

#### Verizon Wireless • Proposed Small Cell (No. 425162 "Sonoma 007") 303 West Napa Street • Sonoma, California

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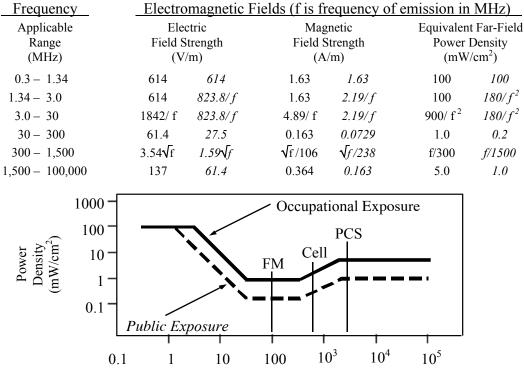
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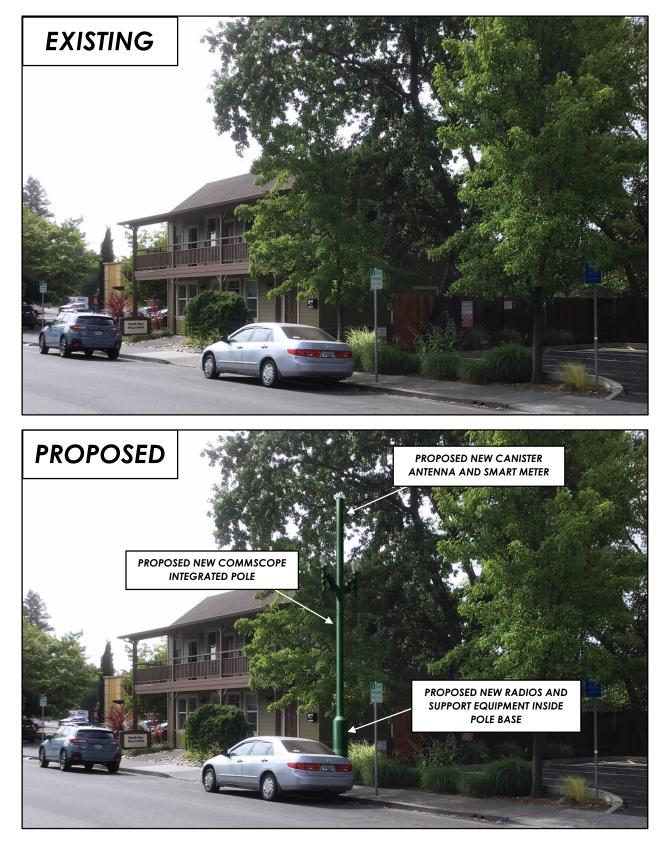






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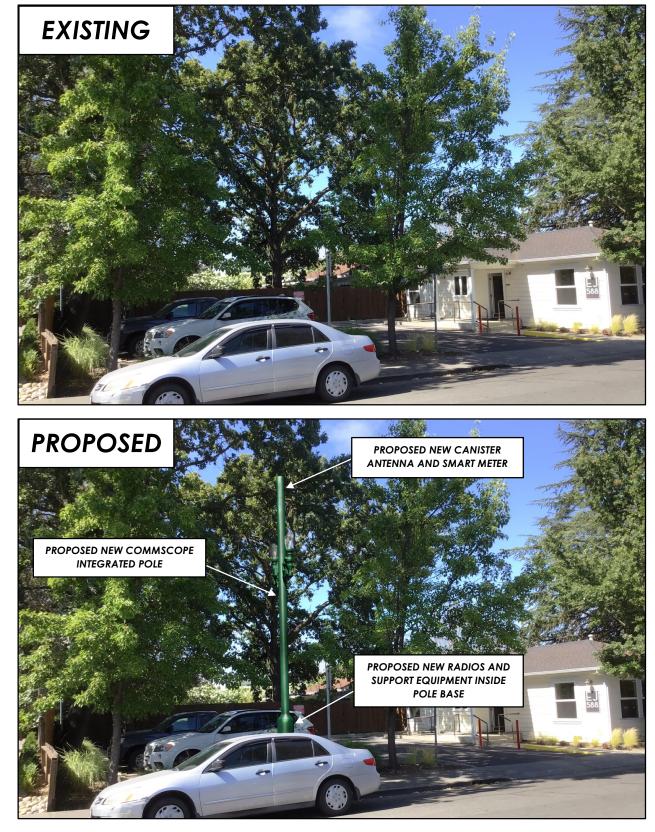




