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#### Memorandum

**To:** Anthony Paladino, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2017-003 Yosemite Village Store North Wing Remodel to Accommodate HR Offices (2017 YH) (68919)

The Superintendent and park interdisciplinary team have reviewed the proposed project and completed an impact analysis and documentation, and have determined the following:

- There will not be any effect on threatened, endangered, or rare species and/or their critical habitat.
- There will be no adverse effect to historic properties.
- There will not be serious or long-term undesirable environmental or visual effects.

The subject proposed project, therefore, is now cleared for all NEPA and NHPA compliance requirements as presented above. Project plans and specifications are approved and construction and/or project implementation can commence.

For the proposed project actions to be within compliance requirements during construction and/or project implementation, the following mitigations must be adhered to:

• No mitigations identified.

#### Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations: None

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 68919.

\_//Micheal T. Reynolds//\_

Michael T. Reynolds, Superintendent

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

The signed original of this document is on file at the Environmental Planning and Compliance Office in Yosemite National Park.

Letter of Compliance Completion – 2017-003 Yosemite Village Store North Wing Remodel to Accommodate HR Offices (2017 YH) - PEPC ID: 68919



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# **Categorical Exclusion Form**

**Project:** 2017-003 Yosemite Village Store North Wing Remodel to Accommodate HR Offices (2017 YH) **PEPC Project Number:** 68919 **Project Description:** 

The project will rehabilitate the north wing of the Yosemite Village Store to accommodate the concessioner's human resources offices. The human resources offices are currently located in the Concessioner Headquarters Building (General Office) which will be demolished in 2019 per the Merced River Plan pending completion of a memorandum of agreement with the SHPO's office.

This action will implement requirements of the concession contract CC-YOSE004-16 with Yosemite Hospitality LLC which began March 1, 2016. Construction is planned for spring and summer 2018.

The north wing of the Yosemite Village Store building is a 31 x 15 foot space that is currently divided into three separate offices. To accommodate the human resources function, the existing interior stairs and some interior walls of the store's north wing will be demolished to accommodate an efficient use of space for the new office configuration. A spiral stairway will be installed for access to the mezzanine and new walls will be constructed to create a reception area, a hallway, and five separate offices on the first floor. The existing single office on the second floor will be remodeled to accommodate the relocated stairway.

In addition to removal and construction of interior walls, this project will involve replacement of all interior floor coverings, lighting and a reorganization of the existing low voltage data and phones. The human resources area will use the existing fire detection and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems with no upgrades necessary. All rooms will be dry walled, with lighting and electrical outlets updated to meet current needs and standards.

The former Hair Care function has been discontinued. The room will be remodeled to serve as the reception office. It was discovered that the walls of this room contain hazardous materials. The hazardous materials will be remediated through this project.

The exterior of the building will remain the same. No excavation is required.

# **Project Locations:**

Mariposa, CA

### Mitigations:

• No mitigations identified.

**CE Citation:** C.4 Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities and grounds under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or Cyclic Maintenance Guide; or if the action would not adversely affect the cultural resource.

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Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Superintendent: //Michael T. Reynolds//

**Date:** 4/2/18

Michael T. Reynolds

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## **Extraordinary Circumstances:**

If implemented, would the proposal	Yes/No	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
<b>B.</b> Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?	No	
<b>C.</b> Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
<b>D.</b> Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
<b>E.</b> Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
<b>F.</b> Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
<b>G.</b> Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office?	No	
<b>H.</b> Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	No	
<b>I.</b> Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
<b>J.</b> Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
<b>K.</b> Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?	No	
<b>L.</b> Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?	No	



# **ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)**

Updated Sept 2015 per NPS NEPA Handbook

#### **A. PROJECT INFORMATION**

Project Title:	2017-003 Yosemite Village Store North Wing Remodel to Accommodate HR Offices (2017 YH)
PEPC Project	68919
Number:	
Project Type:	Repair/Rehabilitation (REHAB)
<b>Project Location:</b>	
County, State:	Mariposa, California
Project Leader:	Anthony Paladino

#### **B. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:**

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
<b>Air</b> Air Quality	None	
<b>Biological</b> Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	
<b>Biological</b> Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	None	
<b>Biological</b> Vegetation	None	
<b>Biological</b> Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	
Cultural Archeological Resources	None	
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Ethnographic	None	Work is within the building interior, no historic property with

