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April 5, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970" as amended to date, this is to advise you that the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, Community Development Division, has prepared an initial study evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the following project:

1. Project Title: Horse Boarding and Riding Facility "Center Line

Equestrian Center"

2. County File Number: #CDLP21-02005

3. Lead Agency: Contra Costa County

Department of Conservation and Development

4. Lead Agency Contact Person Everett Louie, Planner II

and Phone Number: (925) 655-2873

5. Project Location: 2300 Cummings Road, Knightsen, CA 94513

APN: 020-210-023

6. Applicant's Name, Address, and

Phone Number:

Christopher Manuel

2300 Cummings Road

Knightsen, CA 94513

(925) 628-4889

7. **Description of Project:** The applicant is requesting approval of a Land Use Permit application to permit an existing horse boarding facility and horse-riding facility for up to 50 horses located at 2300 Cummings Road in Knightsen. All buildings and structures are existing. No development, beyond establishing unpaved parking spaces (a total of 20 on-site parking spaces) and moving four existing horse shelters to the interior of the parcel is proposed at this time. The proposed hours of operation are 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and the proposed hours of operation for the riding academy are 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The riding academy will have a maximum of 12 riding lessons per day (with a maximum of 6 riders per lesson). The applicant is also proposing to hold special events, which includes two summer camps, one Halloween camp, one Easter camp and two birthday parties. The maximum number of people at special events is 16 participants. The business will have 3 full-time employees. The project includes a Variance Permit from the Off-Street Parking requirements for: access requirements; parking lot surfacing; striping, markings, and signage; lighting; and landscaping.

The project also includes an exception request in accordance with Chapter 92-6 from the collect and coney requirements specific in Chapter 914-2 of the County Subdivision Ordinance.

8. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting: The project site is a 10.71-acre rectangular shaped lot located directly north from the intersection of Cummings Road and Murphy Lane, both privately maintained roads in the Knightsen area of unincorporated Contra Costa County. The site gains access via Cummings Road from Sunset Road, a publicly maintained road. Cummings Road is an unpaved gravel road and no additional frontage improvements or offers of dedications are required as part of this application. There is a 60-foot roadway easement along the south and west property lines that is dedicated to Contra Costa County with the creation of the Minor Subdivision that created this parcel.

The subject property is rectangular in shape and flat. It is developed with horse pastures along the northwestern portion of the parcel, two rectangular sand riding areas (approximately 20,600 sf and 25,544 sf) located on the southwest corner of the parcel and a smaller 8,712 sf sand riding area located on the eastern side of the parcel. Scattered throughout the property are multiple buildings related to the horse use including one hay storage located on the western property line (building I), three horse barns located around the center of the parcel (buildings A, E, F, G), six horse shelters located on the northeastern corner and middle of the parcel (buildings B, C, D). 20 parking spaces are provided within the center of the parcel. In the southeast corner of the parcel is an existing single-family residence, detached garage and related accessory agricultural uses. There are a few trees around the property, including a few lining the private roadway to the west, a few around the single-family residence and a few sparsely spread out within the parcel.

All of the parcels surrounding the project site are zoned for agricultural uses (A-2 and A-3 Zoning) and all parcels within a half-mile of the project parcel have a General Plan Designation of Agricultural Lands. Surrounding uses include single-family homes, agricultural buildings, and agricultural uses such as crop farming, nurseries, and equestrian facilities. Within a 3,000-foot radius, there is at least 4 horse boarding facilities and horse-riding facilities.

9. Determination: Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15071, the Initial Study/Negative Declaration (ND) describes the proposed project; identifies, analyzes, and evaluates the environmental impacts which may result from the proposed project. The Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the proposed project will identified that the project will not result in significant impacts to the environment. As a result, an IS/ND has been prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Prior to adoption of the Negative Declaration, the County will be accepting comments on the Initial Study/Negative Declaration during a 20-day public comment period.

A copy of the Negative Declaration/Initial Study may be reviewed on the Department of Conservation & Development webpage at the following address:

Weblink: https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/4841/CEQA-Notifications

Public Comment Period – The period for accepting comments on the adequacy of the environmental document will begin on **Wednesday**, **April 5**, **2023**, and extends to **Tuesday**, **April 25**, **2023 until 5:00 P.M.** Any comments should be in writing and submitted to the following address:

Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation & Development
Attn: Everett Louie
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

or;

via email to Everett.Louie@dcd.cccounty.us

The proposed Negative Declaration will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the County Zoning Administrator. The hearing date before the County Zoning Administrator has not yet been scheduled. To slow the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of a public gathering, the Zoning Administrator meeting will be accessible live online or by telephone to all members of the public as permitted by Government Code section 54953(e). The meeting will also be accessible in-person

in the Zoning Administrator Hearing Room at 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553. Hearing notices will be sent out prior to the finalized hearing date.

For additional information on the Negative Declaration and the proposed project, you can contact me by telephone at (925) 655-2873, or email at Everett.Louie@dcd.cccounty.us.

