

DATE ISSUED:	July 8, 2010	REPORT NO. 201
ATTENTION:	Park & Recreation Board Agenda of July 15, 2010	
SUBJECT:	Azalea Neighborhood Park Water Conservation Garder	n

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE BOARD.

BACKGROUND

Azalea Neighborhood Park consists of approximately nine acres of park land in the Mid-City/City Heights community. The site was first developed in the early 1970's, and has a recreation building, multi-purpose courts, a tot lot, picnic areas, parking and open turf.

The City owns a parcel of land approximately 0.35 acres in size located at the eastern edge of Azalea Neighborhood Park. The parcel is bound by alleys on the east and south and by Azalea Neighborhood Park on the north and west. The parcel is intended to be developed as park land but is not shown on the current General Development Plan (GDP) for Azalea Neighborhood Park.

Rebuild Together San Diego (RTSD) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to the renovation and preservation of affordable homeownership for low-income homeowners, and the revitalization of neighborhoods and community facilities throughout San Diego County.

RTSD is proposing to develop a temporary Water Conservation Garden (Garden) to be located on the 0.35 acre vacant parcel at the eastern edge of Azalea Neighborhood Park. The Garden would be constructed by RTSD using donated materials and labor. The Garden is intended to demonstrate water efficiency and re-use of recycled materials for multiple uses in the garden. July 8, 2010 Park and Recreation Board Page 2

The new Garden would consist of an entry plaza, raised planter beds, walkways of various pervious paving materials, sculptural columns and doors, walls and fences of recycled materials and game tables. Recycled materials will be used throughout the Garden to demonstrate to homeowners how these materials can be incorporated into their home gardens.

Plant materials for the Garden would demonstrate fire resistance and drought tolerance. Existing shrubs in the planter beds adjacent to the Garden would be replaced to match the new Garden. All existing trees will remain. Drip irrigation and other water-efficient irrigation techniques would be demonstrated in the Garden.

Access would be via a new concrete walkway leading from the street to the Garden. The walkway would be constructed by the City's Streets Division to current accessibility standards. Modifications to the existing irrigation system required for the new walkway would be done by Park and Recreation staff. RTSD would be responsible for repair of turf impacted by the walkway construction. A small area of turf between the new walkway and the concrete mow curb on the south side would be converted to mulch with shrubs and ground cover; this area would be too small to be usable as turf and would be difficult to maintain. Rough grading of the Garden site would be provided by Park and Recreation staff.

Funding for the development of the 0.35 acre parcel as a permanent park addition is not currently available; the project has been placed on the 2010 Unfunded Park Improvements list, but it is yet to be determined when funding may become available. The proposed Garden will be a benefit to the community by providing an interim use of the undeveloped parcel.

The Park and Recreation Department understands the Garden will be maintained by Project CLEAN. A Special Use Permit would be required to adequately address maintenance and insurance issues. Construction would not be allowed to start without a formal agreement identifying specific roles and responsibilities for the maintenance of the Garden.