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Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Resources		religious and cultural significance are affected
<b>Cultural</b> Museum Collections	None	
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	Potential	Issue: Work proposed will occur in non-public spaces identified in the draft Historic Structures Report as non-contributing and will have no effect on the exterior of the building. This review covers only the work at the store, not the warehouse work described in the attachment.
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Features	None	
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Processes	None	
Lightscapes Lightscapes	None	
Other Human Health and Safety	None	
<b>Other</b> Operational	None	
Socioeconomic Land Use	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Minority and low- income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
Socioeconomic Socioeconomic	None	
Soundscapes Soundscapes	None	
Viewsheds Viewsheds	None	
Visitor Use and Experience Recreation Resources	None	
Visitor Use and Experience Visitor Use and Experience	None	
Water	None	

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Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Floodplains		
Water Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	
Water Water Quality or Quantity	None	
Water Wetlands	None	
Water Wild and Scenic River	None	
Wilderness Wilderness	None	



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## ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

**1. Park:** Yosemite National Park

#### 2. Project Description:

 Project Name: 2017-003 Yosemite Village Store North Wing Remodel to Accommodate HR Offices (2017 YH)
 Prepared by: Erin Davenport Date Prepared: 05/22/2017 Telephone: 209-379-1067
 PEPC Project Number: 68919
 Locations: County, State: Mariposa, CA

Area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.16[d]) Project is entirely within the Village Store because it is an interior remodel.

#### 3. Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify historic properties?



Source or reference:

#### 4. Potentially Affected Resources:

#### Archeological Resources Affected: No

Archeological Resources Notes: The project is not within the boundaries of any known archeological site but is within the Yosemite Valley Archeological District

#### Historical Structures/Resources Affected: Yes

Name and numbers: Yosemite Valley Historic District LCS

**Historical Structures/Resources Notes:** The Yosemite Village Store Complex has been recommended for inclusion in an update to the Yosemite Valley Historic District as one of 4 or 5 Mission 66 properties that may qualify for inclusion into the district should the period of significance be extended in an upcoming amendment.

#### Cultural Landscapes Affected: No

#### Ethnographic Resources Affected: No

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**Ethnographic Resources Notes:** The project is not within the boundaries of any known historic property with religious and cultural significance.

#### 5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)

Yes Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure

No Replace historic features/elements in kind

Yes Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure

- No Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain)
- No Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape
- No Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible
- No Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible>
- No Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources
- No Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources
- No Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)

Other (please specify):

#### 6. Supporting Study Data:

(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

### **B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS**

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

#### [X] 106 Advisor

Name: Kimball Koch Date: 03/06/2018

**Comments:** The park initiated SHPO consultation through correspondence dated January 3, 2018, requesting SHPO review and concurrence with Steps 1-3 under the standard review process. The park's cultural resources program lead had assessed the project as having "no adverse effects" to the Village Store. On Jan 11, 2018, Mark Beason of the SHPO's office requested additional information which the park provided by email on January 29, 2018. On February 14th, the park followed-up with an email inquiring as to the status of the SHPO review. In a February 23, 2018 email, the NPS notified the SHPO of its intention to move ahead with the project absent a response from the SHPO. In a Feb 26 email, Mark Beason requested additional information about the staircase and window including a request for additional information about the park's justification of its finding of no adverse effect. On March 6, the park responded by email and with additional information from Sueann Brown, the PWR Historical Architect, who provided CRM review the project. No additional correspondence has been received from the SHPO as of 3/28/2018.

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Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [       ]         Assessment of Effect:       No Potential to Cause Effect       No Historic Properties Affected       X No					
Adverse EffectAdverse EffectStreamlined Review					
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:					
Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process					
[X] Anthropologist Name: Scott Carpenter					
<b>Date:</b> 11/28/2017 <b>Comments:</b> Work is within the building interior, no historic property with religious and cultural significance are affected.					
Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]         Assessment of Effect:No Potential to Cause EffectNo Historic Properties AffectedNo         Adverse EffectAdverse EffectStreamlined Review         Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:					
Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process					
[X] Archeologist Name: Sara Dolan Date: 04/24/2017 Comments: Work will be limited to structural repairs. There are no archeological concerns.					
Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ] Assessment of Effect:No Potential to Cause EffectNo Historic Properties AffectedNo Adverse EffectAdverse EffectStreamlined Review Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:					
[ X ] Historian Name: Scott Carpenter Date: 11/28/2017 Comments: Building is assumed eligible for compliance purposes.					
Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ] Assessment of Effect:No Potential to Cause EffectNo Historic Properties AffectedNo Adverse EffectAdverse EffectStreamlined Review Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:					
Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process					
[X] Historical Architect					

Name: Sueann Brown

Date: 12/05/2017

Comments: Work proposed will occur in non-public spaces identified in the draft HSR as non-contributing and will have no effect on the exterior of the building. This review covers only the work at the store, not the warehouse work described in the PSR attachment.