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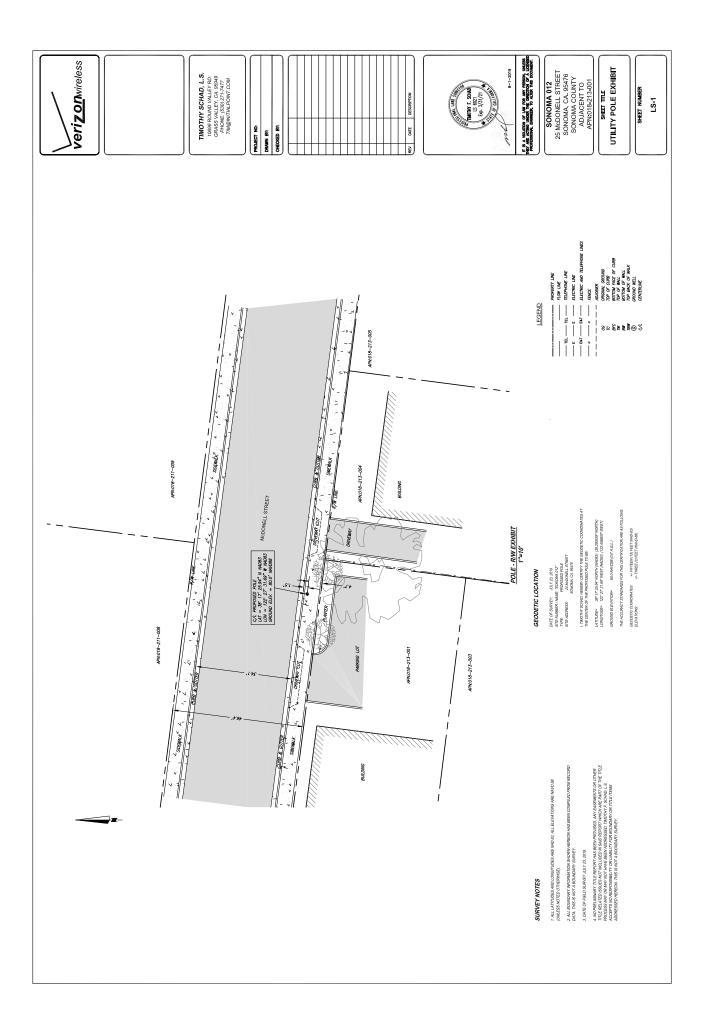