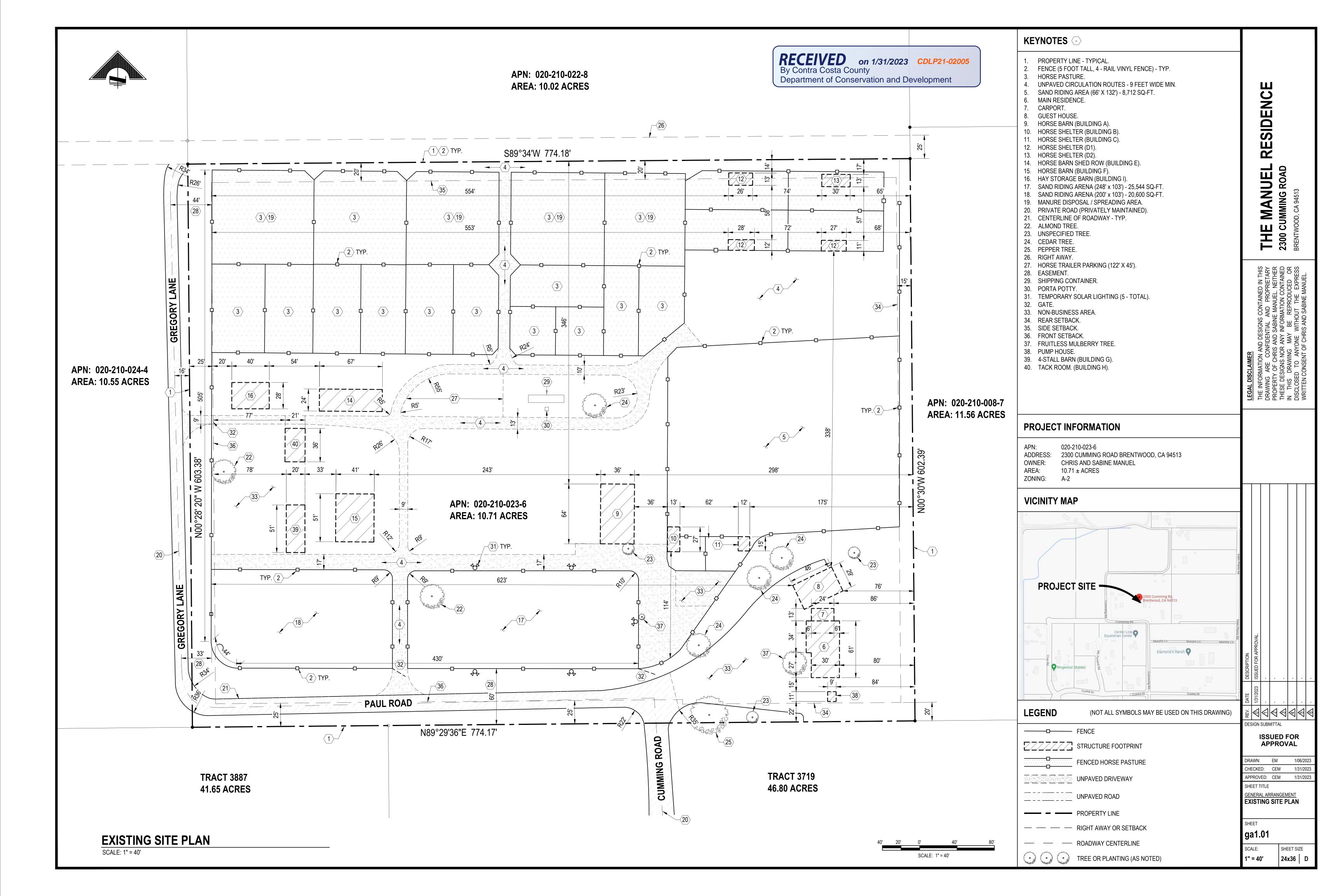
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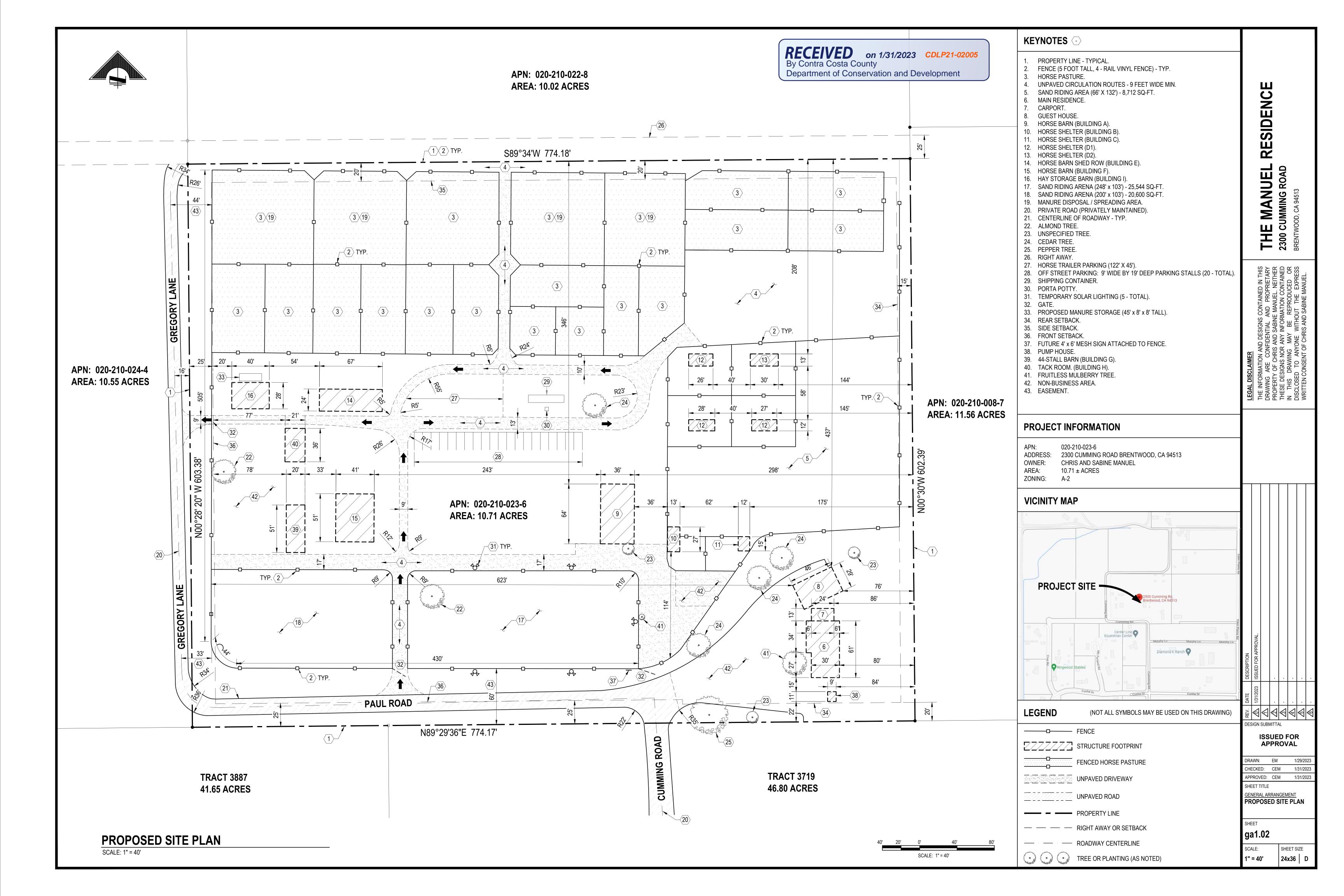
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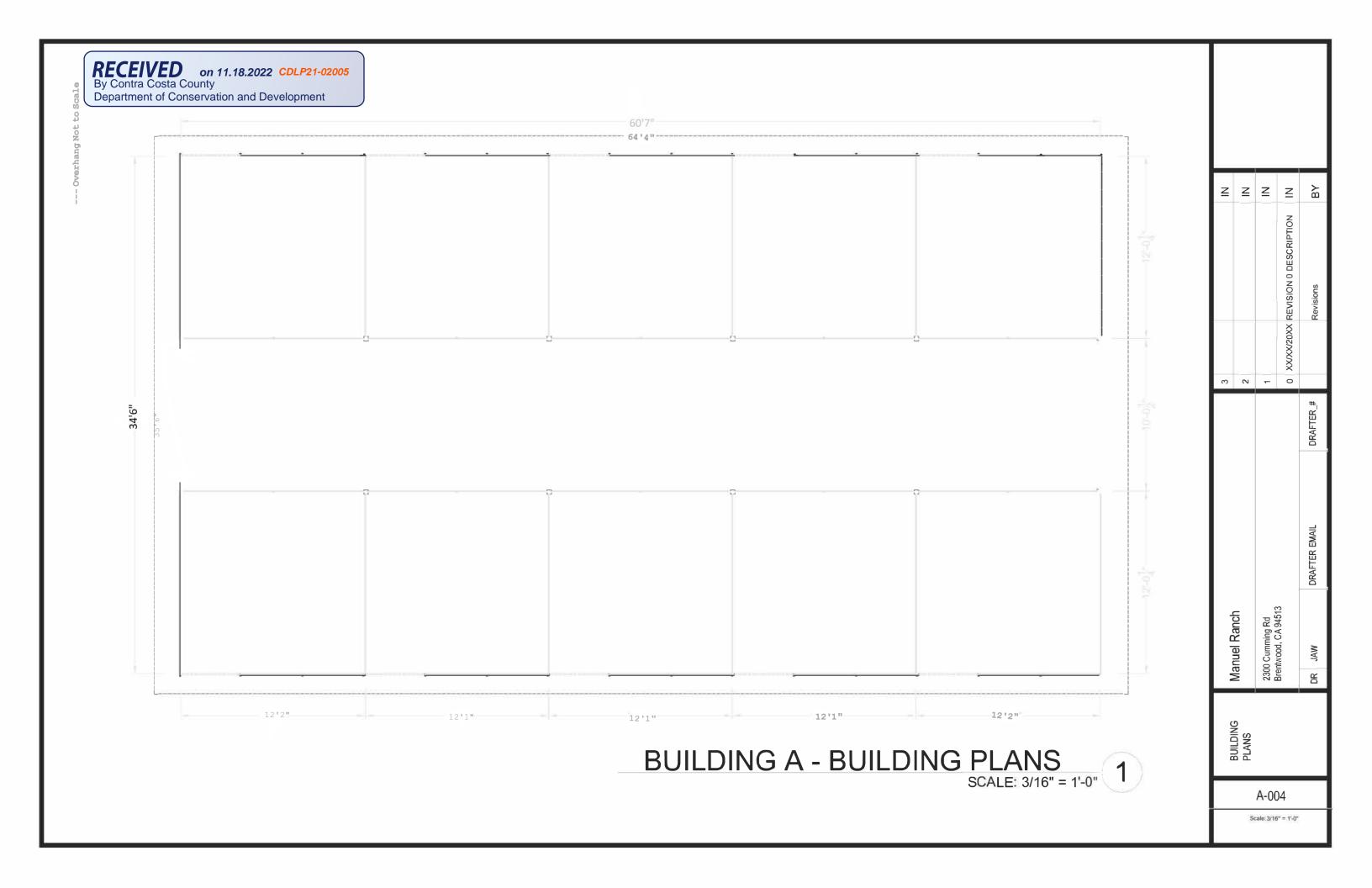
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cc: County Clerk's Office (2 copies)
Adjacent Occupants and Property Owners
Notification List

attch: Project Plans







BUILDING A - REAR ELEVATION SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0" 2