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Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]						
Assessment of Effect	t: <u>No Potential to</u>	Cause Effect	No Historic Properties Affected	<u> </u>		
Adverse Effect	Adverse Effect	_Streamlined R	eview			
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:						

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

#### [X] Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Kimball Koch Date: 11/28/2017 Comments: Work is interior to the building so no cultural landscapes are affected.

 Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]

 Assessment of Effect: \_\_\_\_\_No Potential to Cause Effect \_\_\_\_\_No Historic Properties Affected \_\_\_\_\_No

 Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_\_Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_\_Streamlined Review

 Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

No Reviews From: Curator, Other Advisor

#### C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 1. Assessment of Effect:

No Potential to Cause Effects

No Historic Properties Affected

X No Adverse Effect

Adverse Effect

#### 2. Documentation Method:

[X] A. Standard 36 CFR Part 800 Consultation Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

[ ] B. Streamlined Review Under the 2008 Servicewide Programmatic Agreement (PA) The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

Applicable Streamlined Rreview Criteria (Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

[ ] C. Undertaking Related to Another Agreement

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or counterpart regulations.

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#### [ ] D. Combined NEPA/NHPA Process

Documentation is required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD has been developed and used so as also to meet the requirements of 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6

[ ] E. Memo to Project File

#### **3.** Consultation Information

SHPO Required: Yes SHPO Sent: Dec 15, 2017 THPO Required: No

> Advisory Council Participating: No Advisory Council Notes: Additional Consulting Parties: No

**4. Stipulations and Conditions:** Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effect above is consistent with 36 CFR Part 800 criteria of effect or to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects.

**5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures:** Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties: (Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

6. Assessment of Effect Notes:

## D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Kimball Koch

//Kimball Koch//

**Date:** 3/29/18

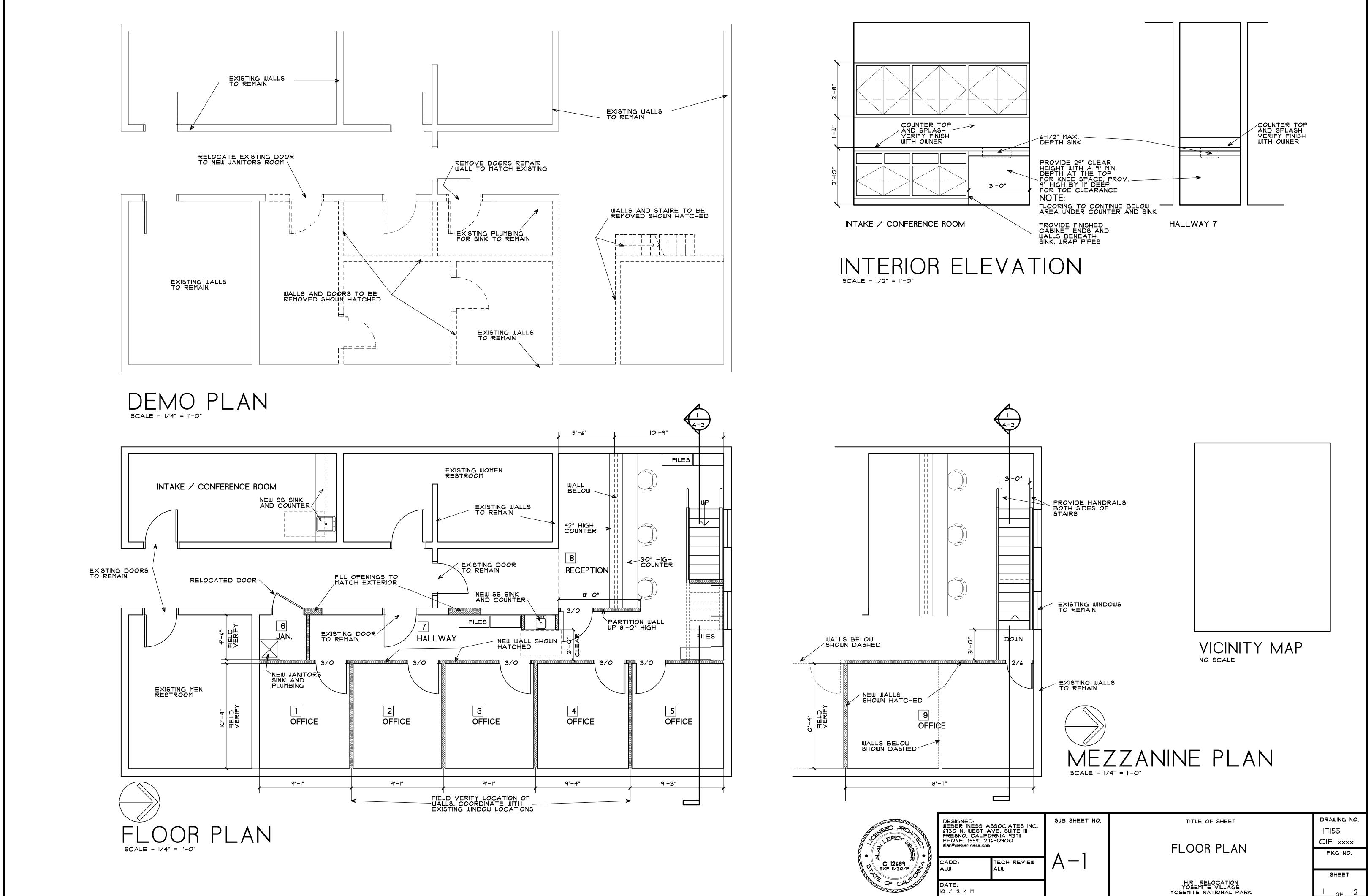
### E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.