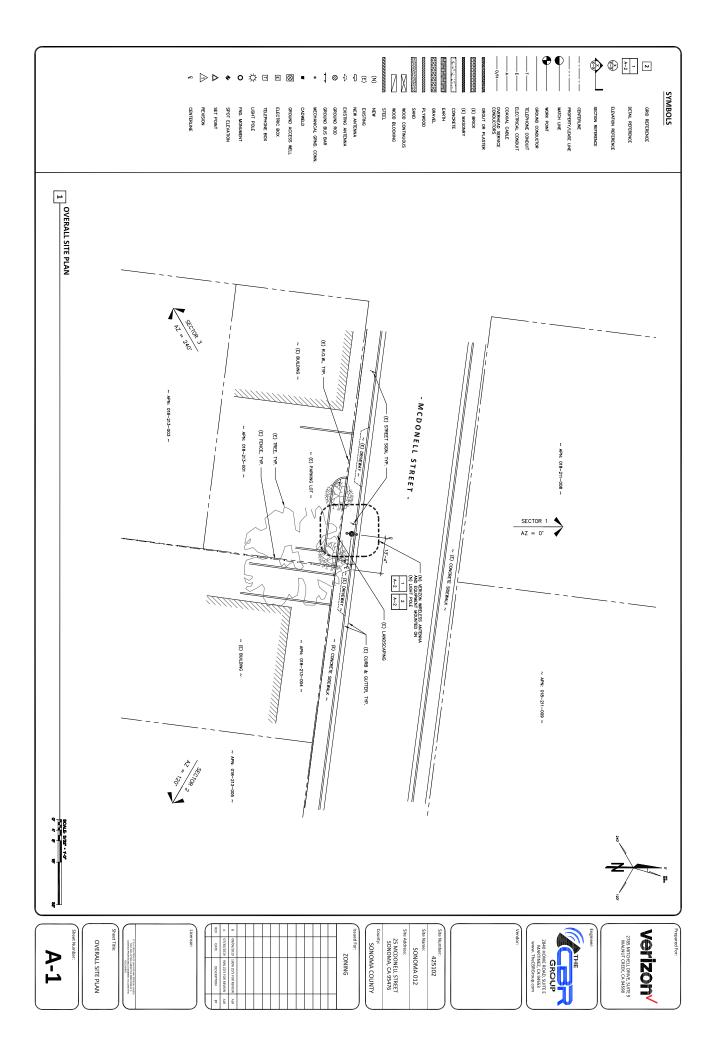
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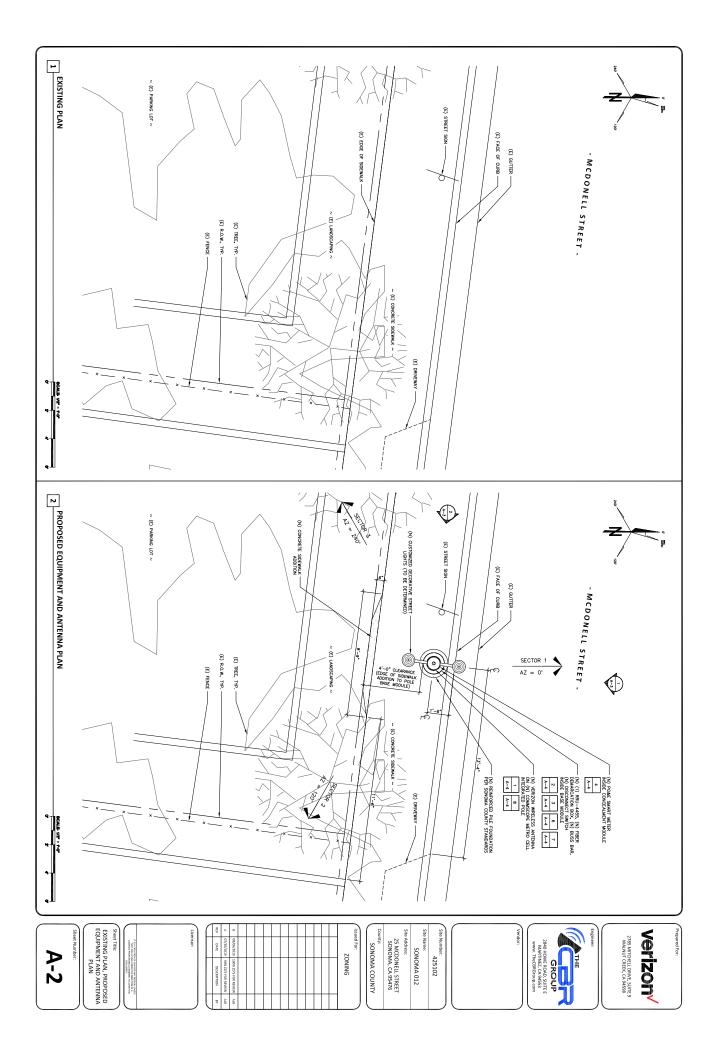