BUILDING A - FRONT ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

KEYNOTES:

- 1. PLYWOOD FINISH
- 2. METAL ROOF PANELING
- 3. WOOD SIDING
- 4. 2X12 JOIST
- 5. ALUMINUM METAL SIDING

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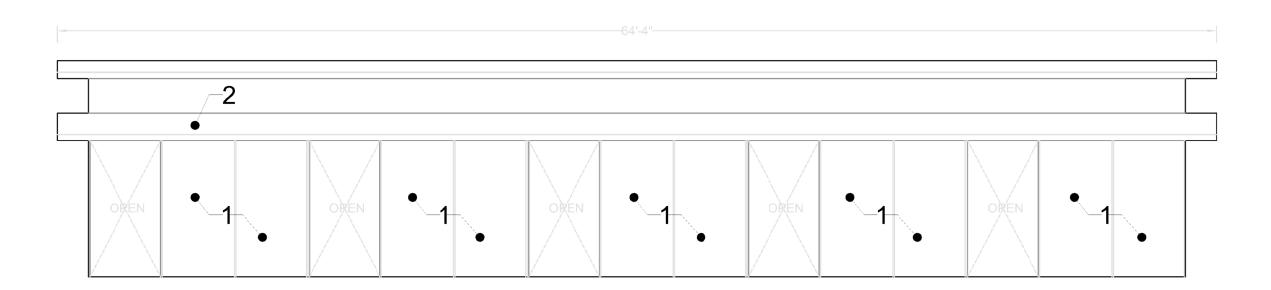
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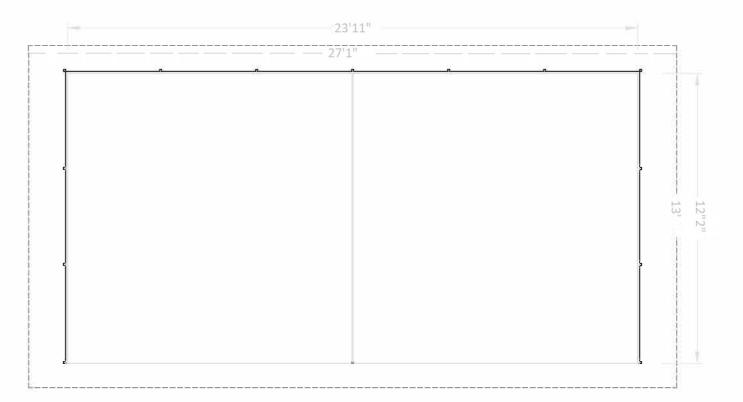
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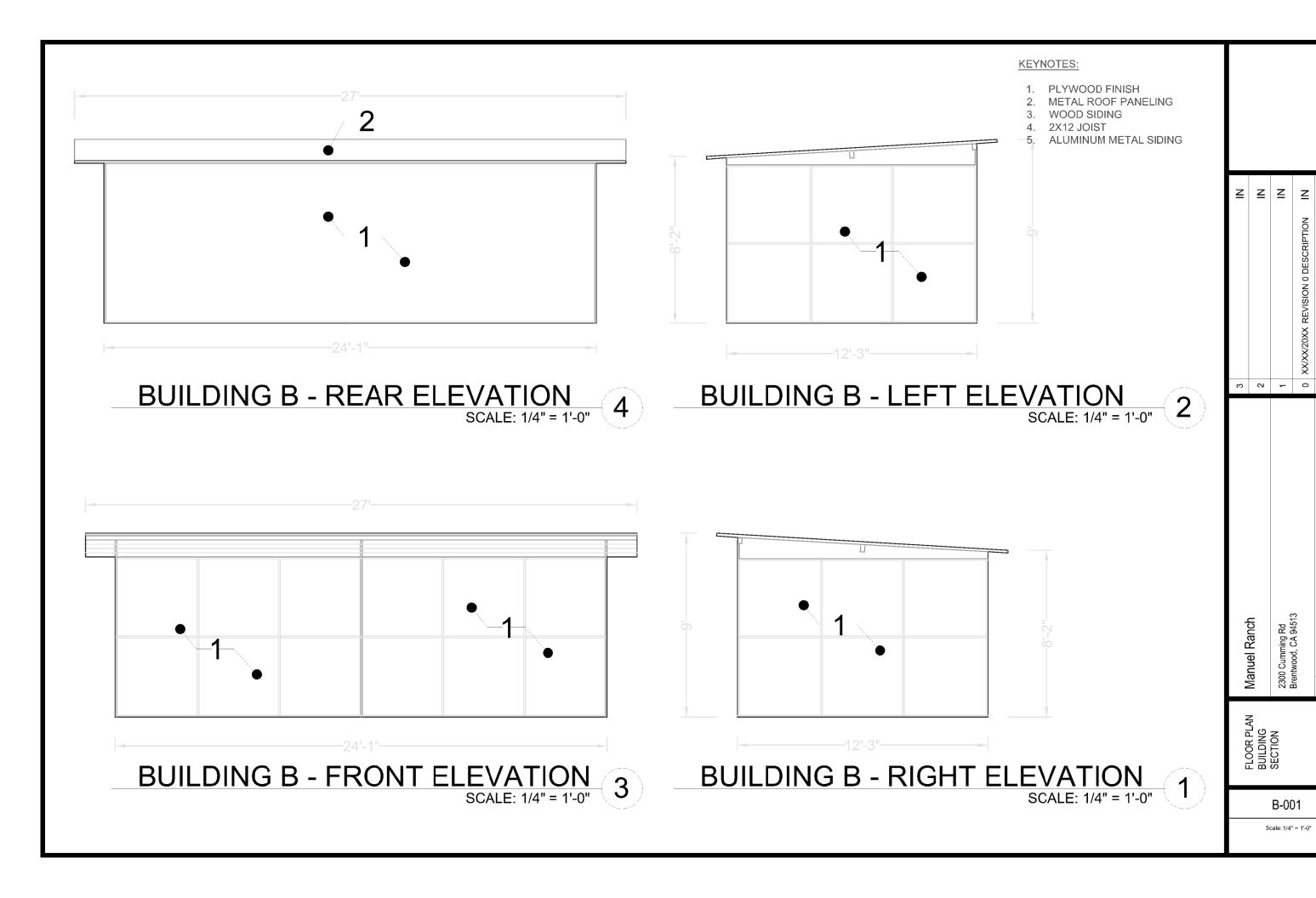