Superintendent: //Michael T. Reynolds// Date: 4/2/18

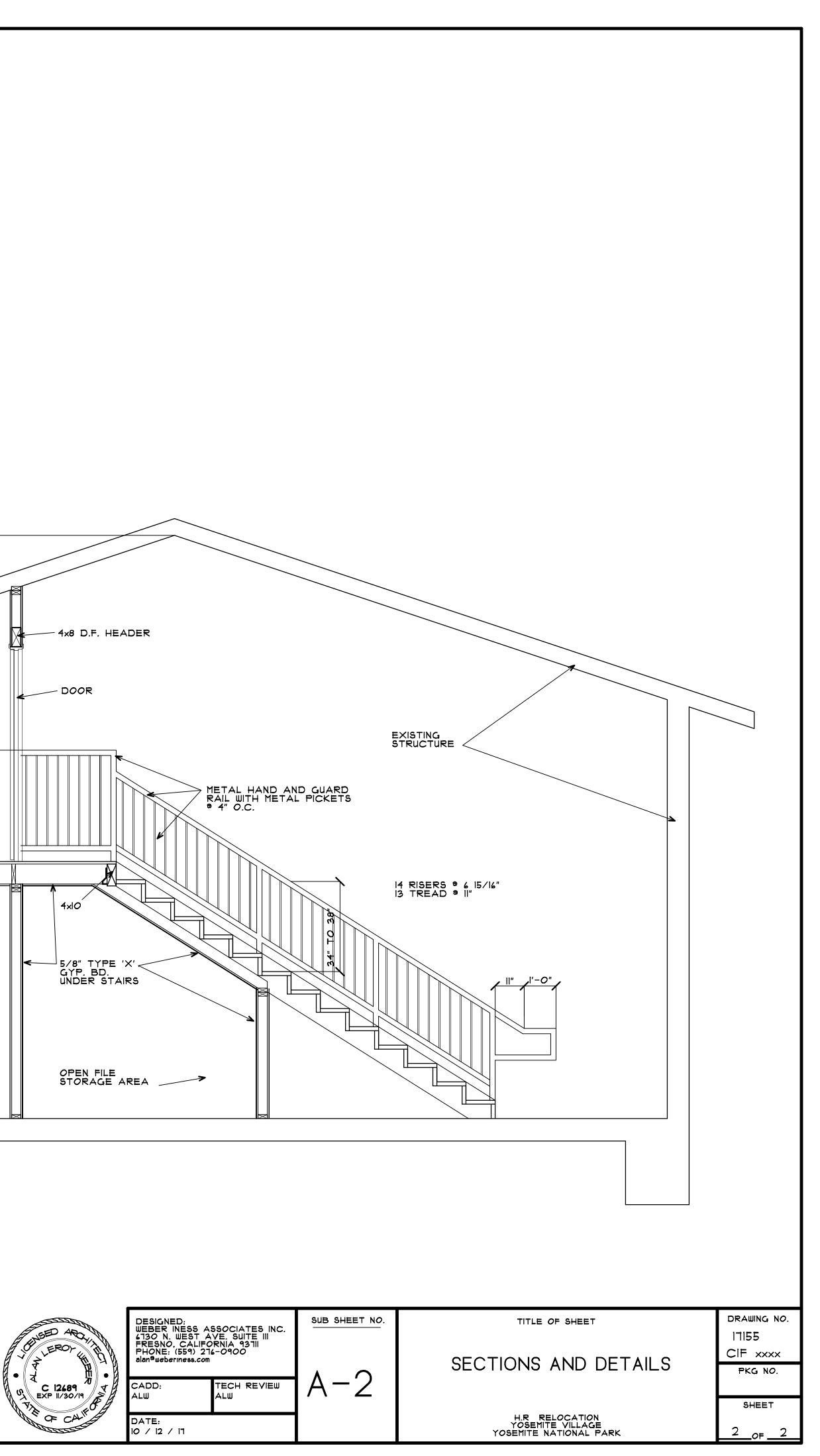
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