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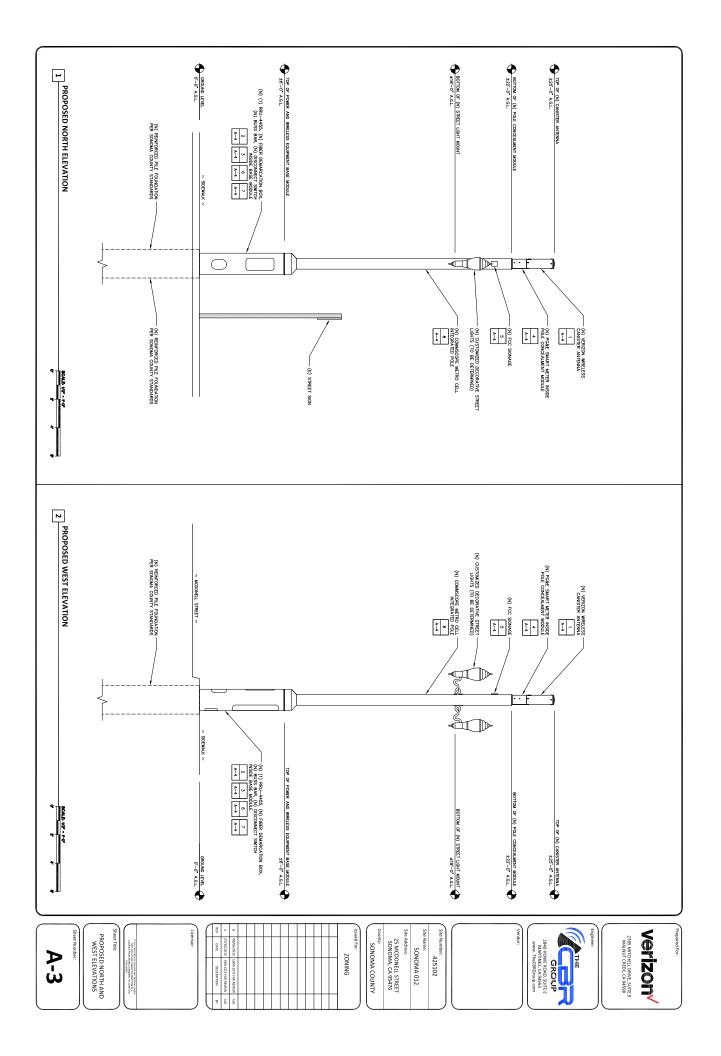


