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**BOARD OF RECREATION
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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 12-110

DATE April 4, 2012

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES RIVERFRONT PARK – USE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF PORTIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER FOR PUBLIC RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

R. Adams _____ K. Regan _____
H. Fujita _____ *M. Shull *M. Shull*
V. Israel _____ N. Williams _____

[Signature]
General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Use Agreement (Agreement) with the Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Flood Control District, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, for the development and use of portions of the Los Angeles River for public recreational purposes, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council, and of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Agreement to the Office of the Mayor per Executive Directive No. 3, and the City Attorney for review and approval as to form;
3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement upon receipt of all necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles', Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering has completed the design and construction plans for the Los Angeles Riverfront Greenway – Phase II project (Project) which is a project initiated and principally funded by the City of Los Angeles Assessment District 96-1 (Proposition K - L.A. for Kids Program).

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The overall Proposition K – Riverfront Greenway consists of various phases that will eventually extend along the River from the eastern edge of Studio City to the Interstate 405 (San Diego) freeway. The Project is also a part of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP), adopted by the City Council in May 2007.

The City proposes to construct, operate, and maintain certain improvements on the premises in connection with the Project, including but not limited to ornamental fencing, landscaping, an irrigation system, gateways and vehicle ramps, enriched paving, seating, environmental education signage, and recreational trails, as shown on (Exhibit B), as well as a small community “greenbelt” park. The Project is proposed on County-owned land that runs along the River right-of-way and is currently used as a flood control channel maintenance access road. There are two locations along the River that are affected by the Project. These are located between a) Sepulveda Boulevard and Kester Avenues along the south bank (Exhibit A, Sheet 1 and 2 of 4); and b) Coldwater Canyon and Whitsett Avenues on the south bank (Exhibit A, Sheet 3 and 4 of 4).

Upon completion, the Project will provide the local community with passive and active recreational opportunities that are currently severely lacking in the area, and provide an important connection segment of the Los Angeles River Greenway that represents an overarching goal of both the City’s Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and Los Angeles County’s 1996 Los Angeles River Master Plan, as well as the 1996 L.A. for Kids Program which is aimed at combating the recognized shortage of recreational opportunities throughout the City.

As indicated above, the Project is to be constructed on County owned land under the jurisdiction of the County’s Department of Public Works, Flood Control District. The Use Agreement being presented for approval was prepared by the County. The City Attorney and staff have reviewed it and have determined that the terms and conditions contained therein to be acceptable. The Use Agreement carries a term of twenty-five (25) years, with each party reserving the right to cancel with sixty (60) days written notice to the other party. There is no consideration required under the proposed Use Agreement. The design and construction of the Project will be funded by Proposition K and Federal Transportation Funds. at no cost to the County. The improvements will remain under the City’s ownership during the term of the Use Agreement. However, upon termination or expiration of the Use Agreement, the City will be required to remove the improvements at no cost to the County and restore the premises to the conditions similar to or better than that which existed on the effective date of the Use Agreement unless the County decides to keep the improvements or the Use Agreement is extended.

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Staff has determined that the underlying project to the proposed agreement has been previously evaluated for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was found to be categorically exempt pursuant to Article III, Section 1(d), Class 4 (13) with no exceptions. The scope of work that formed the basis of this exempt determination is substantially the same and the current environmental conditions have not changed. Therefore, the exemption is still valid for the project and covers the approval of the implementing agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund for the design and construction of the project, since it will be paid for using Proposition K and Federal Transportation funds. However, upon completion of the project, operational maintenance cost will be determined, and a request for funding will be submitted in future Department annual budget requests.