Respectfully submitted,

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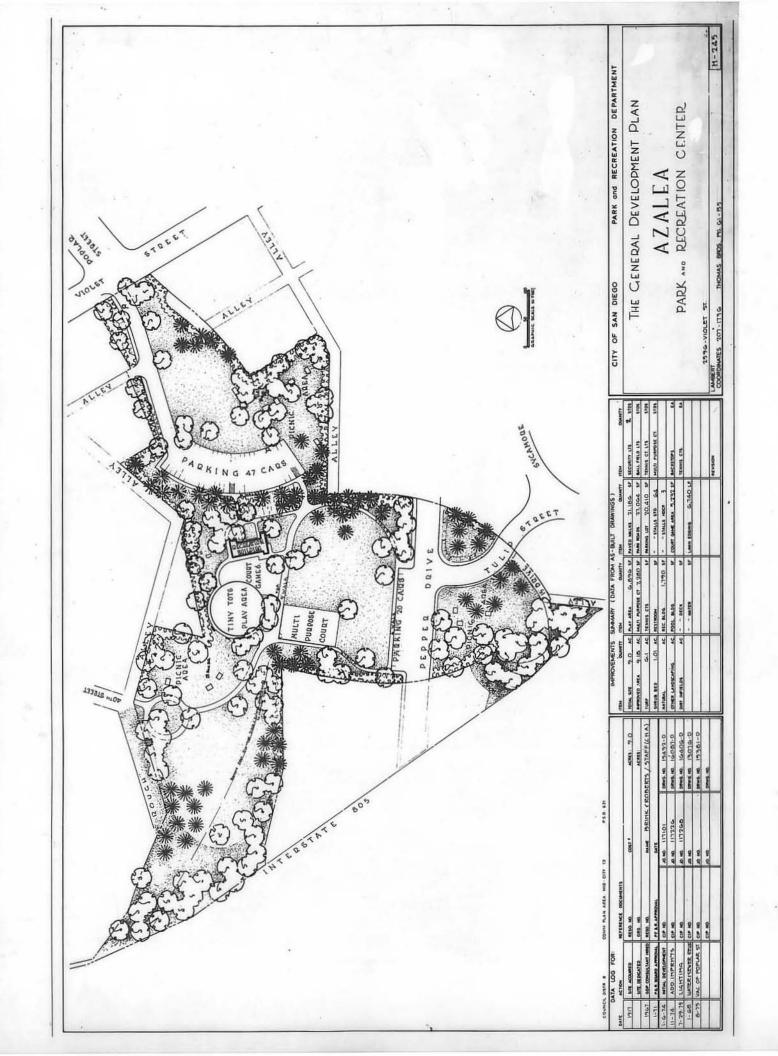
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Prepared by: Charles Daniels Park Designer

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Attachment: Existing Azalea Neighborhood Park General Development Plan Proposed Water Conservation Garden Concept Plan Proposed Walkway Alignment and Grading Plan