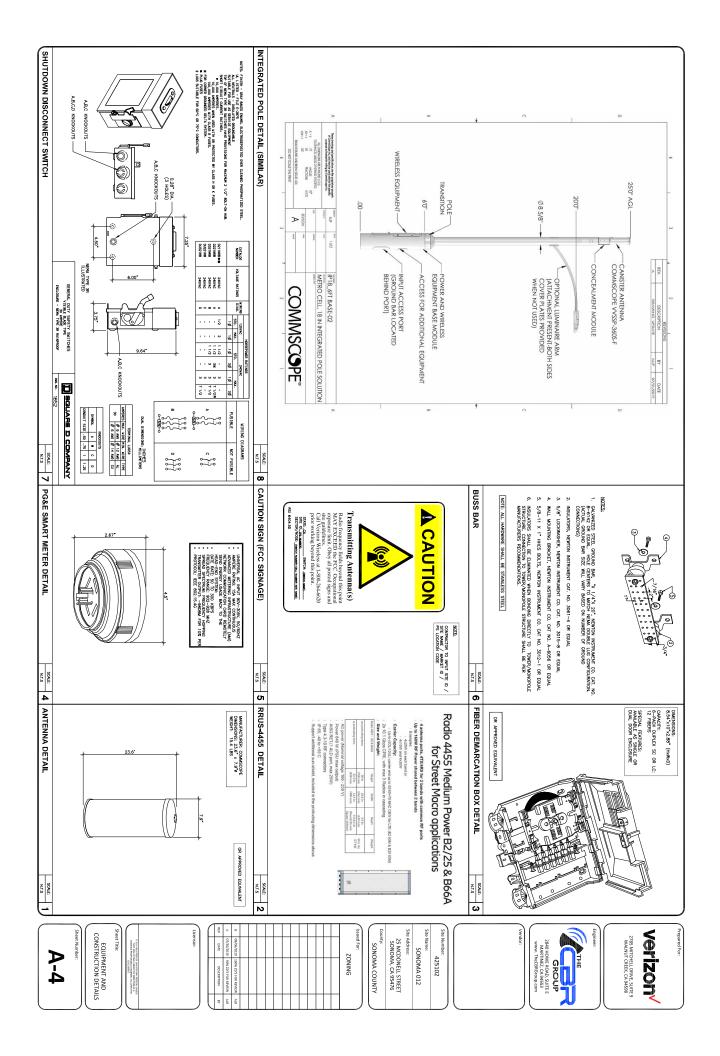








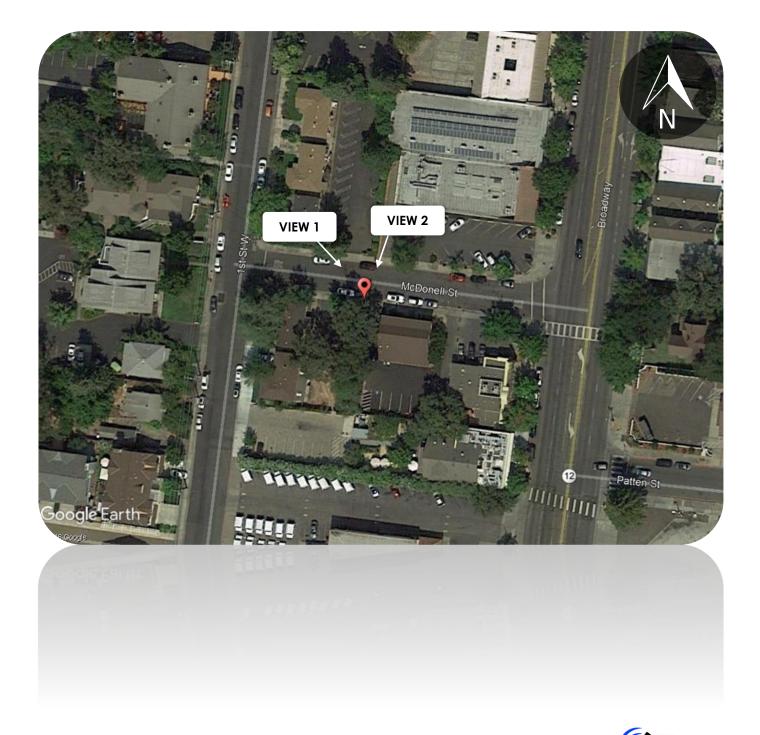




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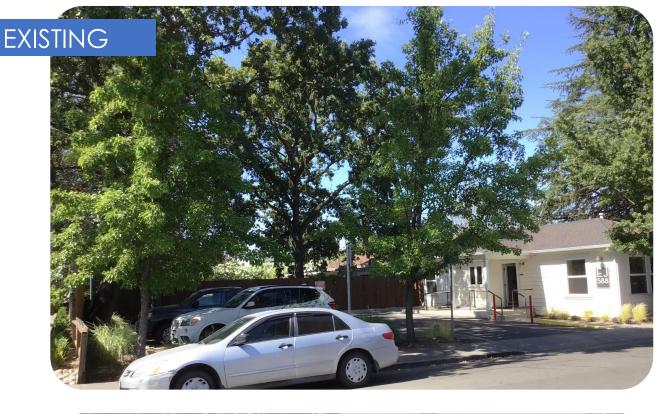