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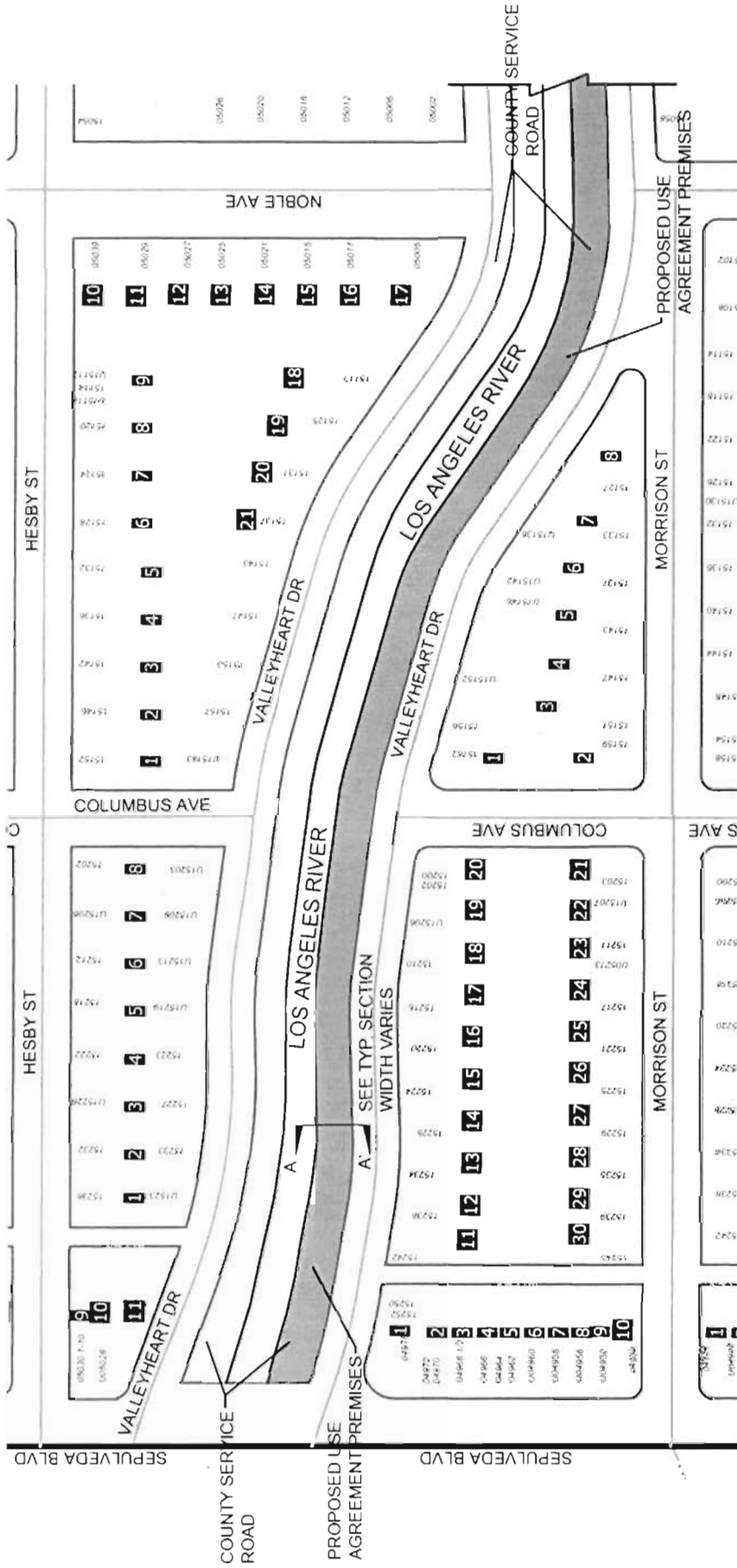