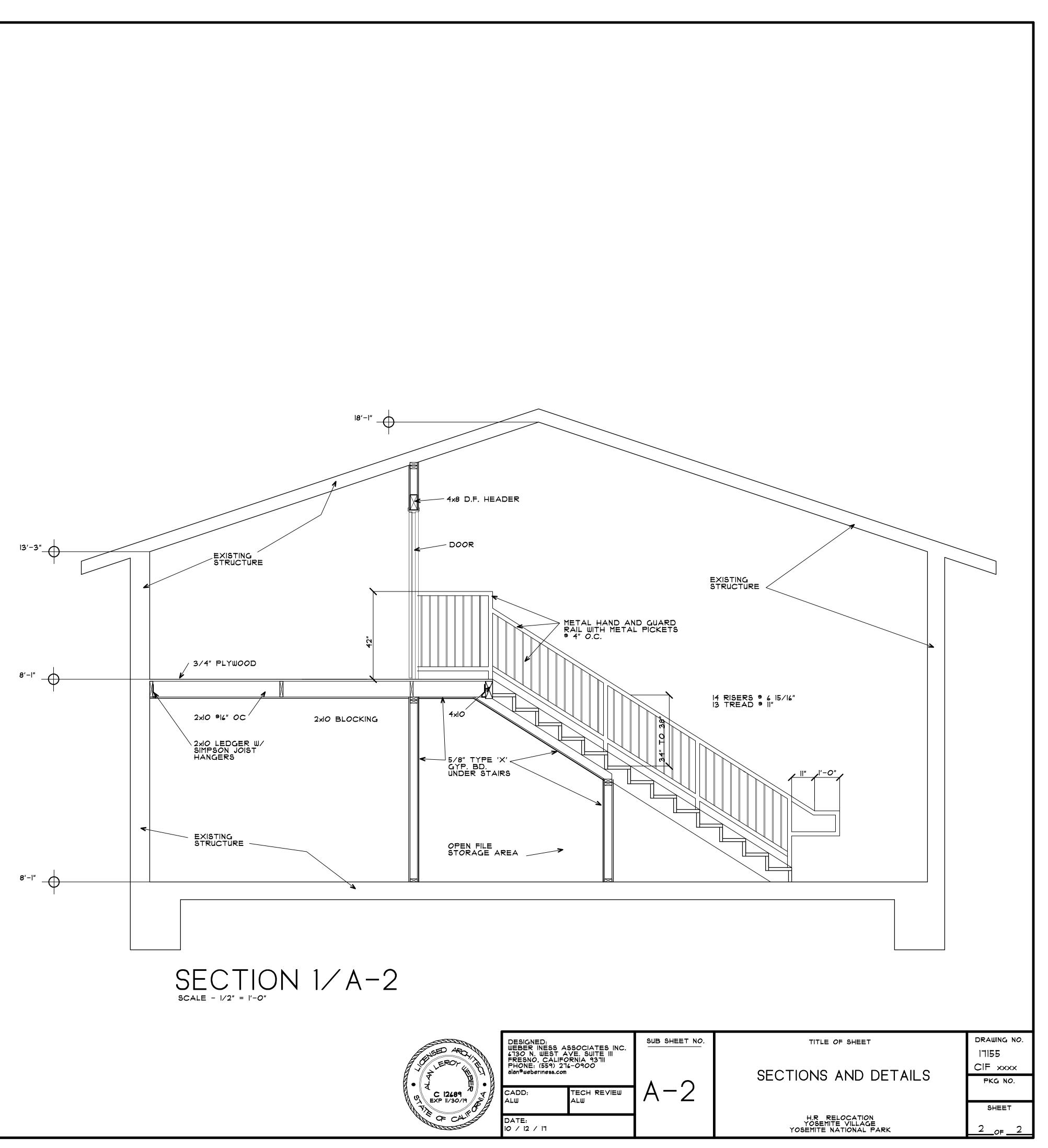
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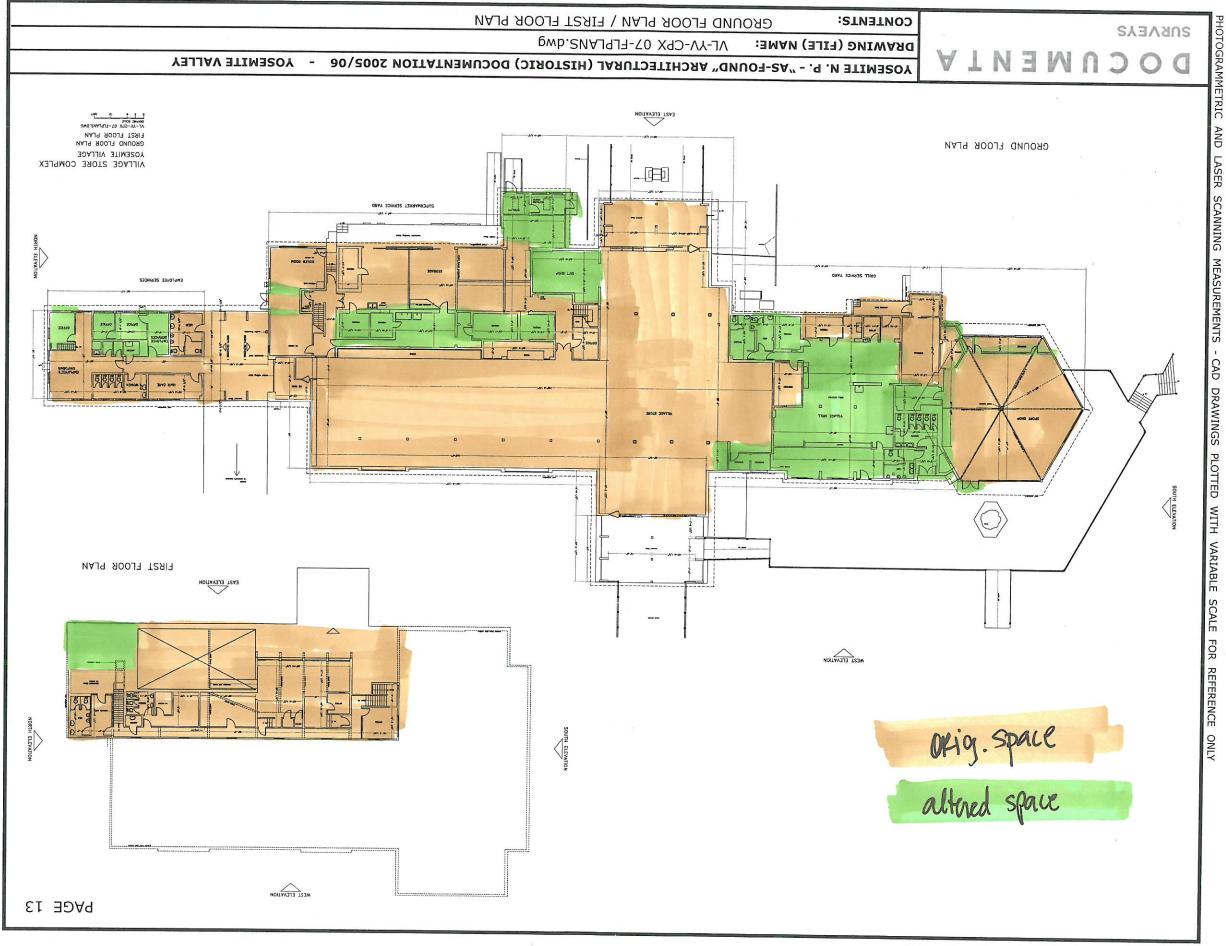


