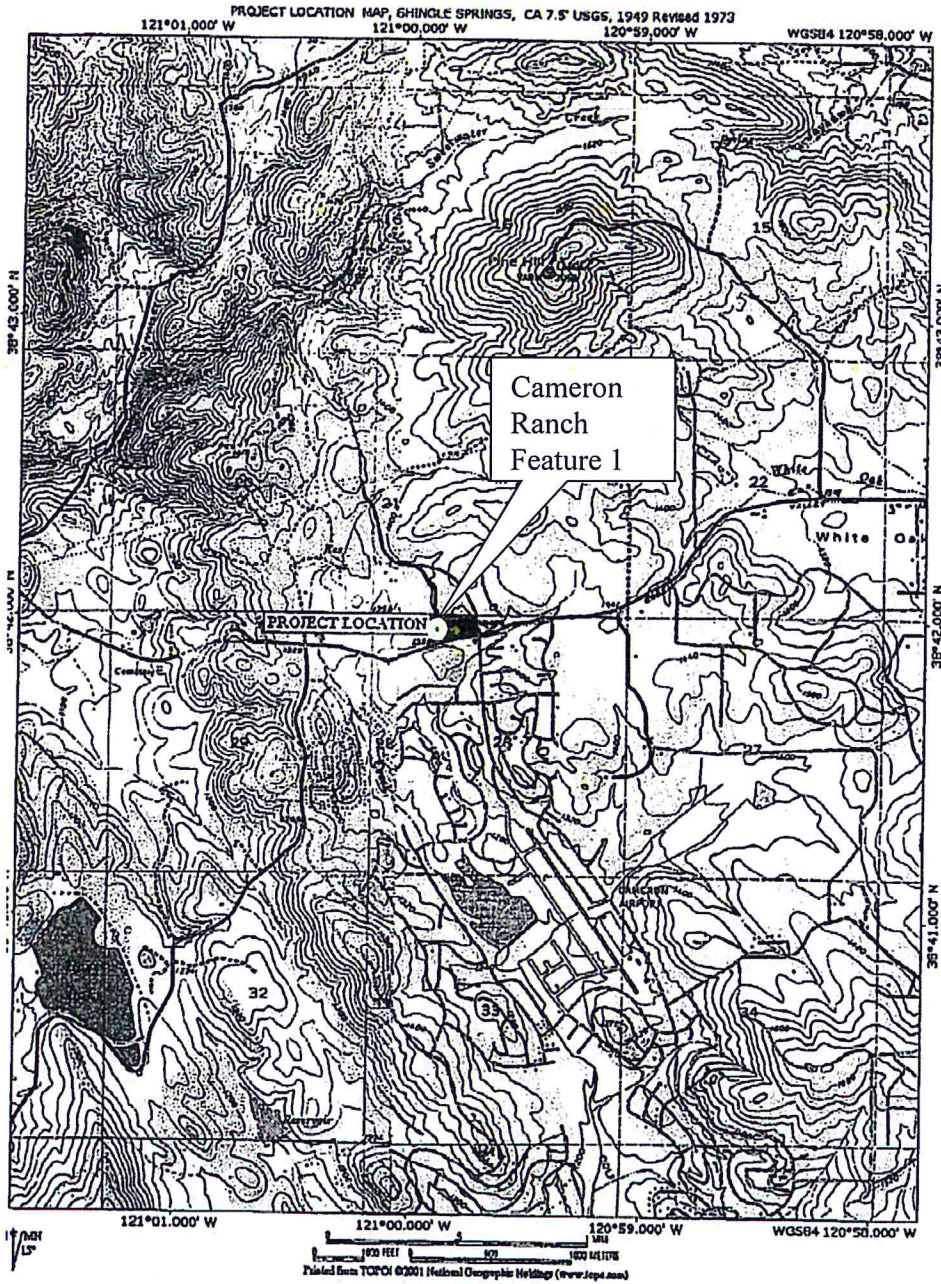


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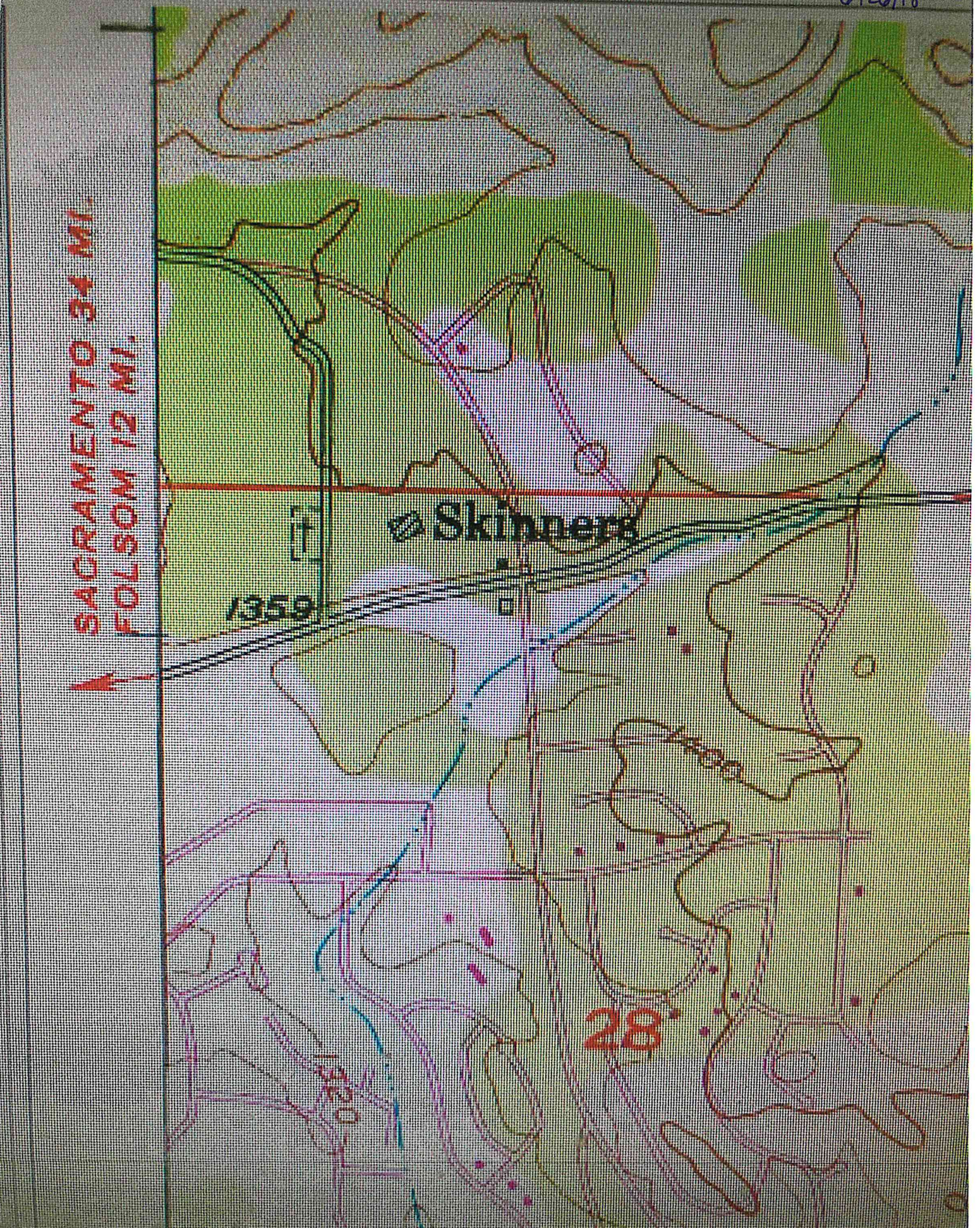