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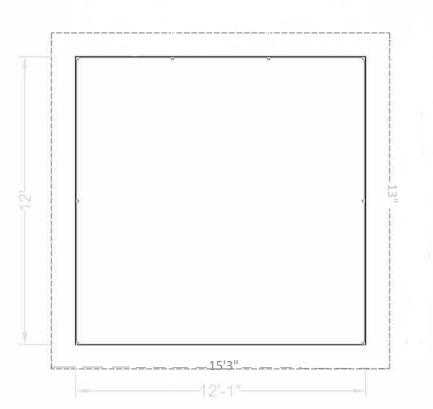
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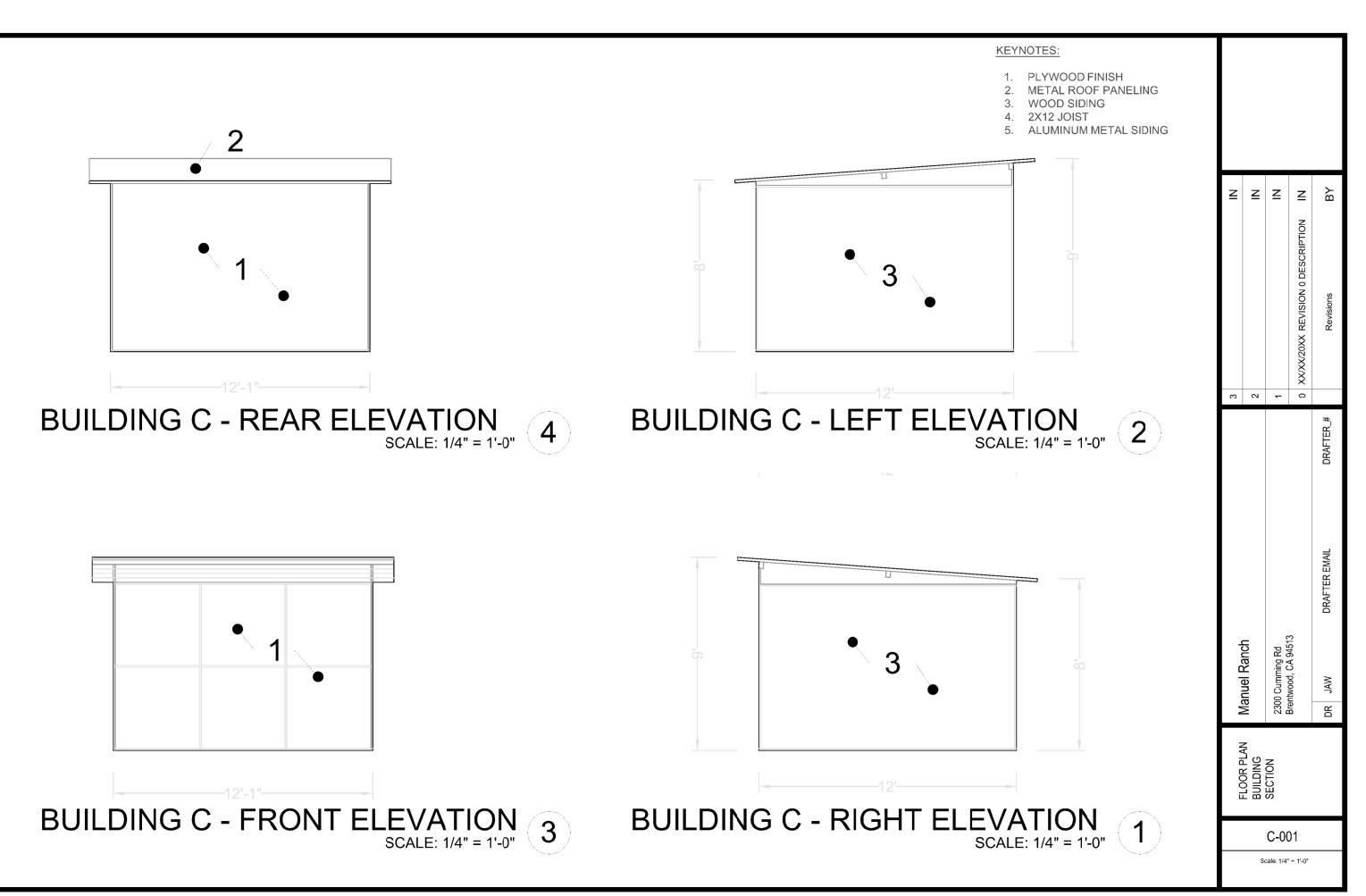
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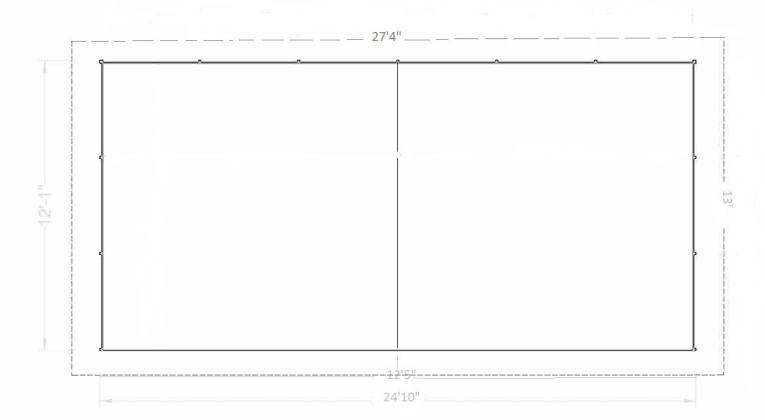
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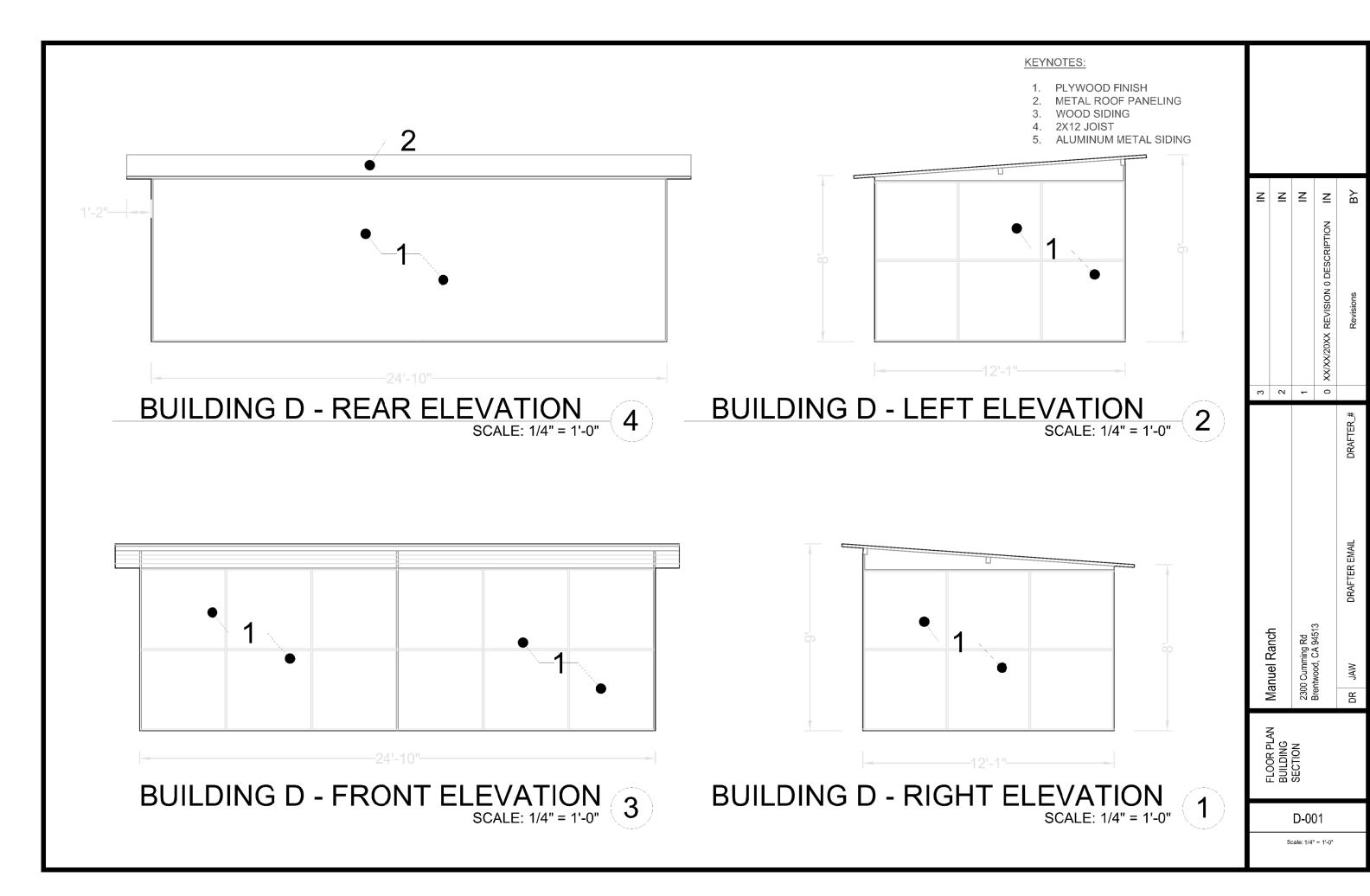


