

Town of Yucca Valley
PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Chair and Planning Commissioners
From: Jared Jerome, Associate Planner
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Date: March 2, 2022
Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

Subject: Western Joshua Tree (WJT) Permit 045-22, 7401 Elata Avenue, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0587-124-07; Encroach Within Ten (10) Feet of Two (2) Western Joshua Tree.

Recommendation:

That the Planning Commission approve the application for WJT Permit 045-22, encroach within ten (10) feet of two (2) Western Joshua Trees, based upon guidance from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife that sewer project ground disturbing activity may encroach within ten (10) feet of a Western Joshua Tree.

Prior Review

There has been no prior review of this matter.

Executive Summary

Native plant permit applications are acted upon by the Planning Commission for review and action at this time.

Order of Procedure

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Council Discussion/Questions of Staff
- Motion/Second
- Discussion on Motion
- Call the Question

Discussion

Applicant: Action Pumping Inc.
Address: 7401 Elata Avenue
APN: 0587-124-07
Zoning: Residential, Single-Family (R-S-2)
Parcel Size: 0.41 acres

An application has been filed to encroach within ten (10) feet of two (2) Western Joshua Tree during ground disturbing activity for a sewer line connection. The waste line going to the

structure is within ten (10) feet of two (2) Western Joshua Trees identified as #11 and #12 in the attached documentation. Western Joshua Tree #11 is considered Class 3, which is 4 meters or taller in height. Western Joshua Tree #12 is considered Class 2, which is between 1 and 4 meters in height.

The California Department of Fish & Wildlife has provided guidance to Town staff indicating that sewer connection projects may disturb the ground within ten (10) feet of a Western Joshua Tree if the project proponent has paid the highest applicable mitigation fee as if the tree were to be removed. The project proponent has paid the mitigation fee to remove the tree.

Section 9.56.070 of Ordinance 291 requires photos, descriptions of the trees, and documentation from the applicant's arborist; which are attached to this report.

Alternatives

Staff recommend no alternative actions. The application is consistent with the Town's adopted standards.

Fiscal Impact

Applicant has paid all permit fees and California Fish & Wildlife mitigation fees. Please see attached receipt for more detail.

Attachments:

ORD 291 Joshua Trees
WJT 045-22 7401 ELATA Avenue Complete
9.60 Permit Procedures



Western Joshua Tree Application

Date Received 2/22/22
 Case WJT 045-22
 By Evan

General Information

APPLICANT Action Pumping Inc Phone 760-365-0861
 Mailing Address PO Box 654 Email sales@actionpumpinginc.com
 City Yucca Valley State CA Zip 92284
 PROPERTY OWNER Brigid Baptista Phone _____
 Mailing Address 7401 Elata Ave Email _____
 City Yucca Valley State Ca Zip 92284
 Address/Location of Plants 7401 Elata
 Desert Native Plant Specialist Arborpro

Project Information

TYPE OF PLANT	# OF PLANTS BEING DESTROYED	# OF PLANTS BEING TRANSPLANTED	# OF PLANTS BEING TRIMMED	APPLICATION FEE	HEIGHT	DIAMETER	MITIGATION FEE FOR REMOVAL
WESTERN JOSHUA TREE (Yucca brevifolia)	0	0	0	500.00	'	"	2625.00

Reason for removal no removal trenching within 10 feet of a tree

Property owner signature *Brigid Baptista* Date 02-14-22

Joshua Tree # 11 is within 10 feet of excavation \$2100.00
 Joshua Tree #12 is within 10 feet of excavation \$ 525.00

Staff Use Only

Issuance Date: _____ Issued By: _____
 Approved as shown on plot plan _____ photos _____ Total Fees: _____
 Denied _____ Reason for Denial _____