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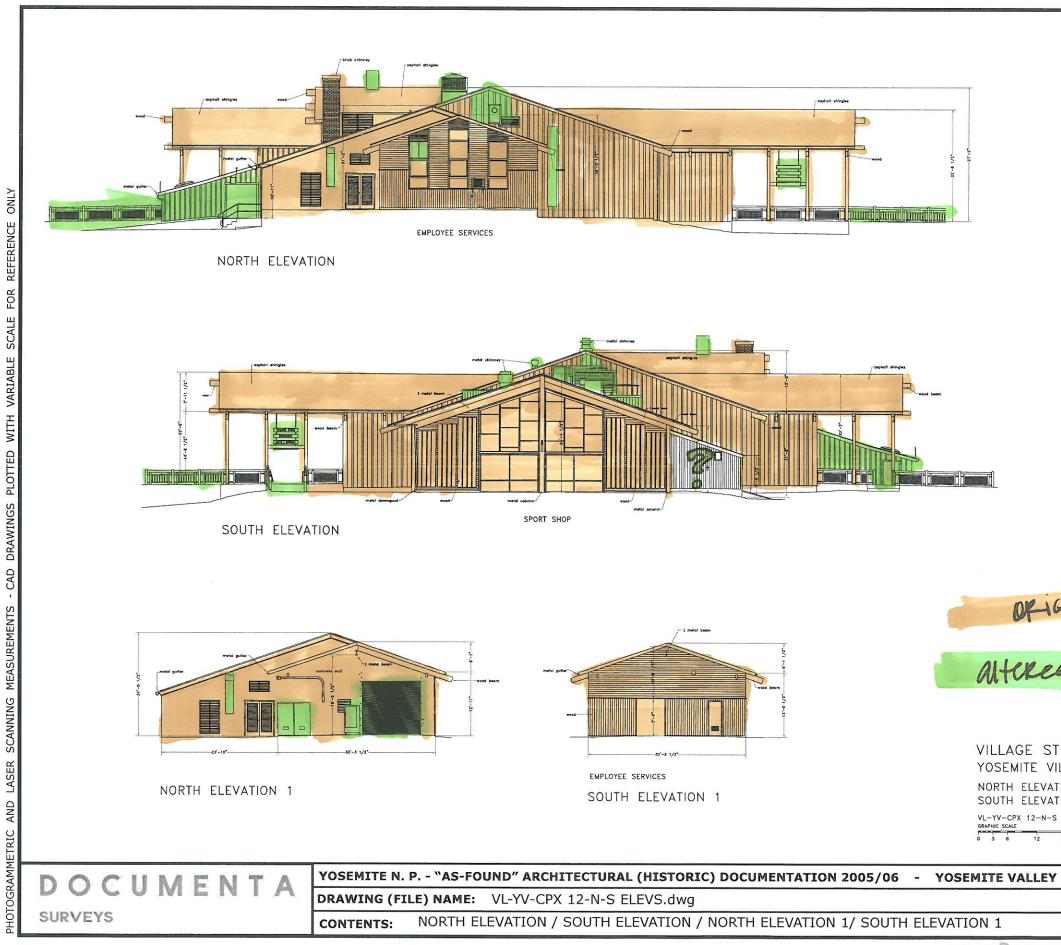