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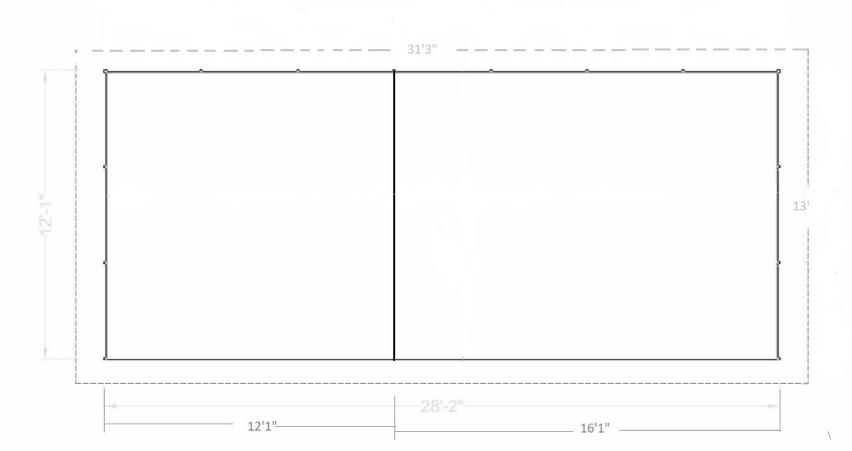
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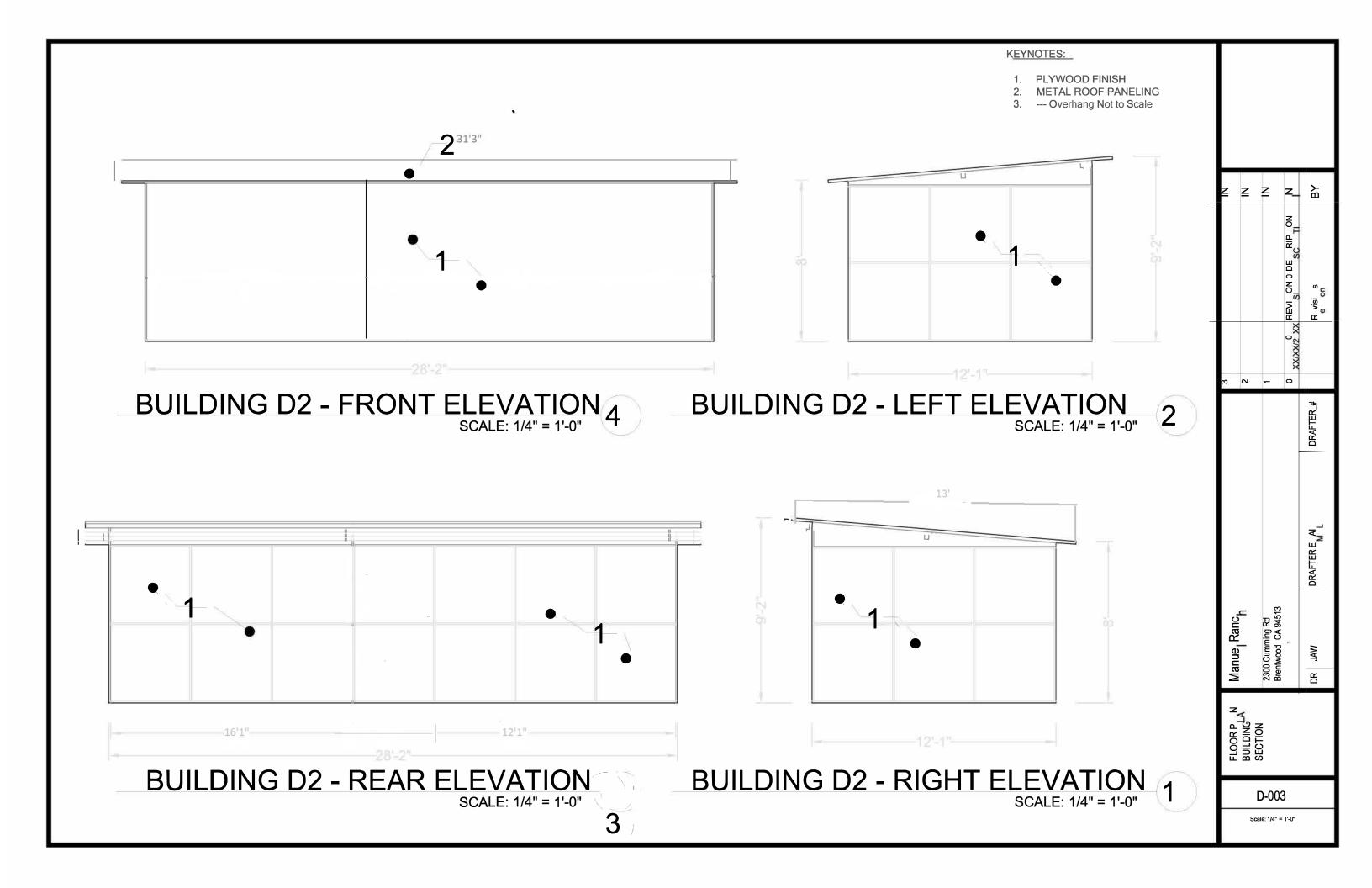
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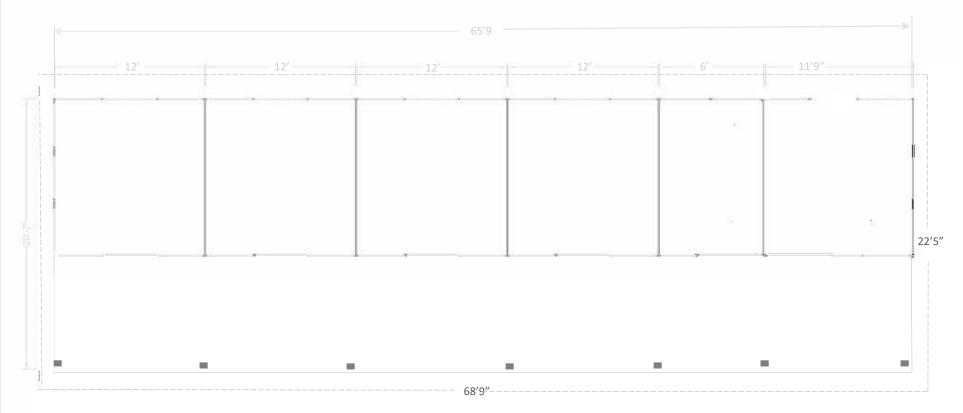
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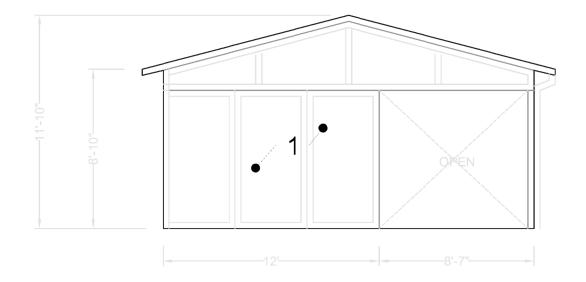
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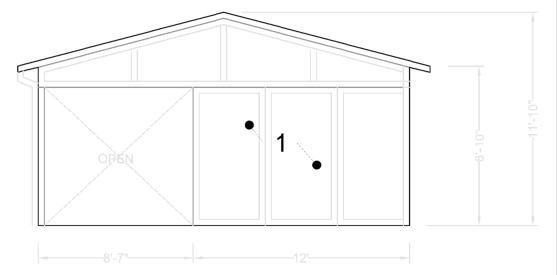