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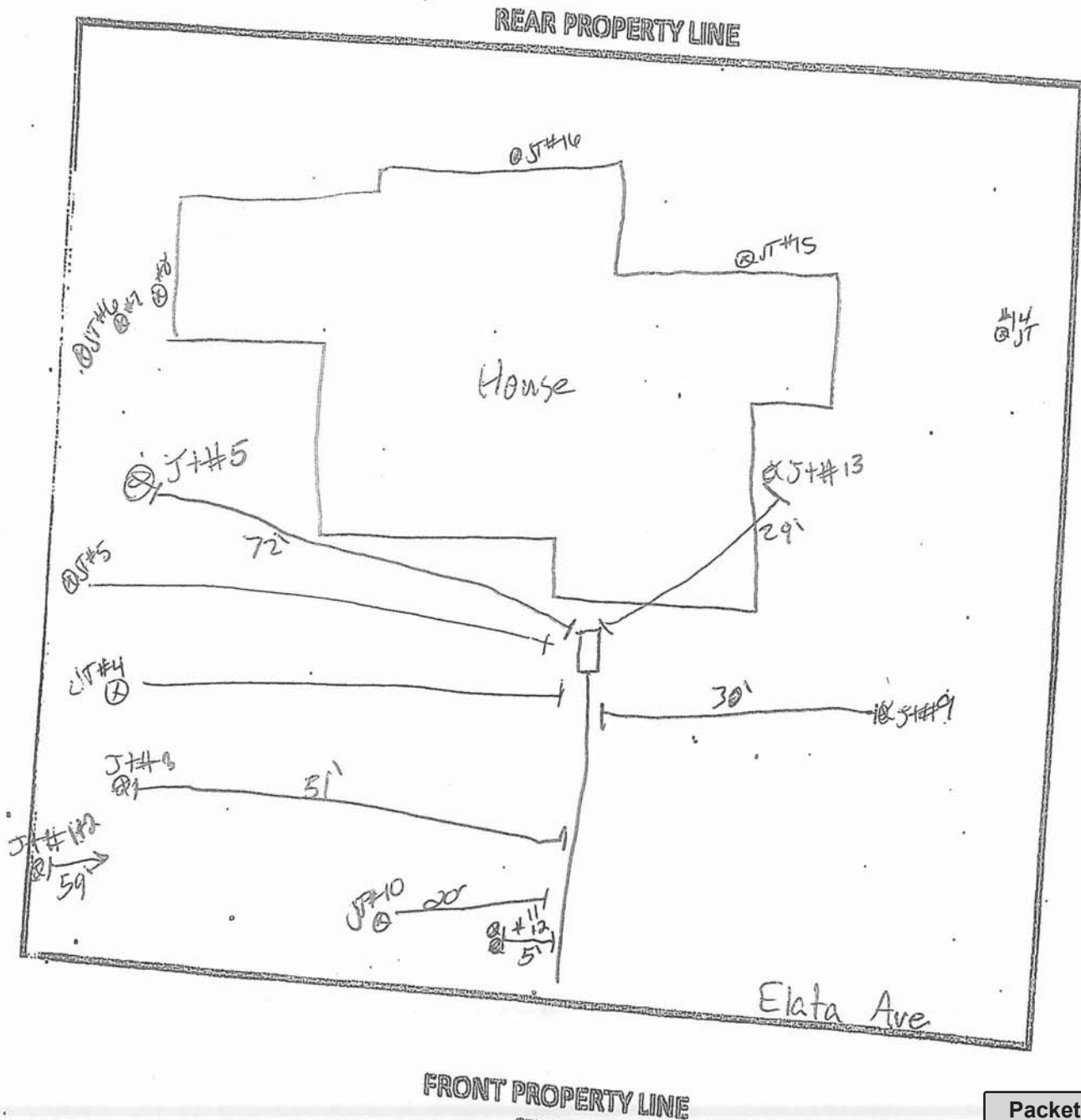
PLOT PLAN