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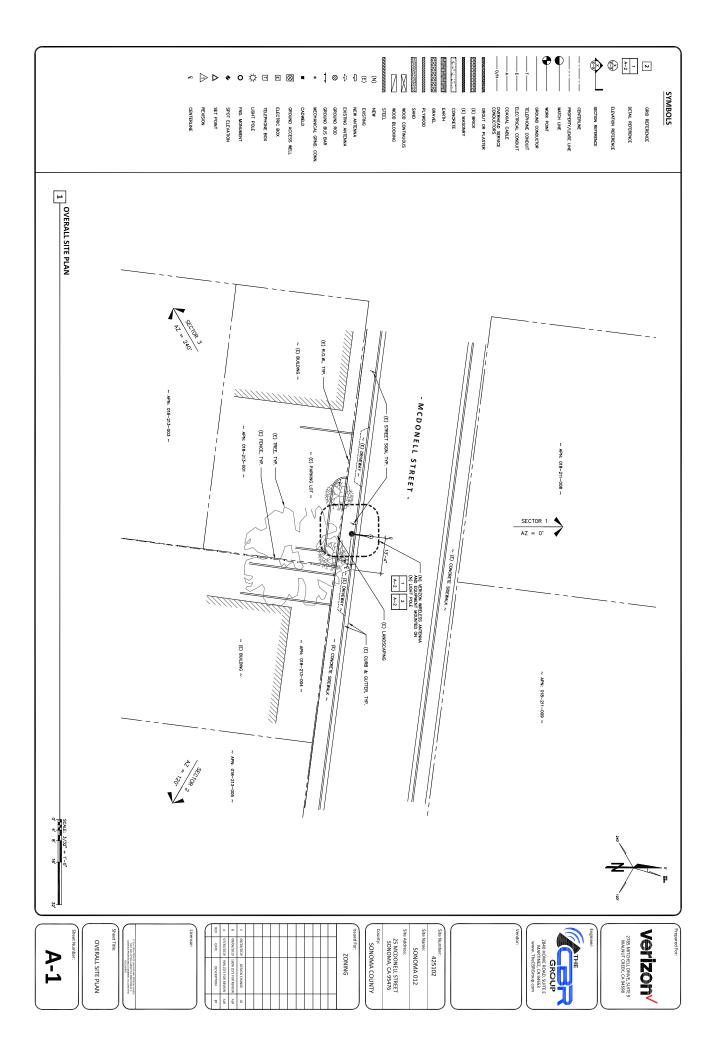