EXHIBIT A - SHEET 1 OF 4

LOS ANGELES RIVERFRONT PARK PROJECT PHASE II
 SEPULVEDA BLVD. TO KESTER AVE. REACH SOUTH BANK



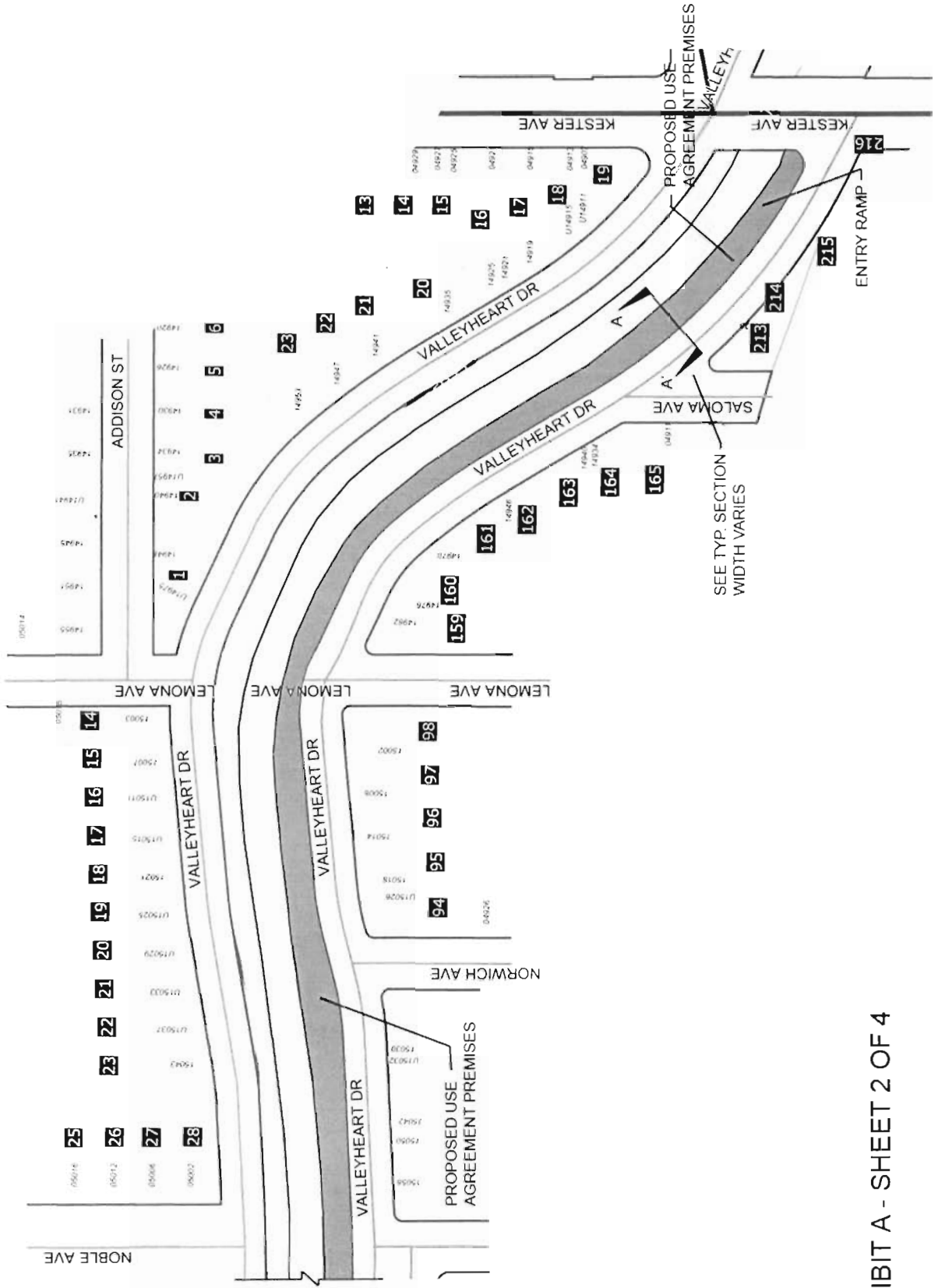


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