NAME Brioid Baptista

PROJECT ADDRESS 7404 Elata Ave

ASSESSOR PARCEL NO. D587.124.07

IF YOUR LOT IS NOT RECTANGULAR, PLEASE DRAW CORRECT DIMENSIONS AND SHAPE



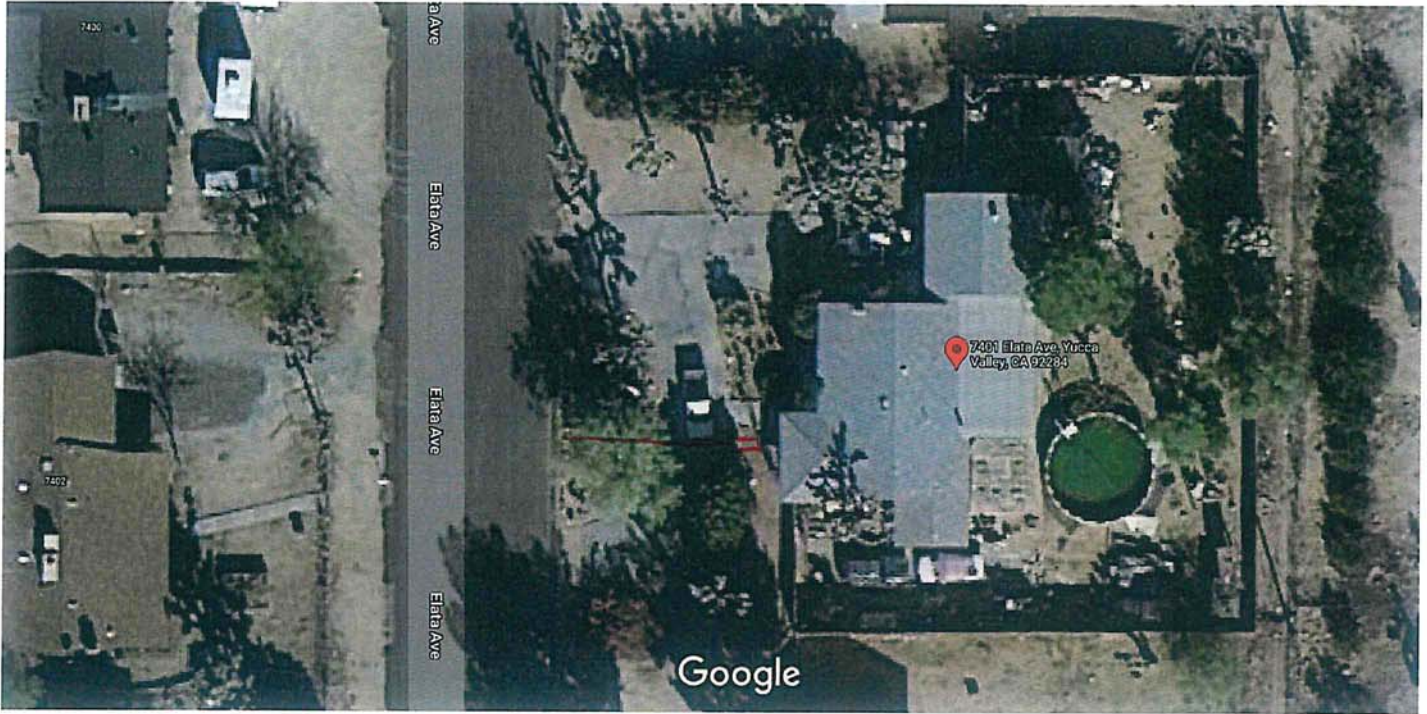
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Joshua tree 5' from lateral



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Google Maps 7401 Elata Ave








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7401 Elata Ave

Yucca Valley, CA 92284
Building

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Directions
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Save
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Nearby
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Send to your phone
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Share

Photos

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ARBORPRO

58036 DESERT GOLD DRIVE, YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284 / 760-275-4660
 C-27 CONTRACTORS LICENSE #799469 / CERTIFIED ARBORIST #WE-4587A / DESERTTREDOC@AOL.COM

Western Joshua Tree Take Permit Submittal Requirements

Please note - The census shall tag and count all western Joshua trees on the project site and classify them by size class.

1. The name of the desert native plant specialist who conducted the census and the employer of the desert native plant specialist.

Name: Michael Murphy, CERTIFIED ARBORIST #WE-4587A
 Employer Name: ArborPro

2. The name of the desert native plant specialist who will relocate Western Joshua trees, if applicable, and the employer of the desert native plant specialist:

Name: N/A
 Employer Name: N/A

3. The date of the census: 2/17/22

4. The date or dates of the proposed relocation of western Joshua trees, if applicable:

N/A

5. Address of site: 7401 Elata Avenue, Yucca Valley
 Client Name: Action Pumping

A map of the project site that depicts the location of the proposed single-family residence, accessory structure, or public works project; the number and location of all Western Joshua trees on the project site; and if applicable, the proposed Western Joshua trees for removal, or the proposed placement of each relocated Western Joshua tree (Note: this can be included on the 24"x36" plans).

6. Photographs of each western Joshua tree on the project site, including a **visual representation** (e.g., tape measure, yardstick, etc.) of the scale of the height of each tree.
7. Aerial imagery of the site in sufficient detail to identify the property and the Western Joshua trees that are on the site and are a part of the application submitted.
8. Narrative written descriptions of each western Joshua tree, its diameter, height, existing health condition and any other information deemed necessary.

The Joshua trees on this property appear to be suffering from drought as well as bird, rodent, and insect damage.
See census table for size & health info.