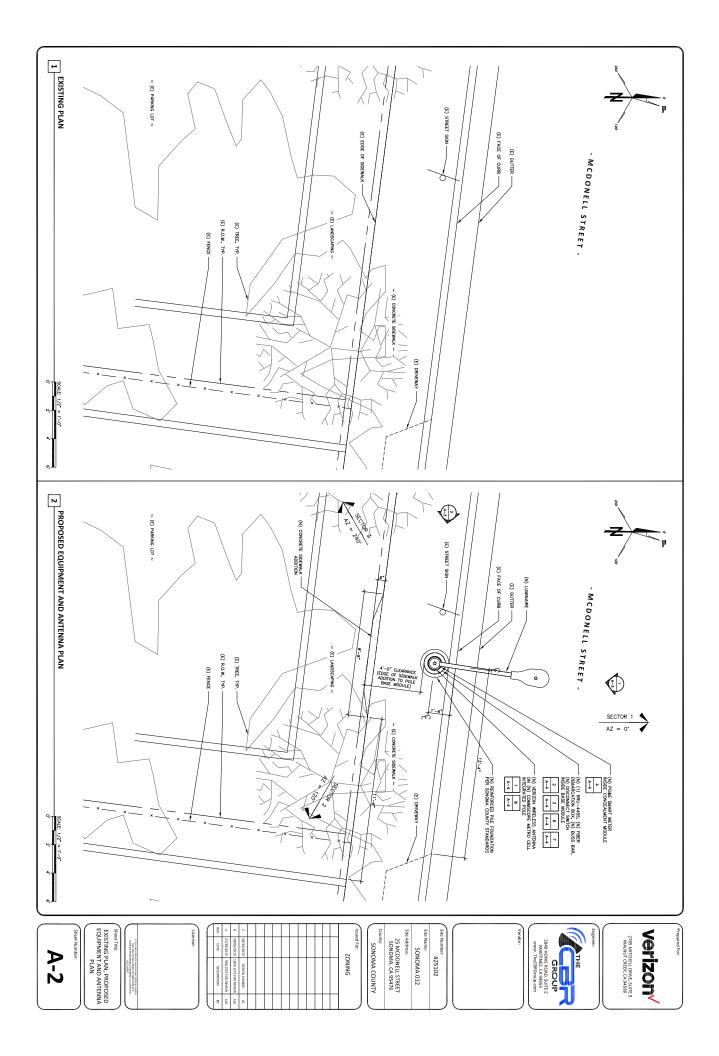


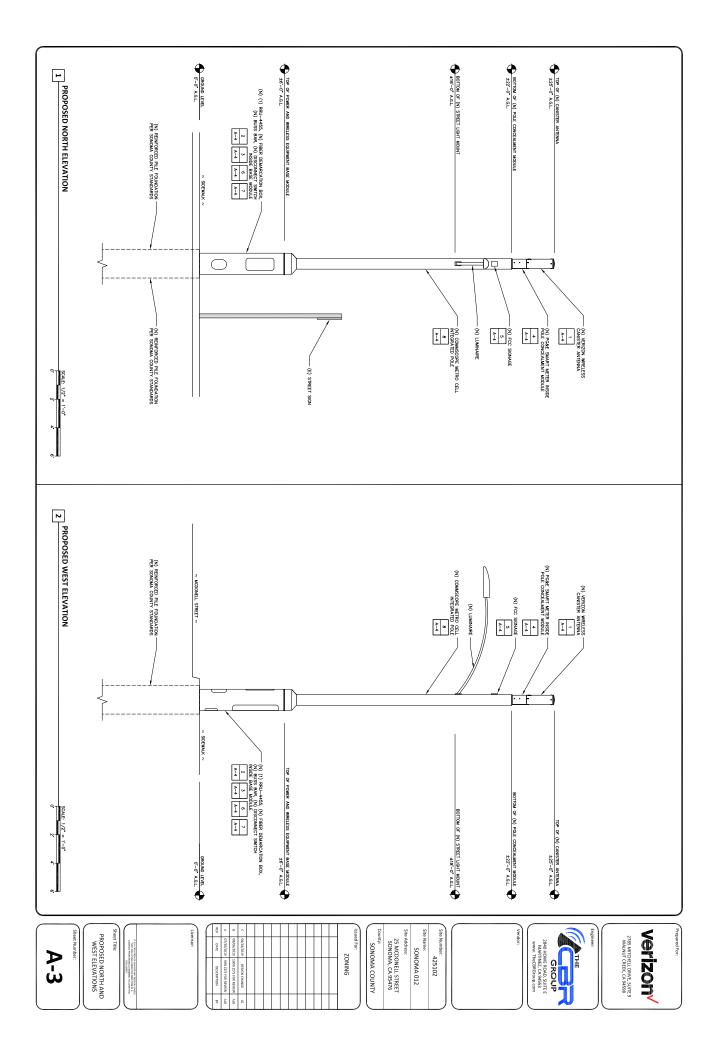
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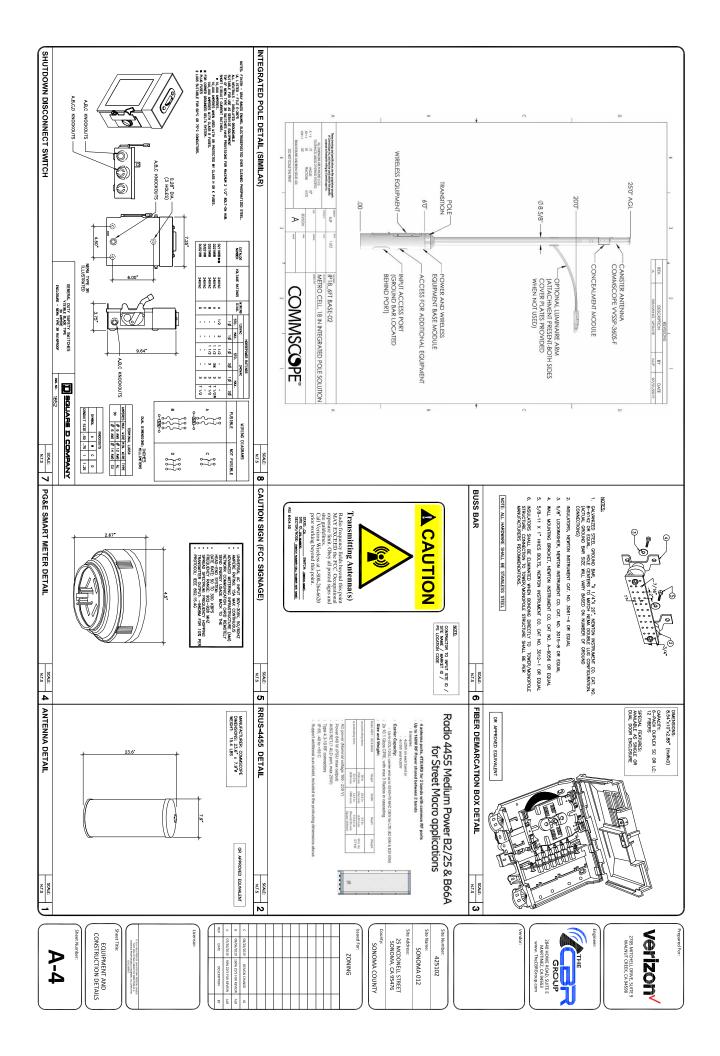