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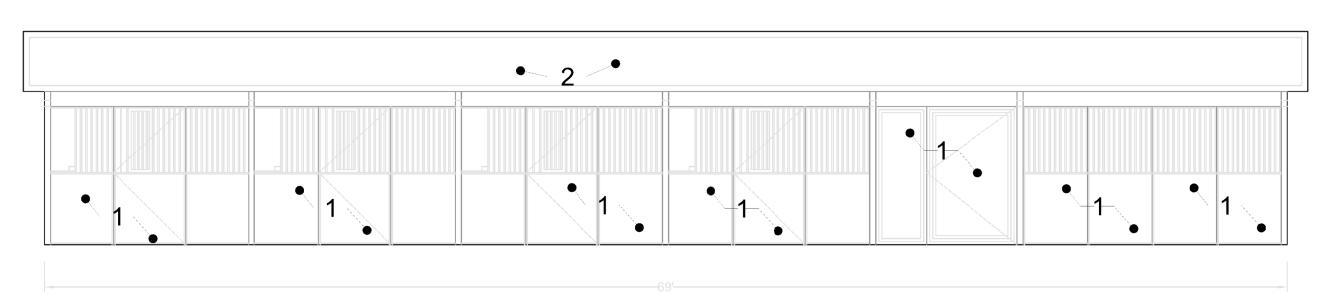
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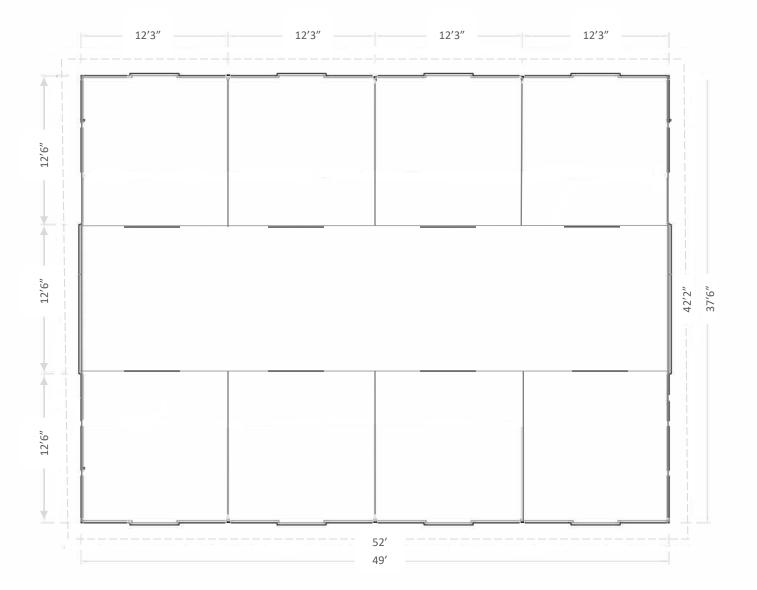