Murphy WE-4587A

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9. New construction of single-family residential units as well as accessory structures shall require the submittal of all information on plans measuring approximately 24" x 36", shall be legibly drawn and shall accurately reflect aerial photography and satellite imagery generally available for the subject property.
 - a. All property lines, dimensions, and existing structures, if any, shall be depicted on plans submitted with the application materials.
 - b. Property owners name, mailing address, phone number, and email address.
 - c. Applicant's name, mailing address, phone number and email address.
 - d. Assessor parcel number(s), address, and general location of the property for which the application is submitted.
 - e. General Plan designation and zoning designation of the subject project site.

Census Table

Tag Number	Height	Diameter	Health	Transplant, Destroy, or Protect in Place	Size Class		
					Class 1 (Less than 1 Meter)	Class 2 (Between 1 Meter and 4 Meters)	Class 3 (4 Meters or Taller)
1	11'	6"	good	Protect		X	
2	9'	5"	good	Protect		X	
3	14'+	12"	fair	Protect			X
4	14'+	9"	fair	Protect			X
5	14'+	8"	fair	Protect			X
6	14'+	12"	fair	Protect			X
7	14'+	17"	fair	Protect			X
8	12'	8"	good	Protect		X	
9	14'+	11"	fair	Protect			X
10	14'+	13"	fair	Protect			X
11	14'+	11"	fair	Protect			X
12	9.5'	6"	good	Protect		X	
13	14'+	12"	fair	Protect			X
14	14'+	13"	fair	Protect			X
15	10'	6"	fair	Protect		X	