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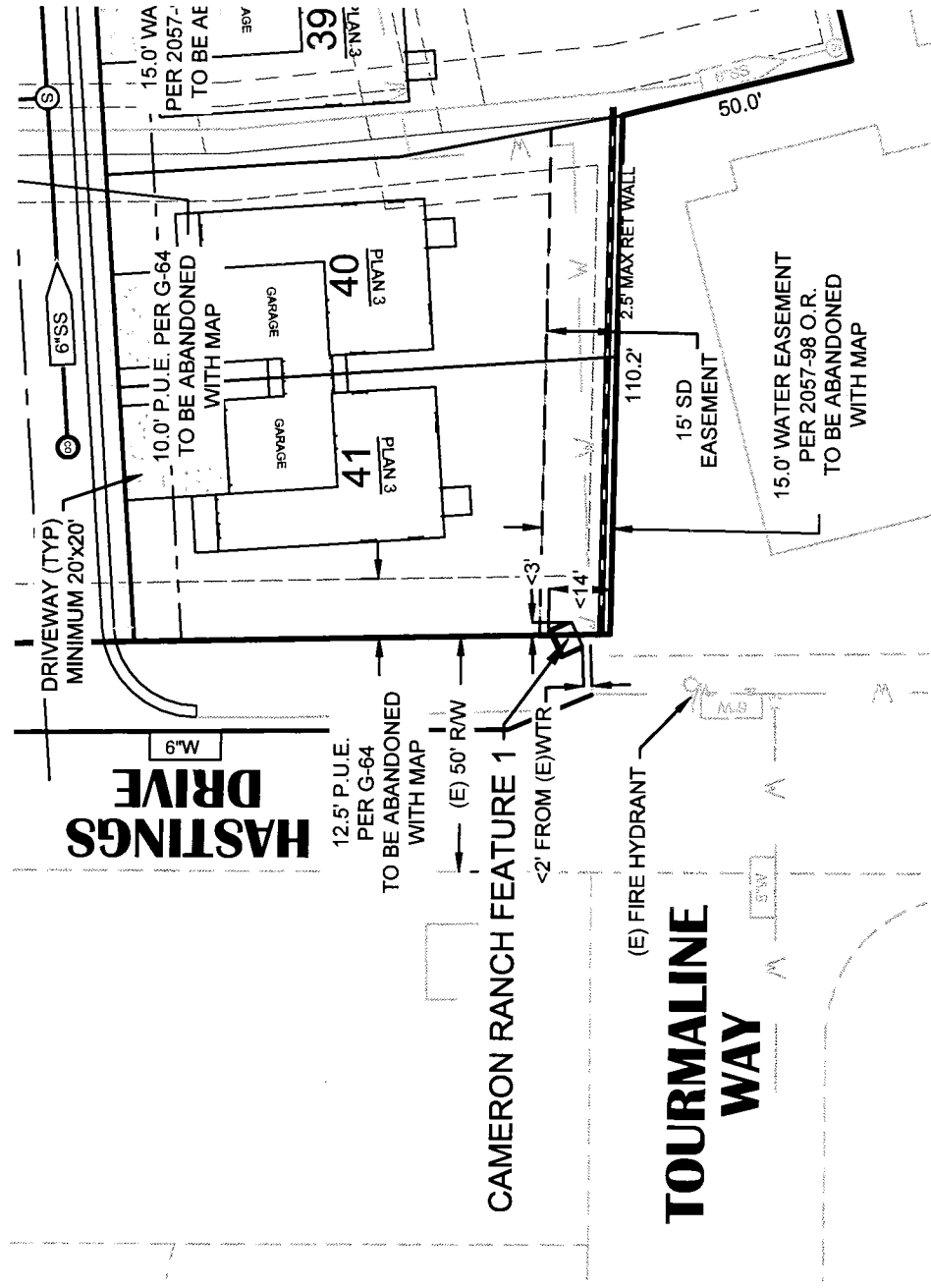