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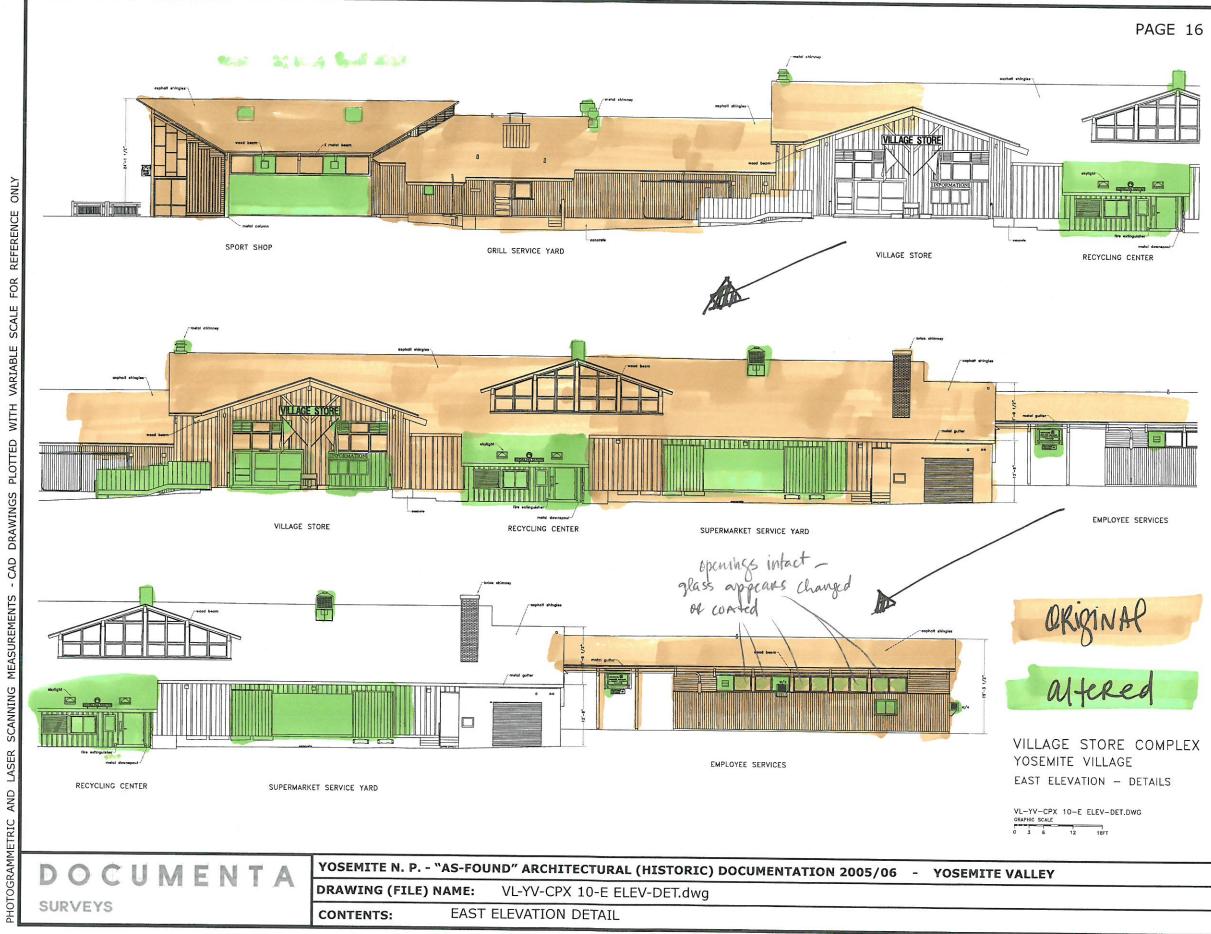