16	14'+	11"	fair	Protect			X
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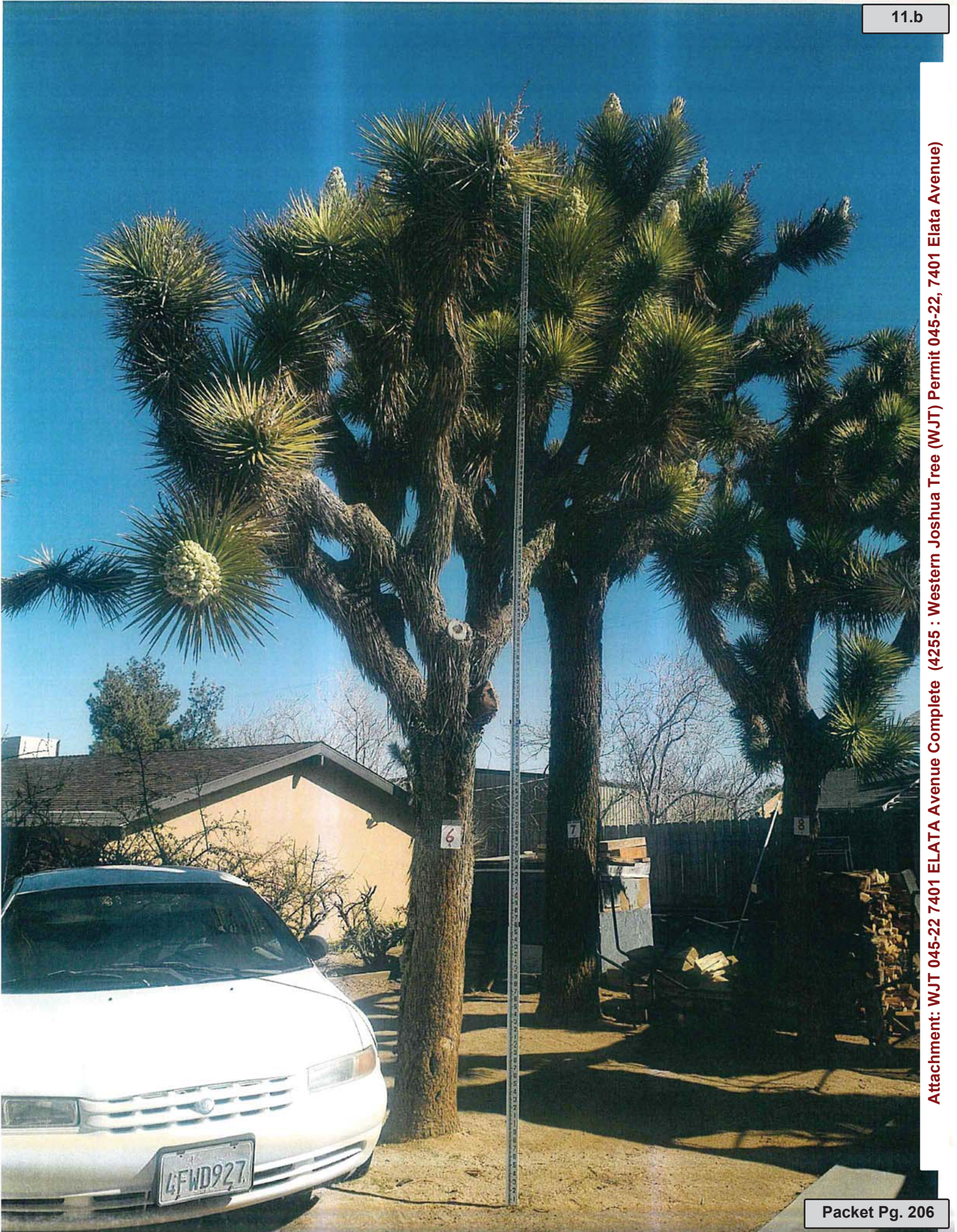
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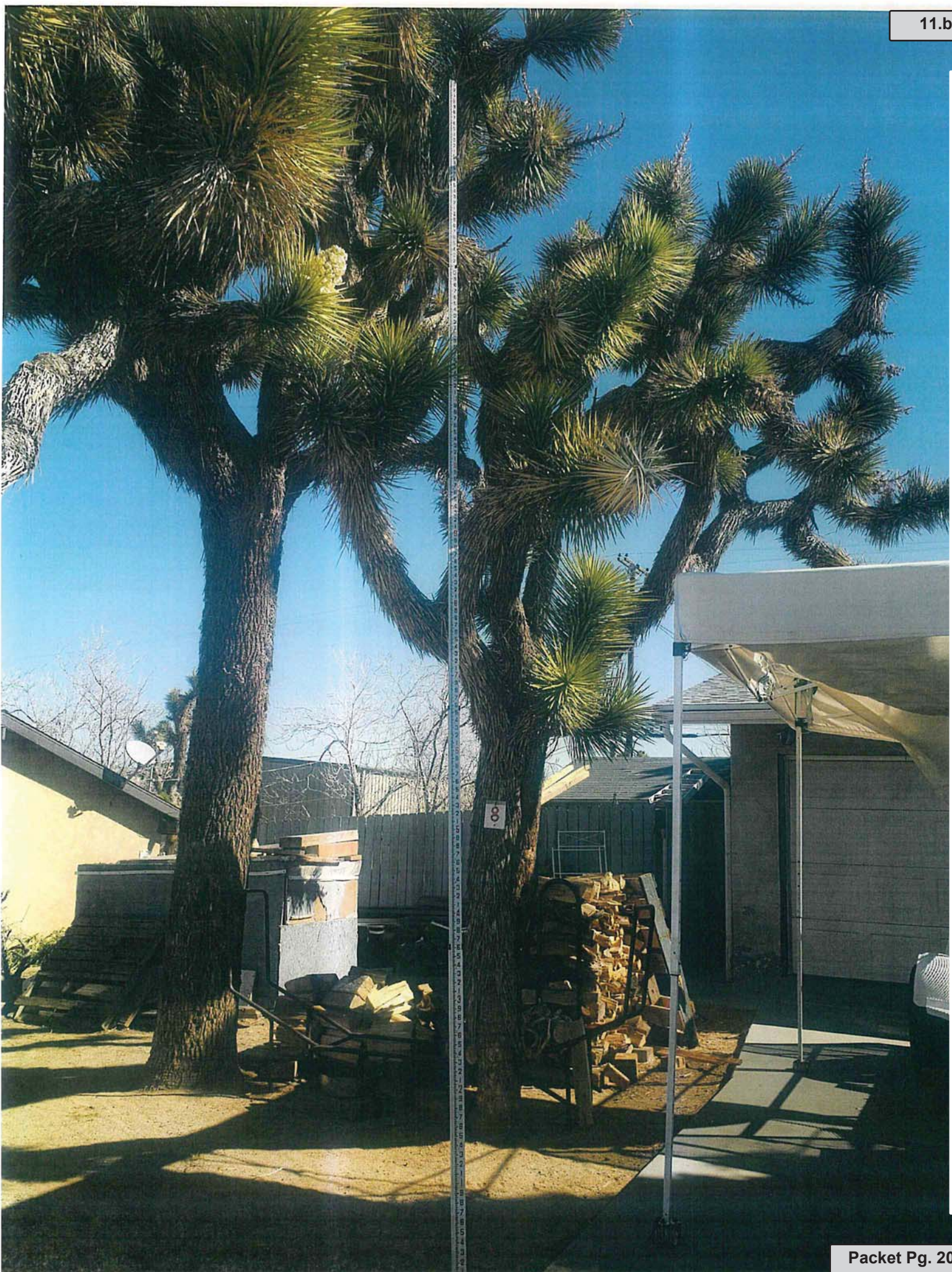
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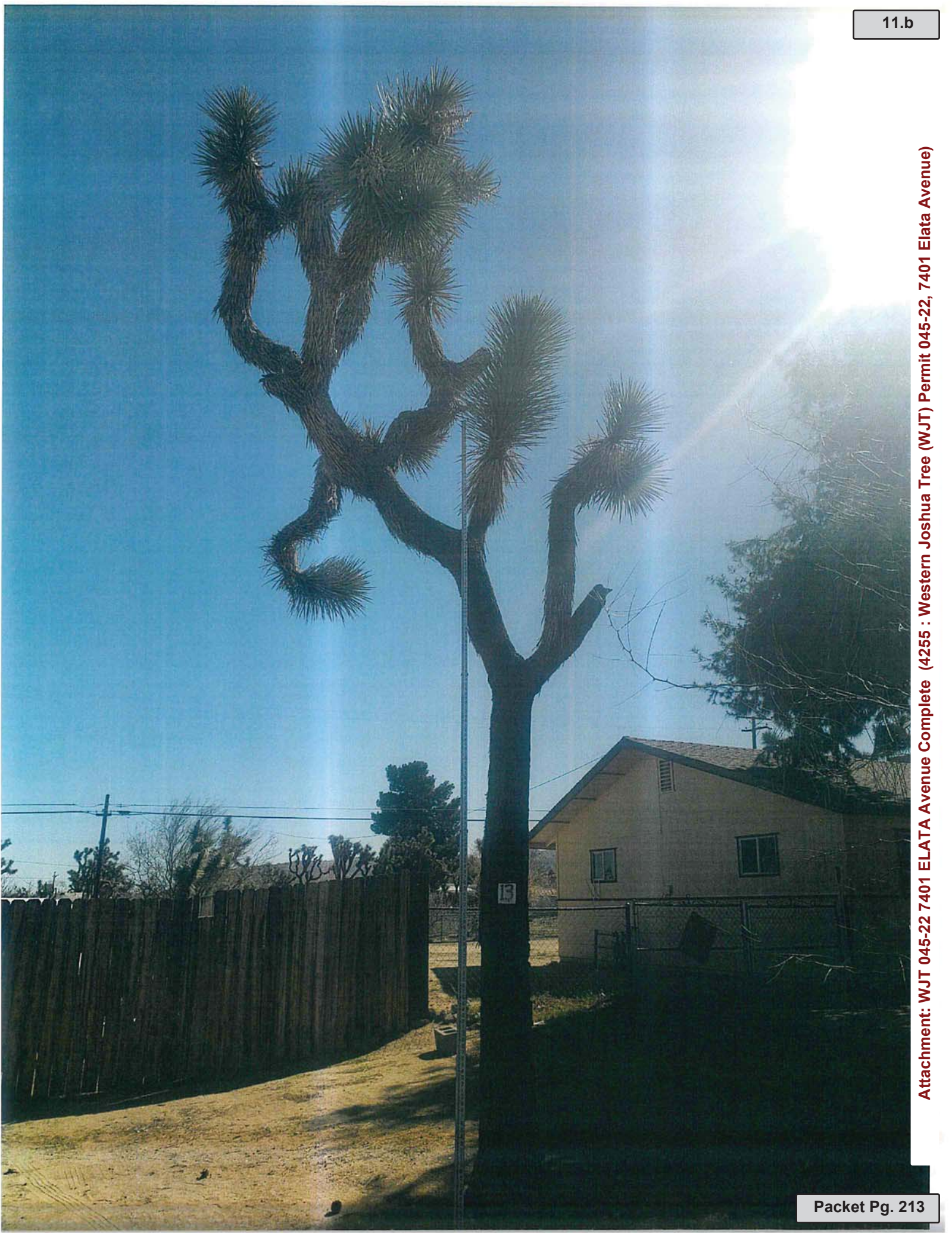
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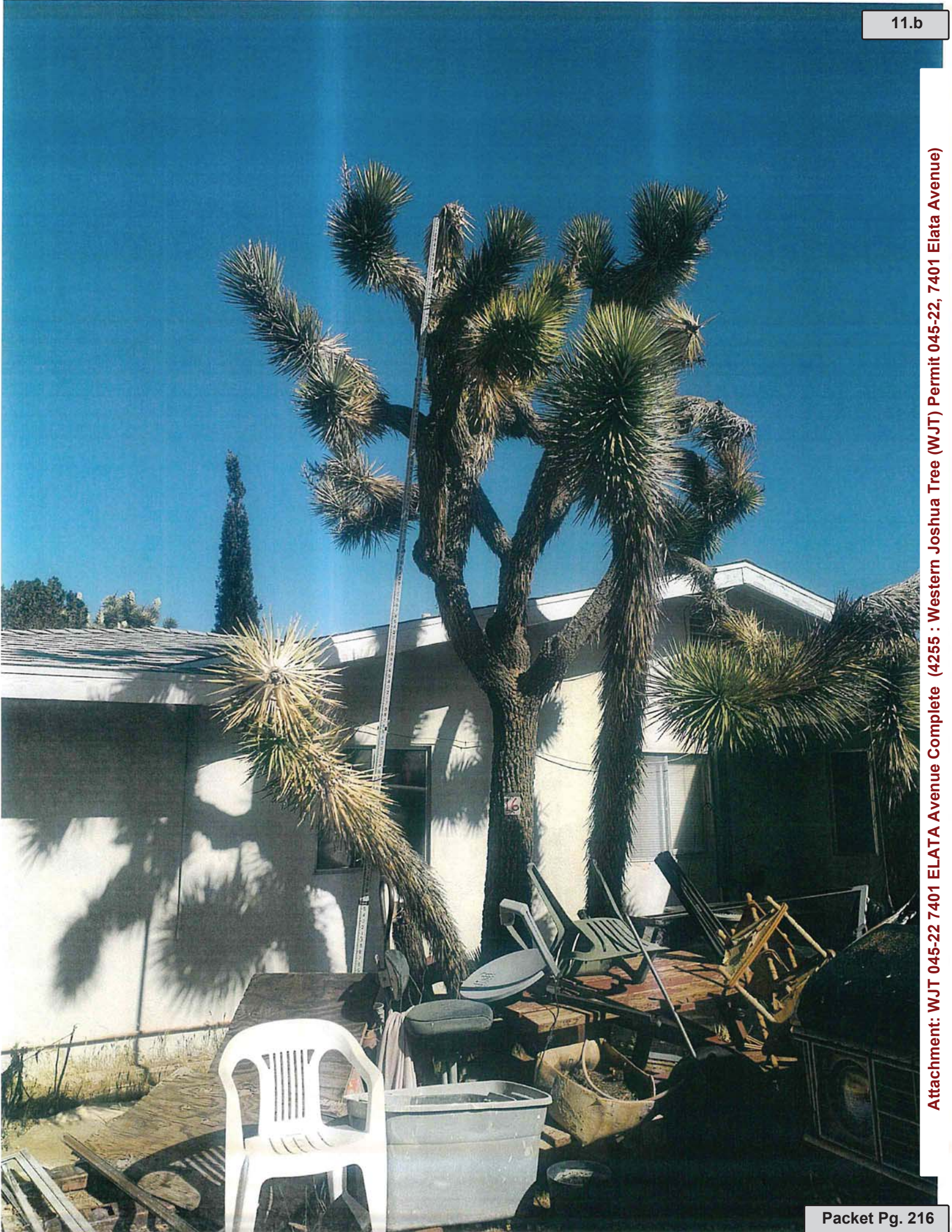
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 58928 Business Center Dr
 Yucca Valley CA 92284