cc: Council District 3 Office





Existing Pepper Tree at Entry



Looking Southeast from Garden



Bird's Eye View - Looking West



Bird's Eye View - Looking East







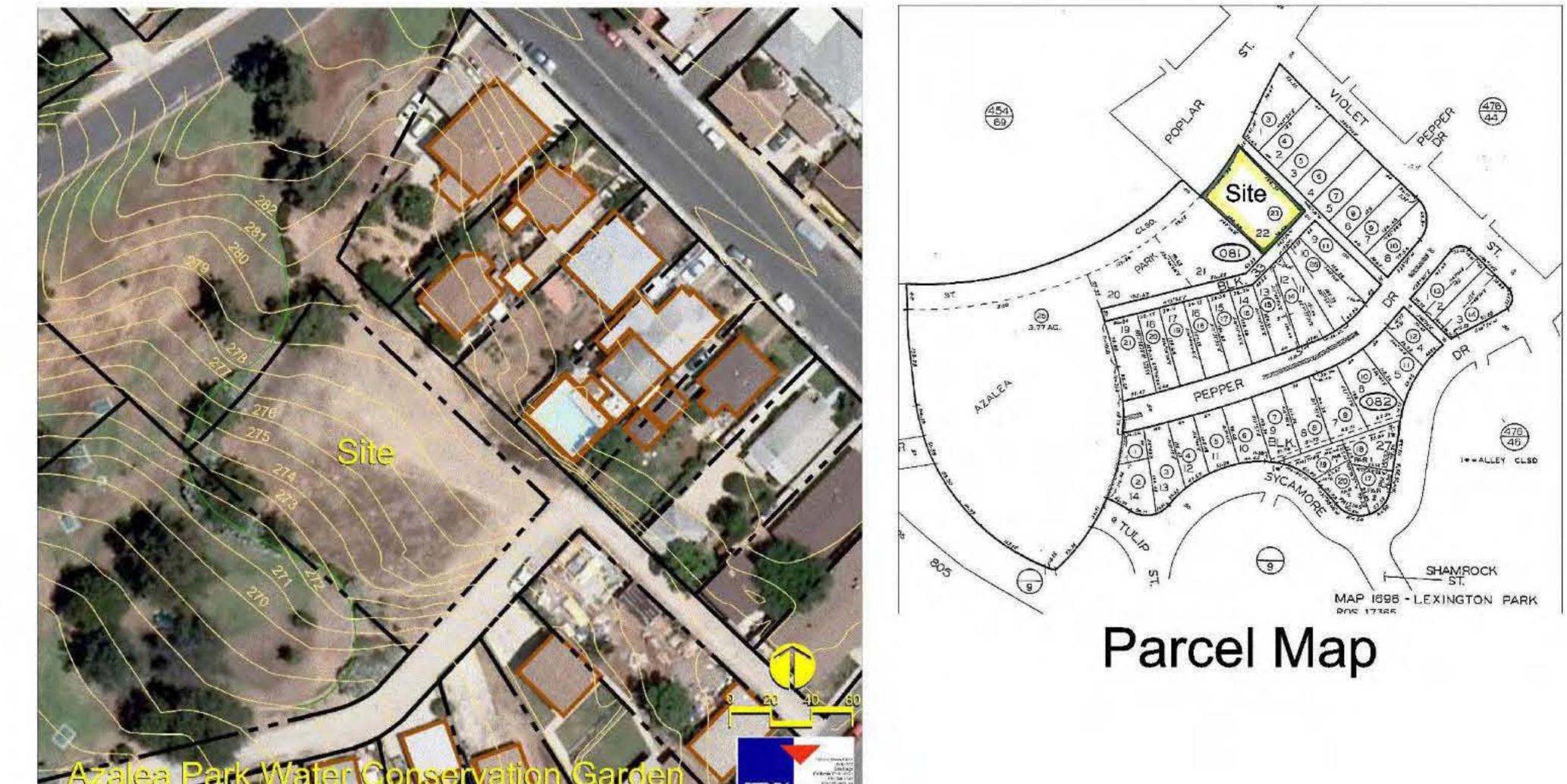
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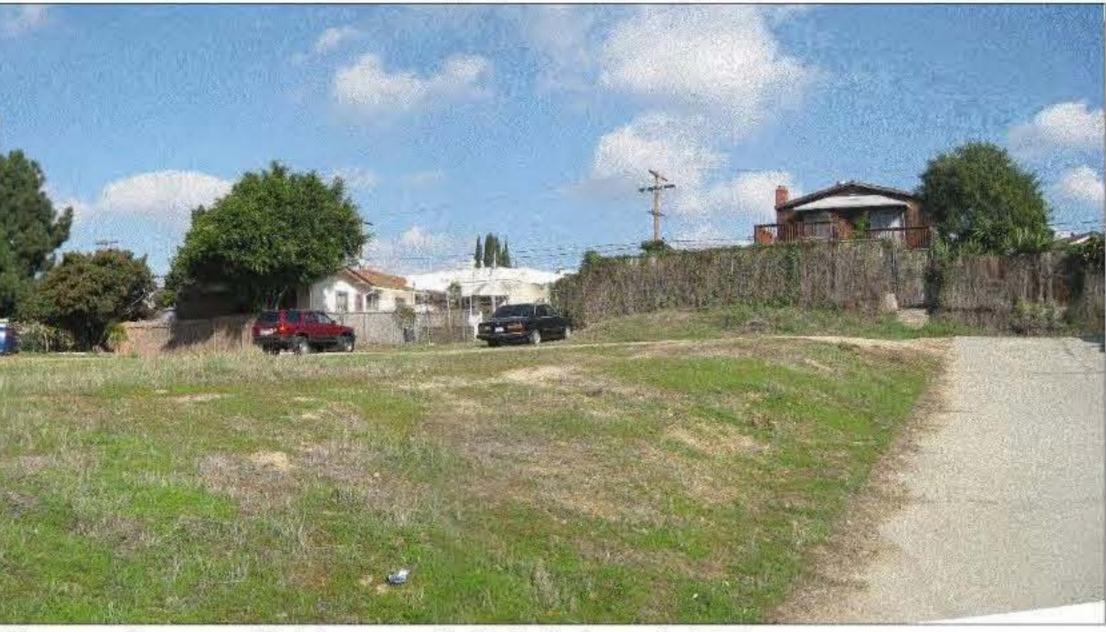
Panoramic View of Garden Site











Panoramic View of Garden Site - NW to NE



Sheet 1 of 3 General Development Plan for:

Plant List

TREES

Acacia baileyana 'Purpurea' Agonis flexuosa Arbutus unedo 'Marina' Dracaena draco Laurus nobilis Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp. asplenifolius Olea europaea 'Swan Hill' Pinus torreyana Prunus ilicifolia 'Iyonii' Quercus ilex Rhus lancea Umbellularia californica

SHRUBS/GROUNDCOVER

Acacia greggii Agave Americana 'Medio-Picta' Agave Shawii Aloe arborescens Alyogyne hakefolia Arctostaphylos 'Howard McMinn' Artemesia californica 'Canyon Grey' Baccharis pilularis 'Pigeon Point' Bougainvillea Ceanothus 'Yankee Point' Cistus spp. Dudleya virens Echeveria gibbiflora 'Metallica' Echium fastuosum Encelia farinosa Eriogonum fasciculatum 'Dana Point' Eriogonum giganteum Eriophyllum nevinii 'Canyon Silver' Feijoa sellowiana Festuca californica Festuca rubra 'Molate' Fragaria californica Fremontodendron 'California Glory' Helianthemum scoparium Heteromeles arbutifolia Heuchera hybrids Iris douglasiana Kalanchoe beharensis Lantana montevidensis Lavatera 'Purisima' Leptospermum scoparium 'Helene Strybing' Muhlenbergia rigens Myrtus communis 'Compacta' Ornithostaphylos oppositifolia Penstemon spectabilis Penstemon superbus Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case' Rhus integrifolia **Ribes viburnifolium** Romneya coulteri Salvia 'Bee's Bliss' Salvia clevelandii 'Winnifred Gliman' Salvia clevelandii Salvia greggii Tecoma stans

VINES

Aloe ciliaris Clematis Iasiantha Lavatera 'purisima' Macfadyena unguis-cati Rosa banksiae Vitis californica 'Roger's Red'

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Suite 300 San Diego Purple Leaf Acacia Peppermint Tree Strawberry Tree Dragon Tree Sweet Bay Fern-leaved Catalina Ironwood Olive Torrey Pine Catalina Cherry Holly Oak African Sumac California Bay

Catclaw Acacia Century Plant Shaw's Century Plant Tree Aloe Blue Hibiscus Howard McMinn Manzanita Canyon Grey Sagebrush Dwarf Coyote Bush Bougainvillea NCN Rockrose Green Liveforever Hens and Chicks Pride of Madeira Incienso Dana Point Buckwheat St. Catherine's Lace Golden Yarrow Pineapple Guava California Fescue Red Fescue Woodland Strawberry Flannel Bush Sun Rose Toyon Coral Bells Douglas Iris Felt Plant Lantana Tree Mallow New Zealand Tea Tree Deer Grass Dwarf Myrtle Baja Bird Bush Showy Penstemon Penstemon Eve Case Coffeeberry Lemonade Berry Evergreen Currant Matilija Poppy Bee's Bliss Sage Sage **Cleveland Sage** Autumn Sage Yellow Bells

Aloe Pipestems Tree Mallow Cat Claw Vine Lady Banks' Rose California Wild Grape Main Entry and Plaza

Entry Walk

Wedding Area -----

Existing Trees

Existing Pepper

- Chess Tables

-Sculptur -Sculptura

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Recycled Material Fence

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Garden Concept

Azalea Park Water Conservation Garden

Garden Concept:

The Azalea Park Water Conservation Garden is proposed for an existing ¾ acre parcel located within Azalea Park. The site is currently fallow. Rebuilding Together San Diego is proposing to build this garden using community and professional volunteers. Rebuilding Together San Diego's mission is community revitalization for low to moderate income neighborhoods which include: community development, environmental and neighborhood revitalization and the arts. This project will not only create a demonstrable site for residents to utilize, but become a destination point that will reflect the impact that giving back to the community has. Meetings have been held with the community to help coordinate the garden vision, construction and maintenance issues.

Project Overview: The water-wise garden will provide a serene setting to relax, educate and inspire visitors. The plan for the garden will incorporate vignettes of landscape designs utilizing a variety of natural and recycled materials that homeowners can easily duplicate in their home gardens. These will include drought and fire resistant plants, natural pervious material walking areas to highlight the different garden sections, benches and various energy efficiency modalities such as the use of solar lighting and a drip irrigation system. The plans also will incorporate sculptural garden elements, walls and fencing made from recycled materials.