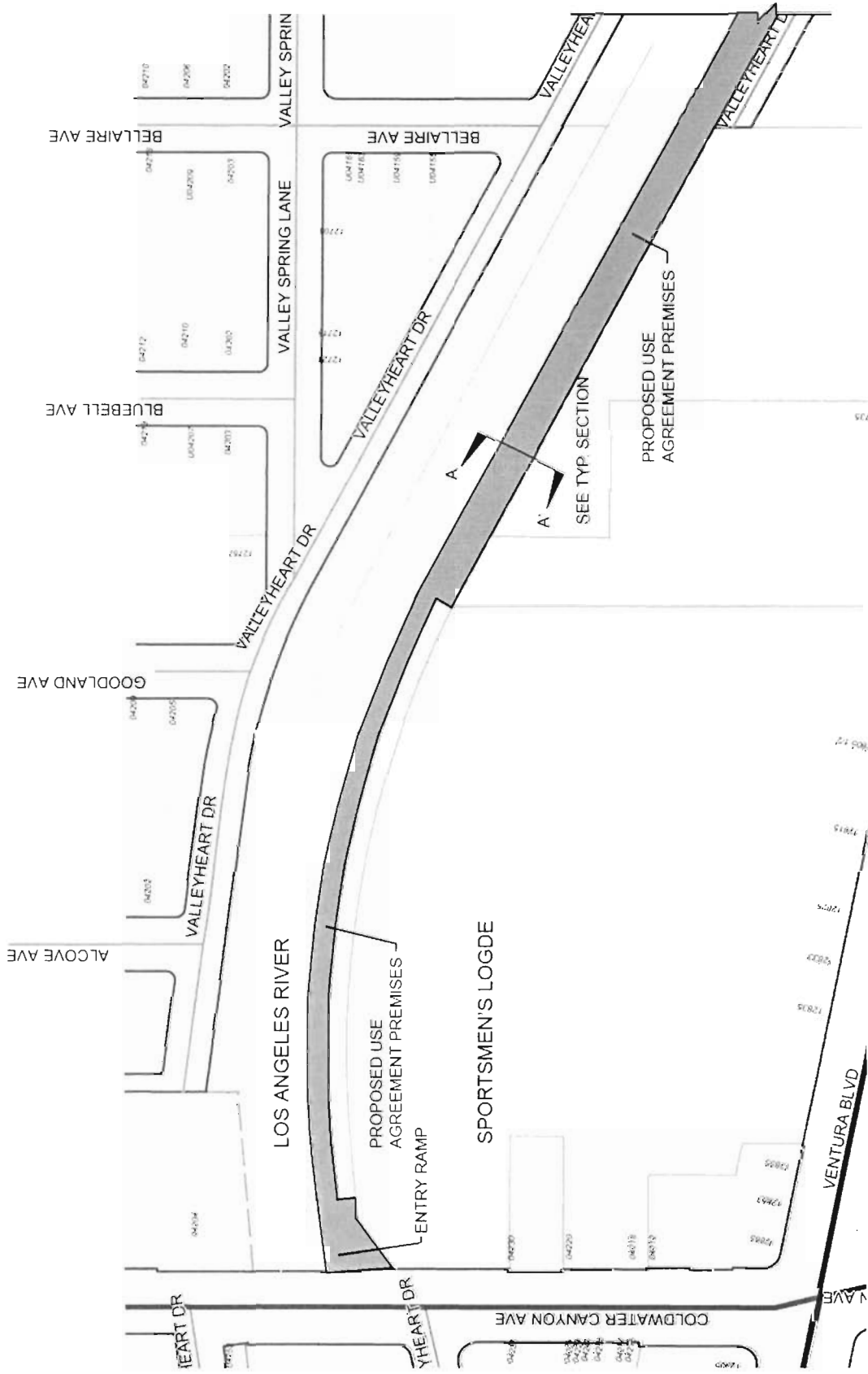
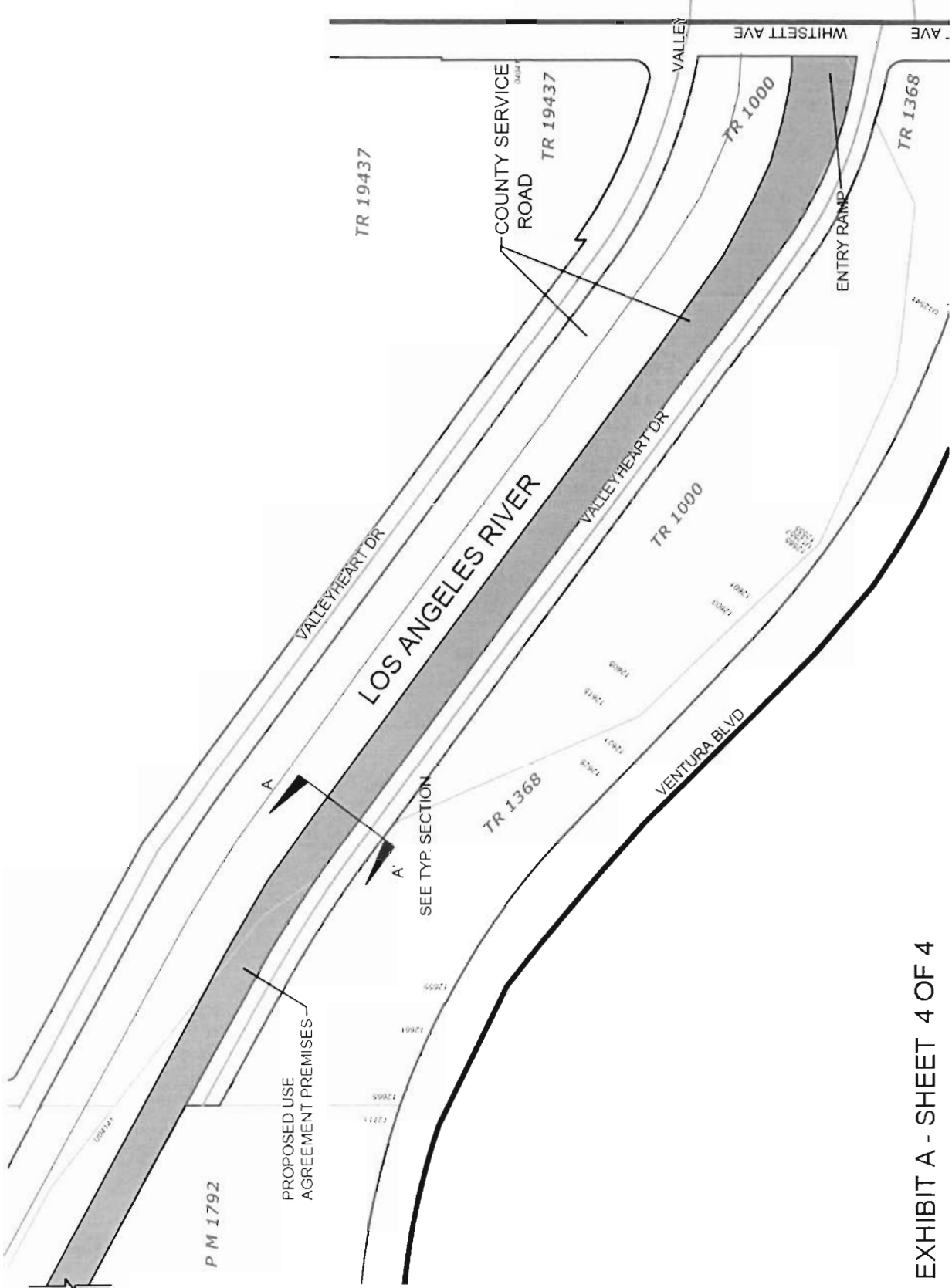