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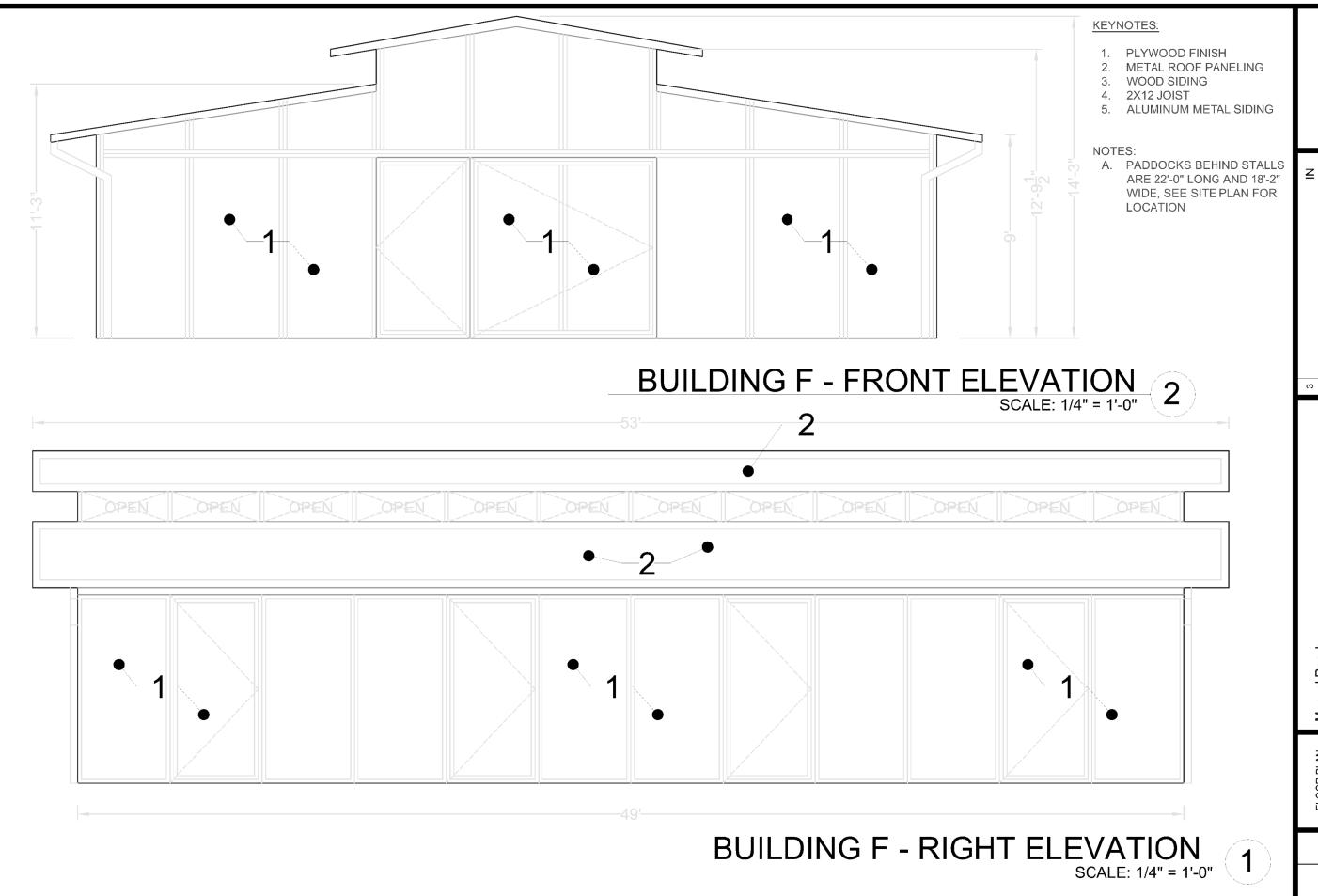
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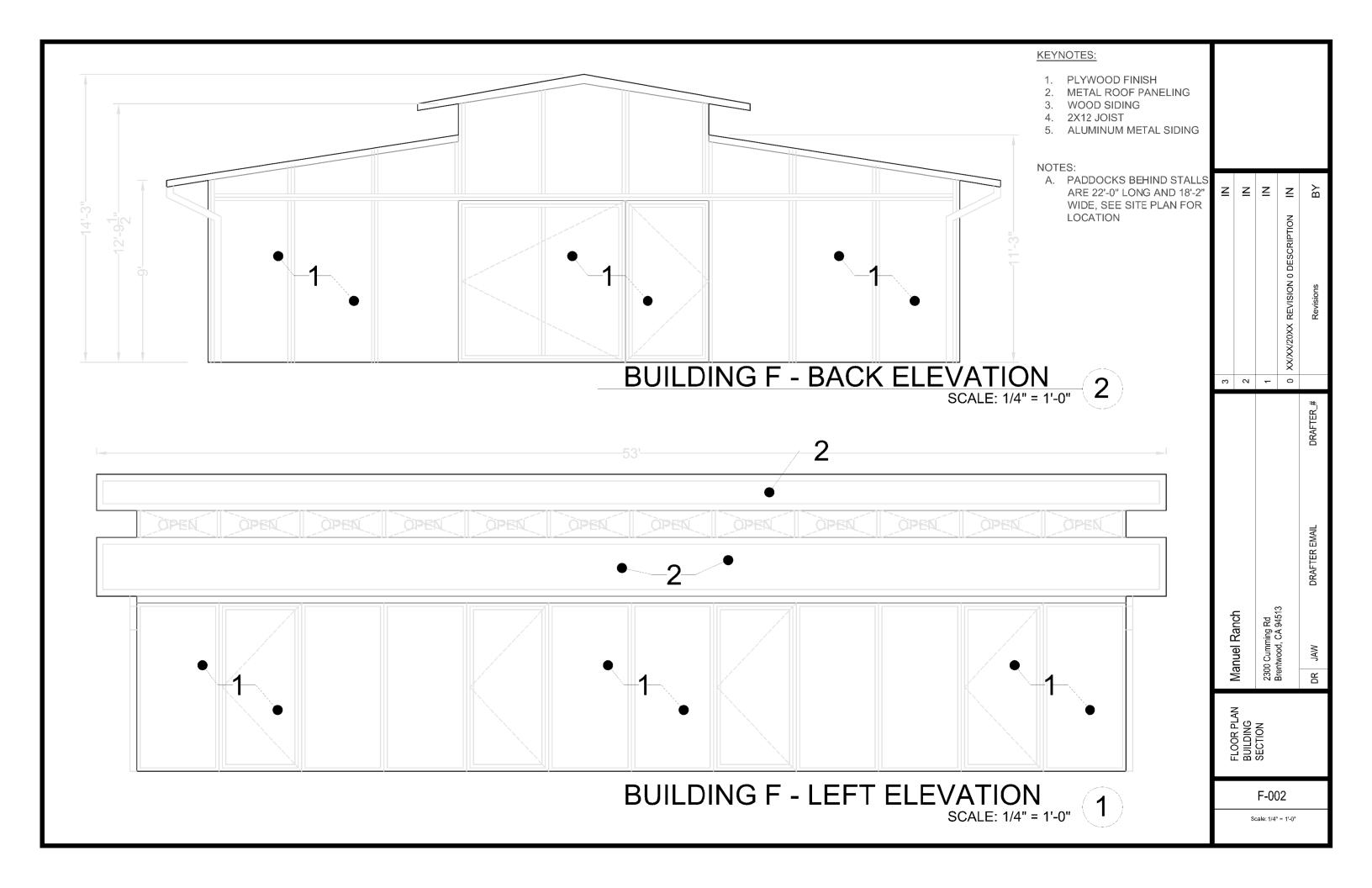
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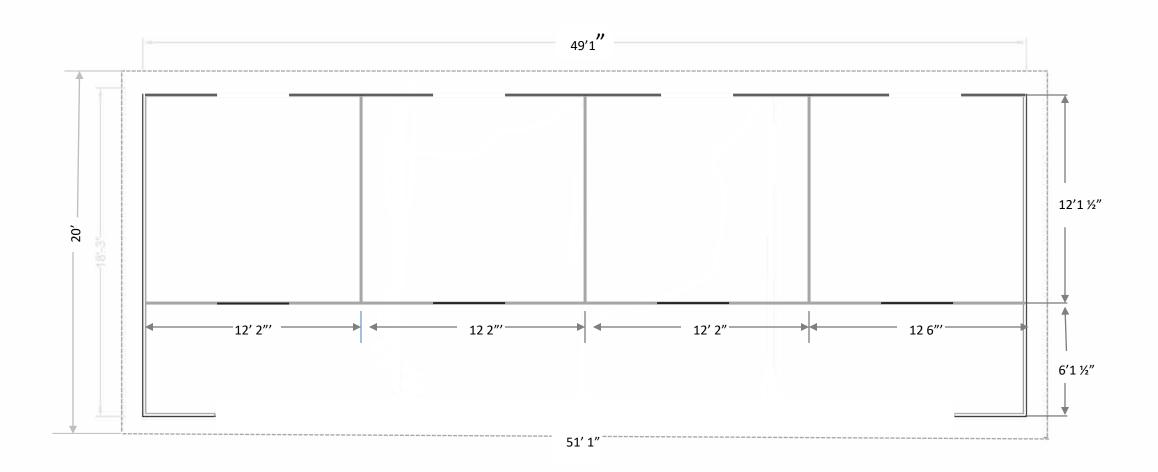
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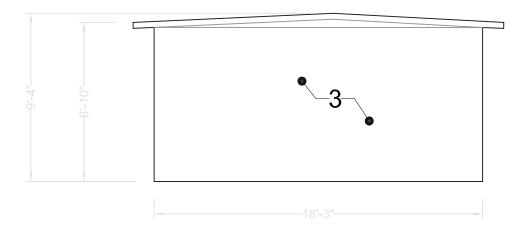
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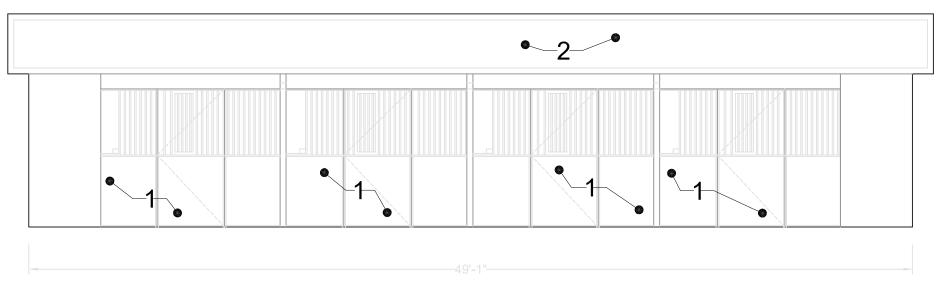
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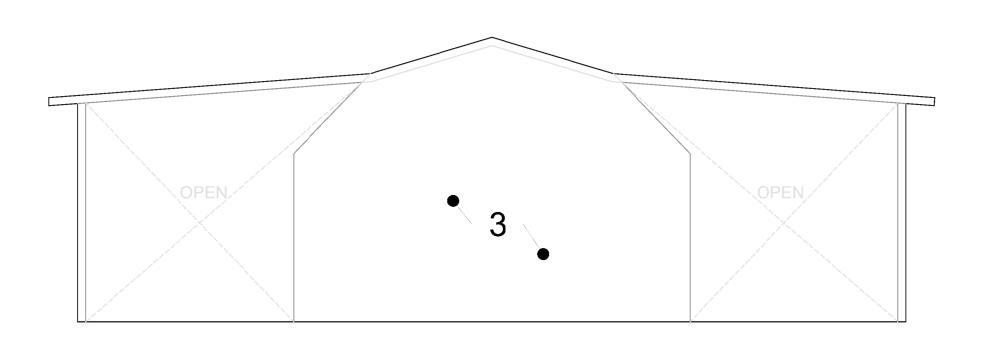
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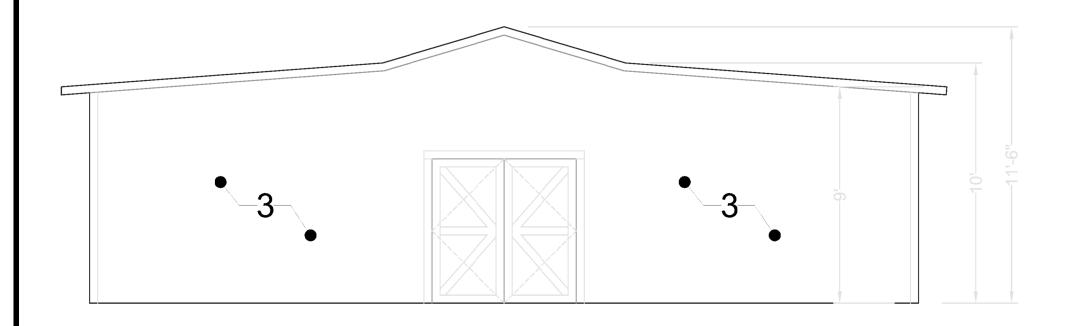
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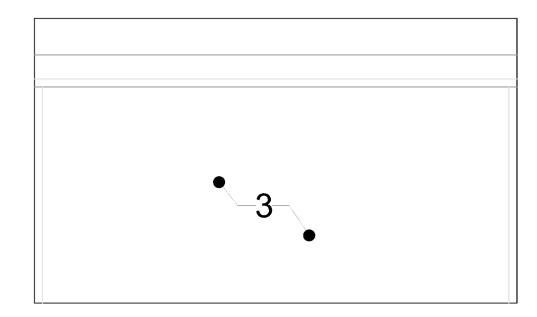