A stabilized decomposed granite walking area will provide access to the garden area. Various colors of DG may be used for accents. Gentle raised geometric planters will occur throughout the site to provide better viewing of the plants and materials. Chess tables and benches will be provided under the existing large Pepper Tree at the entry. In addition, an area will be provided for outdoor weddings. The garden will utilize the existing restroom and parking area for Azalea Park.

The plant material will introduce elements of nearby Manzanita Canyon and other local canyons. Native and drought tolerant trees, shrubs and ground covers will be planted. The garden will feature interpretive information on species used throughout the garden.

Lighting and electrical:

Solar security lighting will be provided along the walking areas.

Irrigation:

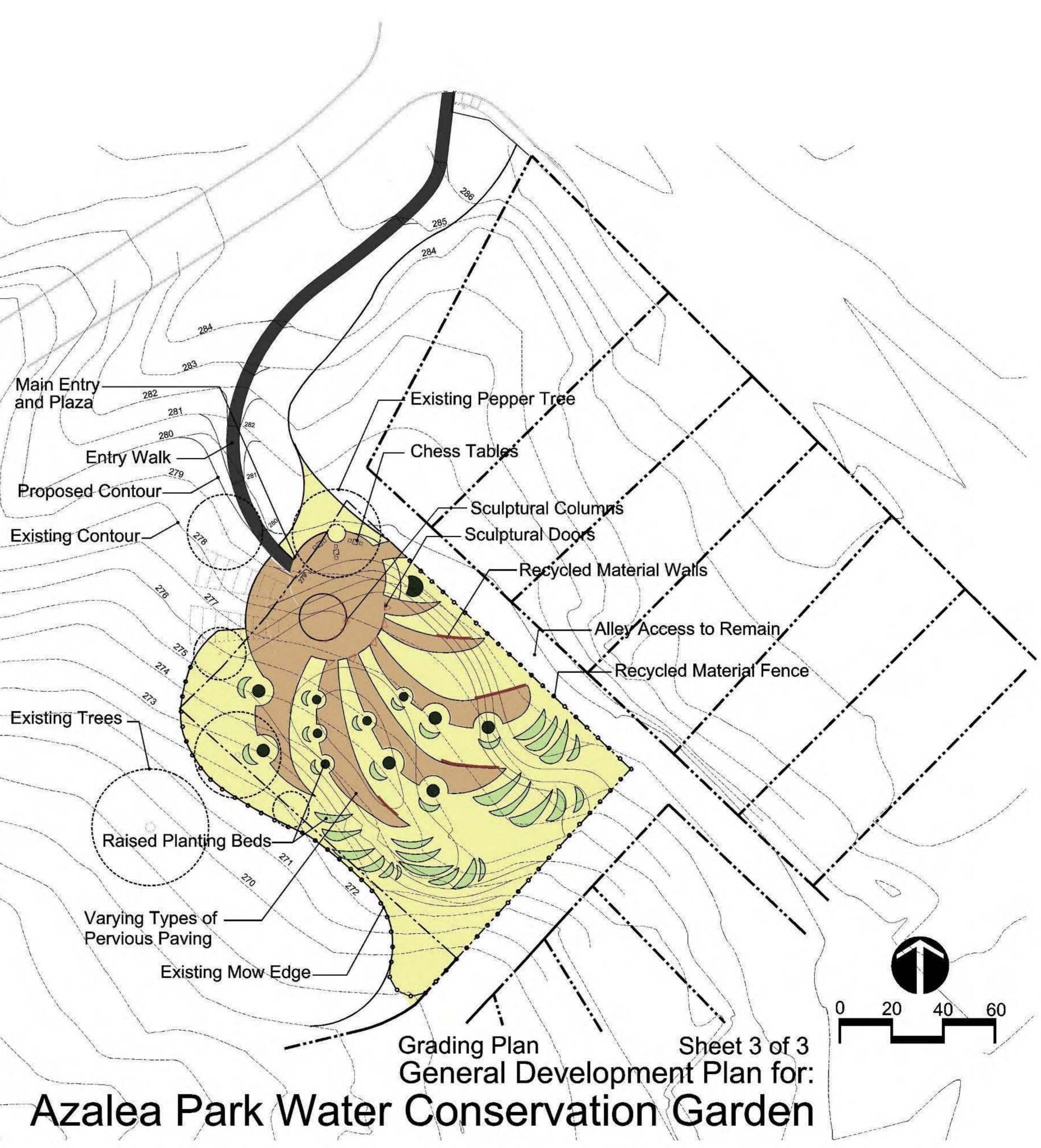
The garden will be irrigated with potable water using an automatic drip irrigation system and accurately programmable controller.