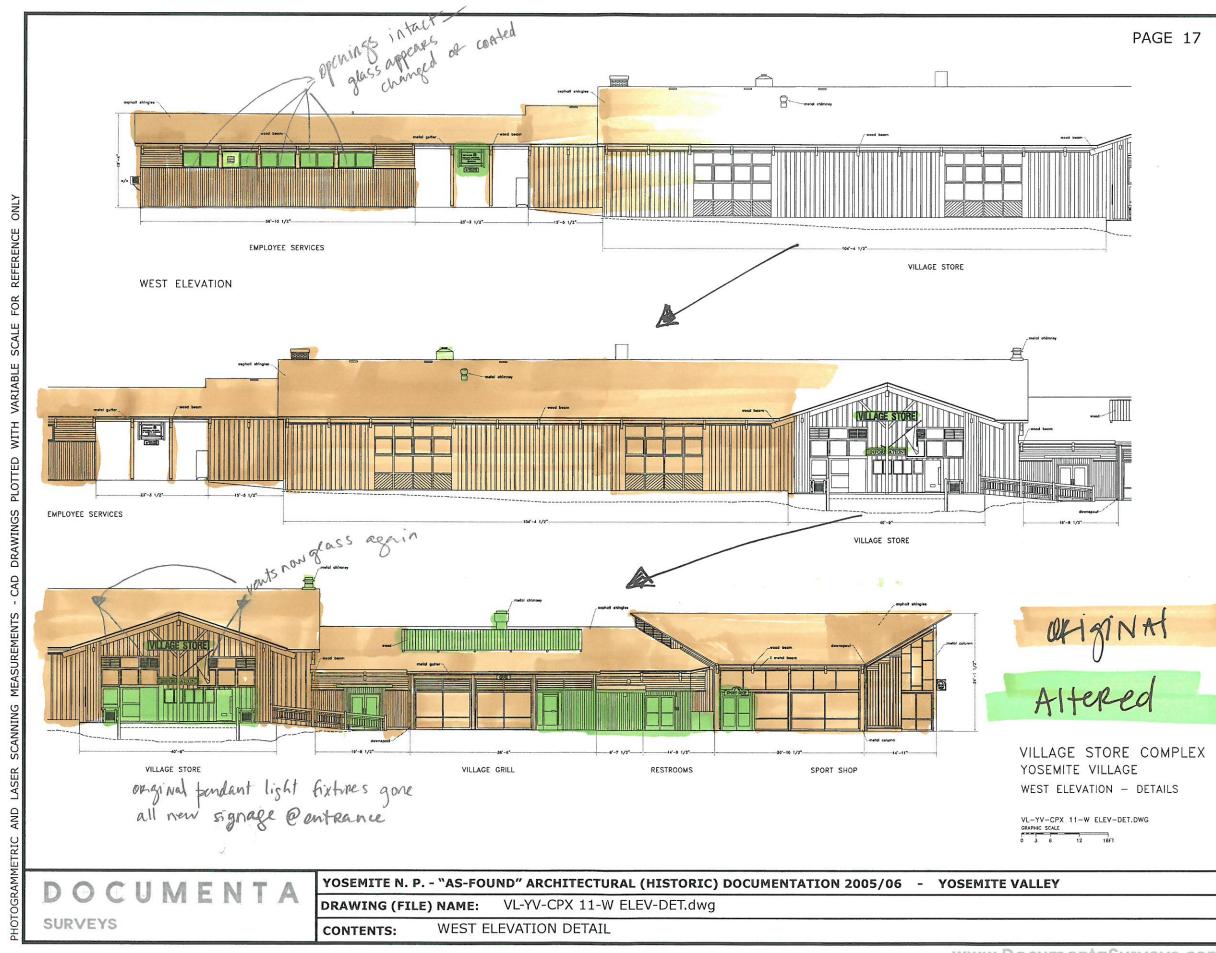
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