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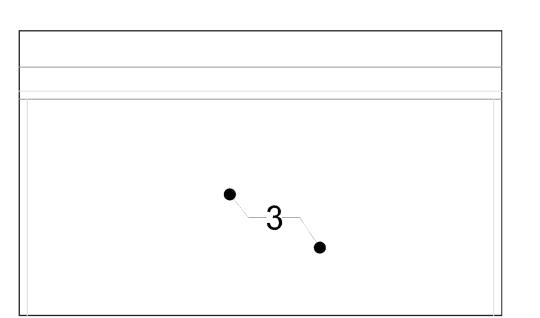
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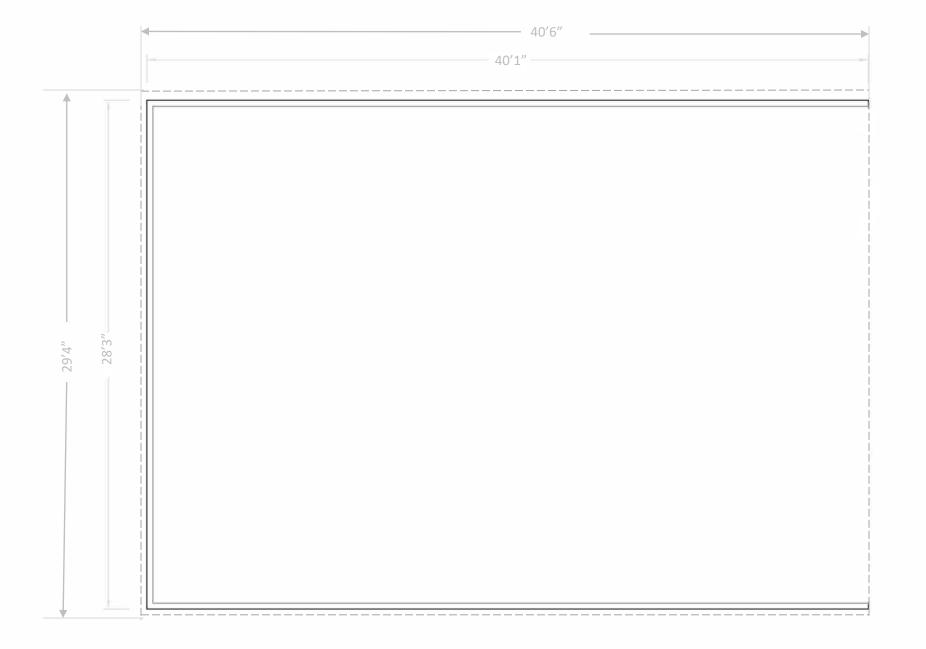
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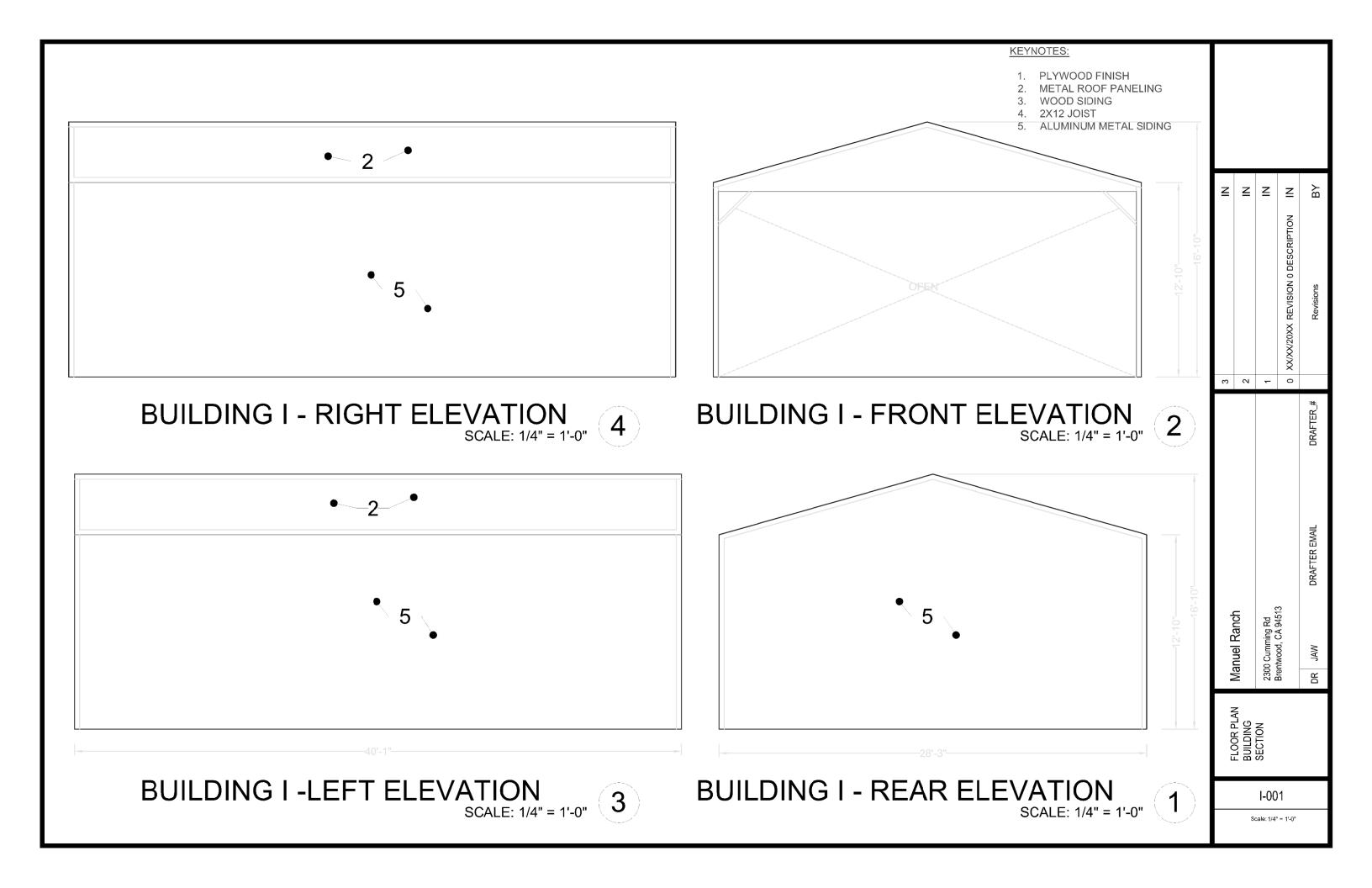
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