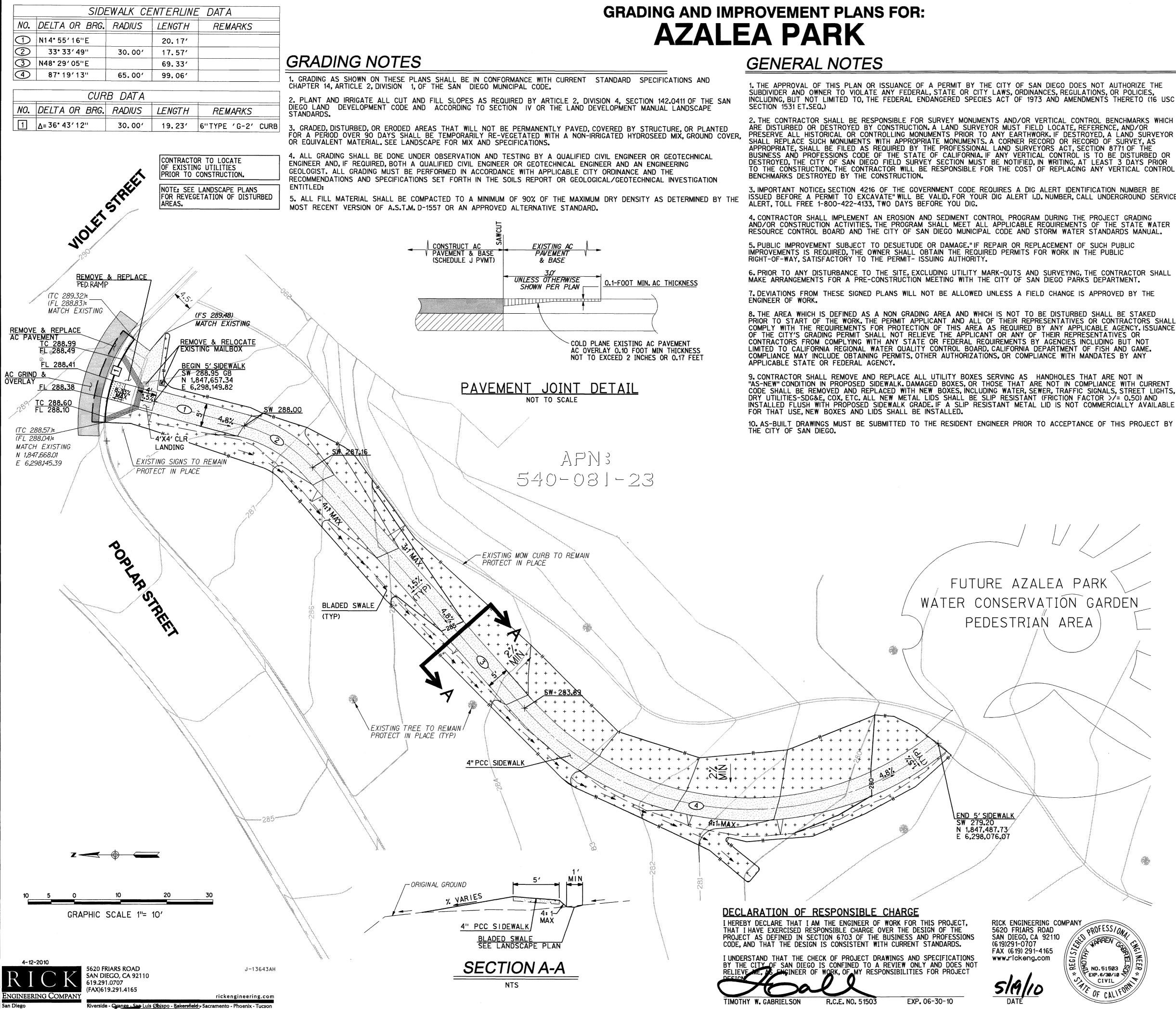
Maintenance:

The park will be maintained by the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department and the community. Materials, equipment and designs will be selected to help minimize maintenance and replacement costs.