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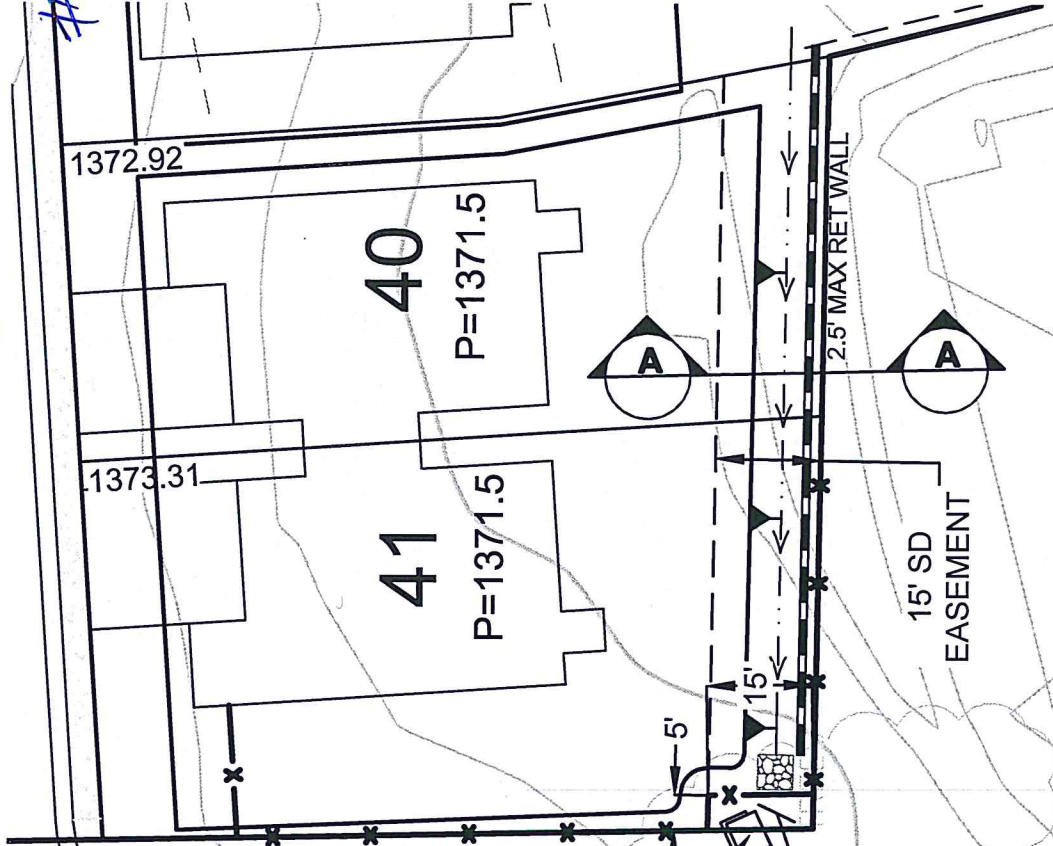
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