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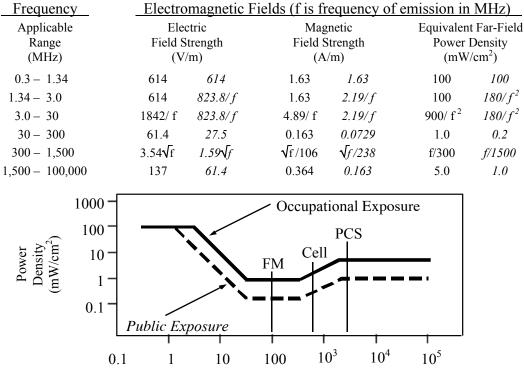
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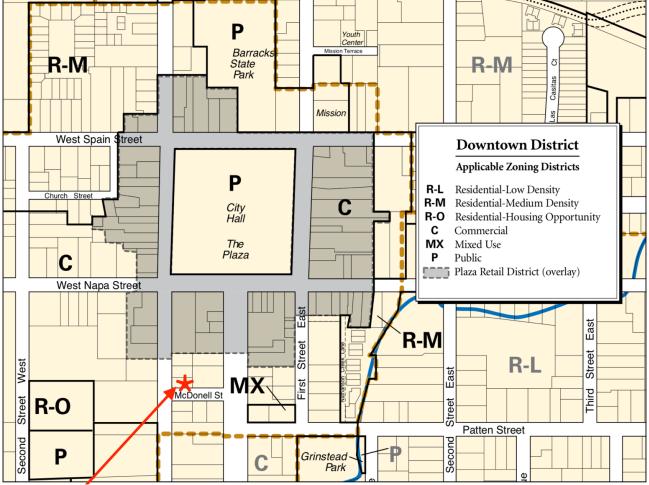


## PROPOSED SITE (PROD) MAP

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**SONOMA 012** 

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**SITE COORDINATES** LATITUDE: 38.290539 LONGITUDE: -122.458803 The proposed street light pole location for Sonoma 012 is located in the Commercial District and will not impact the Plaza Retail Overlay District. An added street light pole in this location would be an asset to the community and surrounding businesses by creating more safety and visibility, lighting the sidewalks and driveways for residents to use nearby facilities. Particularly there are large trees that shadow the parking lot, sidewalk and business entrances, such as the dance studio that has children and adults coming and going.

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