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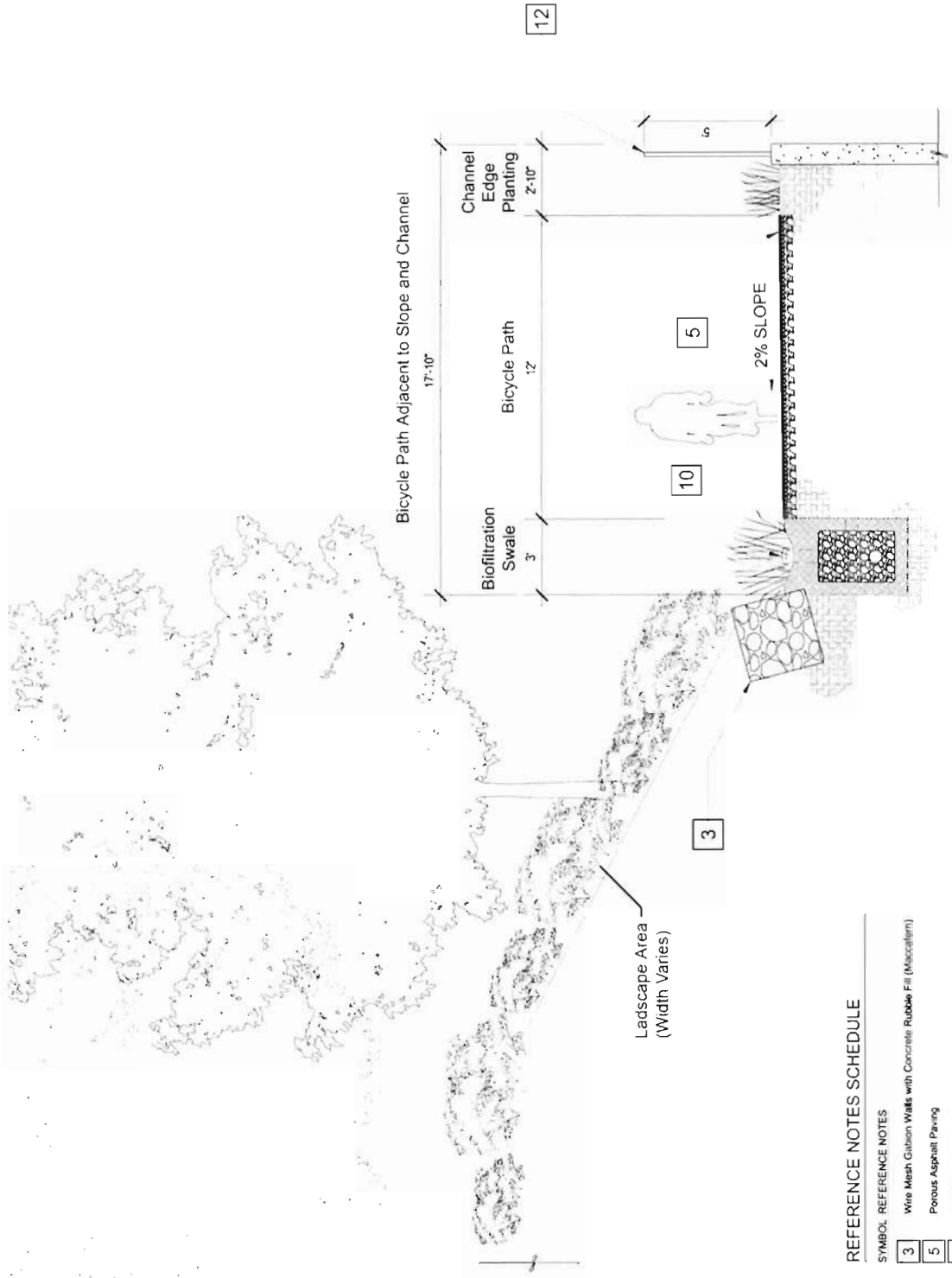
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REFERENCE NOTES SCHEDULE

| SYMBOL | REFERENCE NOTES |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 | Wire Mesh Gabion Walls with Concrete Rubble Fill (Maccallum) |
| 5 | Porous Asphalt Paving |
| 10 | Biofiltration Swale |
| 12 | Ornamental Fence |

EXHIBIT "B" - SHEET 1 OF 1

LOS ANGELES RIVERFRONT PARK PROJECT - PHASE II
TYPICAL SECTION A - A'