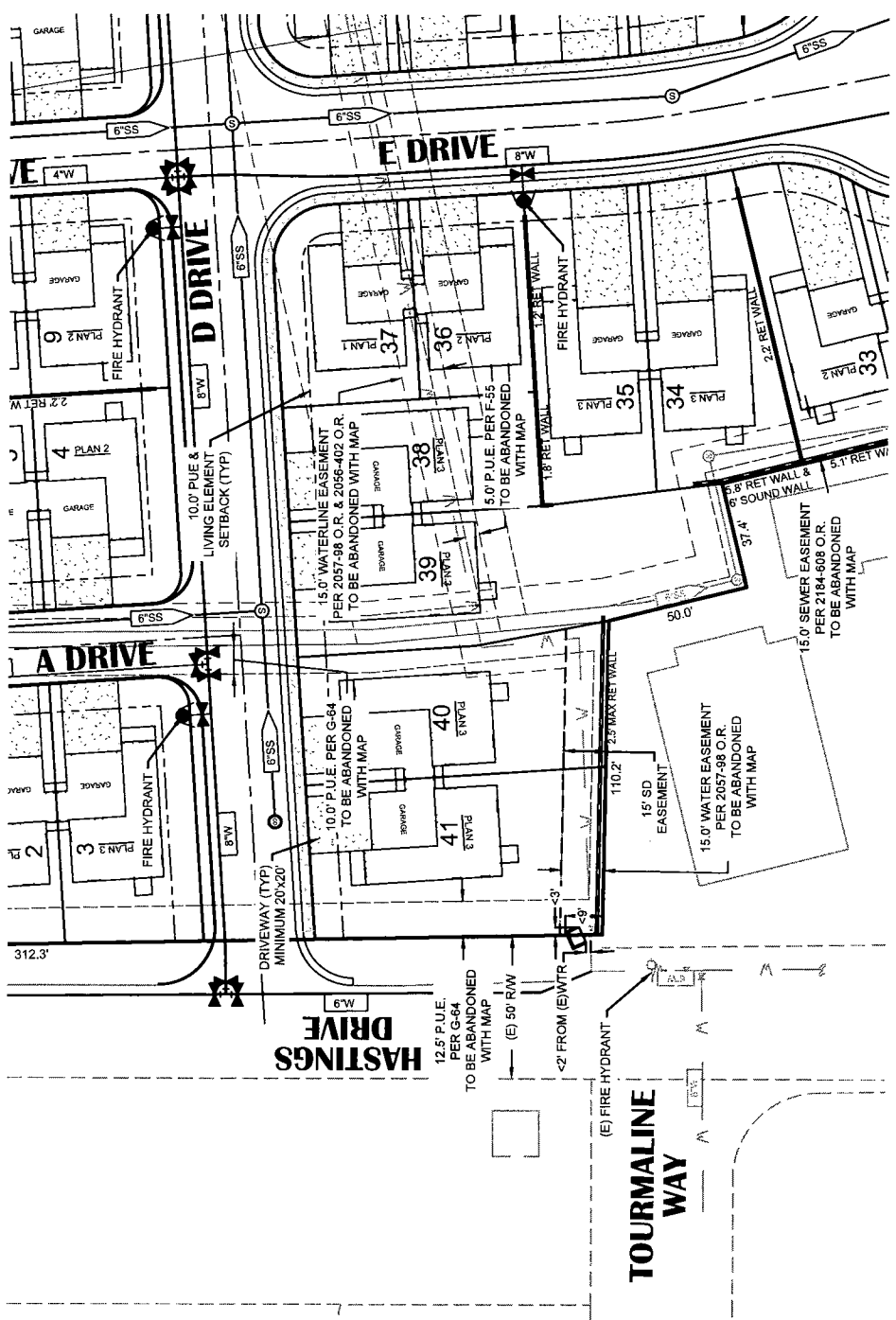
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