March 23, 2010





1. THE APPROVAL OF THIS PLAN OR ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT BY THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE

3. IMPORTANT NOTICE: SECTION 4216 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE REQUIRES A DIG ALERT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER BE ISSUED BEFORE A PERMIT TO EXCAVATE" WILL BE VALID. FOR YOUR DIG ALERT I.D. NUMBER, CALL UNDERGROUND SERVICE

4. CONTRACTOR SHALL IMPLEMENT AN EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PROGRAM DURING THE PROJECT GRADING AND/OR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. THE PROGRAM SHALL MEET ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE WATER RESOURCE CONTROL BOARD AND THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE AND STORM WATER STANDARDS MANUAL.

7. DEVIATIONS FROM THESE SIGNED PLANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNLESS A FIELD CHANGE IS APPROVED BY THE

10. AS-BUILT DRAWINGS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE RESIDENT ENGINEER PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROJECT BY

WORK TO BE DONE

THE IMPROVEMENTS CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING WORK TO BE DONE ACCORDING TO THESE PLANS AND THE SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARD DRAWINGS OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO. STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS:

DIEGO SUPPLEMENT, DOCUMENT NO. PITSO504092, FILED MAY 4, 2009.

DOCUMENT NO. AECO925062, FILED SEPTEMBER 25, 2006.

DOCUMENT NO. AECO925061, FILED SEPTEMBER 25, 2006.

DRAWINGS, DOCUMENT NO. AEC1231063, FILED DECEMBER 31, 2006.

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, DOCUMENT NO. 769842, FILED OCTOBER 22, 1999.

1. STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION, 2009 EDITION (GREENBOOK),

DOCUMENT NO. PITS0504091, FILED MAY 4, 2009, INCLUDING THE REGIONAL AND CITY OF SAN

2. 1999 STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SIGNALS, LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS OF

EDITION. AS AMENDED FOR USE IN CALIFORNIA), DOCUMENT NO. AEC1231064, FILED DECEMBER

3. CALIFORNIA MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (FHWA'S MUTCD, 2003

4. STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

1. CITY OF SAN DIEGO STANDARD DRAWINGS, INCLUDING ALL REGIONAL STANDARD

2. STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, STANDARD PLANS,

THE BENCH MARK FOR THIS SURVEY IS THE FOUND BRASS PLUG ON TOP OF CONCRETE CURB AT THE NORTHERLY CURB RETURN OF VIOLET STREET AND POPLAR DRIVE, PER CITY OF SAN DIEGO VERTICAL CONTROL

31, 2006.

STANDARD DRAWINGS:

TOPOGRAPHY SOURCE

FIELD SURVEY DATED APRIL 2, 2010 CONDUCTED BY RICK ENGINEERING CO. 5620 FRIARS ROAD SAN DIEGO, CA 92110

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LEGEND

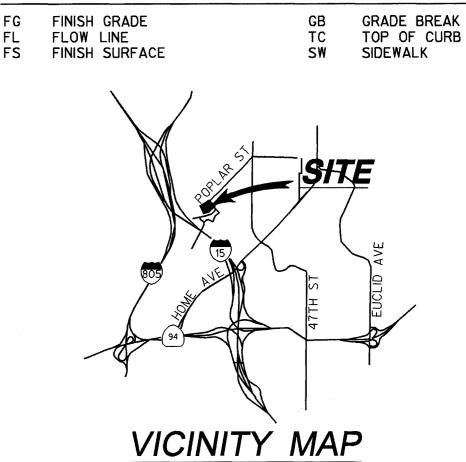
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EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

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ABBREVIATIONS



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