Receipt # 30093
 Date 2/23/2022
 Rcvd By Wendy Ortiz

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Received From ACTION PUMPING INC
 P O BOX 654
 YUCCA VALLEY, CA 922860654
 (760) 365-0861

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01032	ACTION PUMPING INC	Visa/MC	02728D	3,125.00

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OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP

LEGEND

- R-HR HILLSIDE RESERVE (1 du / 20 ac.)
- R-L RURAL LIVING (1 du / 1, 2.5, 5, 10, 20 ac.)
- R-S RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY (0-2, 0-3.5, 0-5 du / ac.)
- R-M RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY (1-10, 0-14 du / ac.)
- C-MU MIXED USE COMMERCIAL (Varies)
- C-N NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL
- C-G GENERAL COMMERCIAL
- C-C COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL
- C-O OFFICE COMMERCIAL
- I INDUSTRIAL
- P/QP PUBLIC/QUASI PUBLIC (SEE SYMBOLS)
- O-S OPEN SPACE (SEE SYMBOLS)
- (SP) SPECIFIC PLAN
- OLD TOWN LAND USE**
- OTHC OLD TOWN HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL
- OTI/C OLD TOWN INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL
- OTMU OLD TOWN MIXED USE
- OTC/R OLD TOWN COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL

SYMBOLS

PUBLIC/QUASI PUBLIC

- AP AIRPORT
- CC CIVIC CENTER
- FS FIRE STATION
- PS POLICE STATION
- H HOSPITAL
- S SCHOOL
- L LIBRARY
- U-SS UTILITY SUBSTATION
- FW FLOODWAY

OPEN SPACE

- P PARK

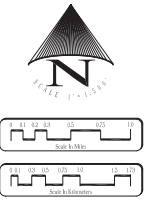
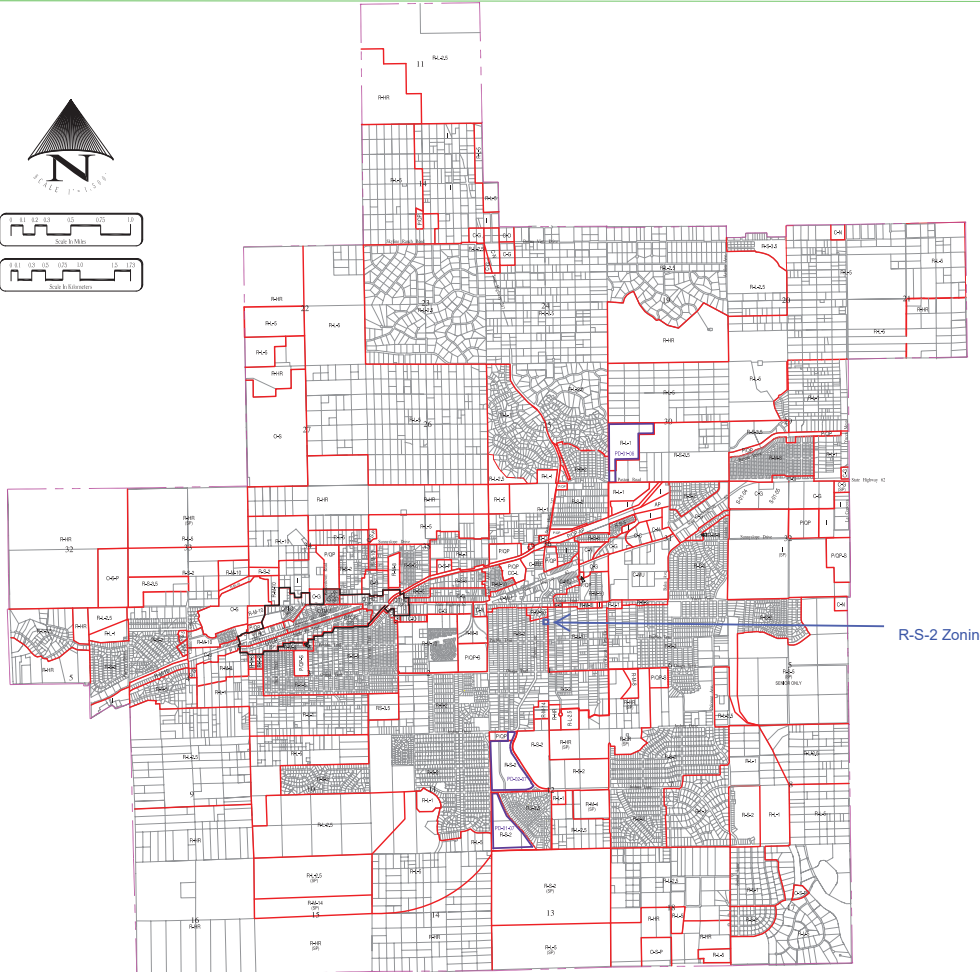
LAND USE PLANS

- SP SPECIFIC PLAN
- PD PLAN DEVELOPMENT



Town of YUCCA VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2014

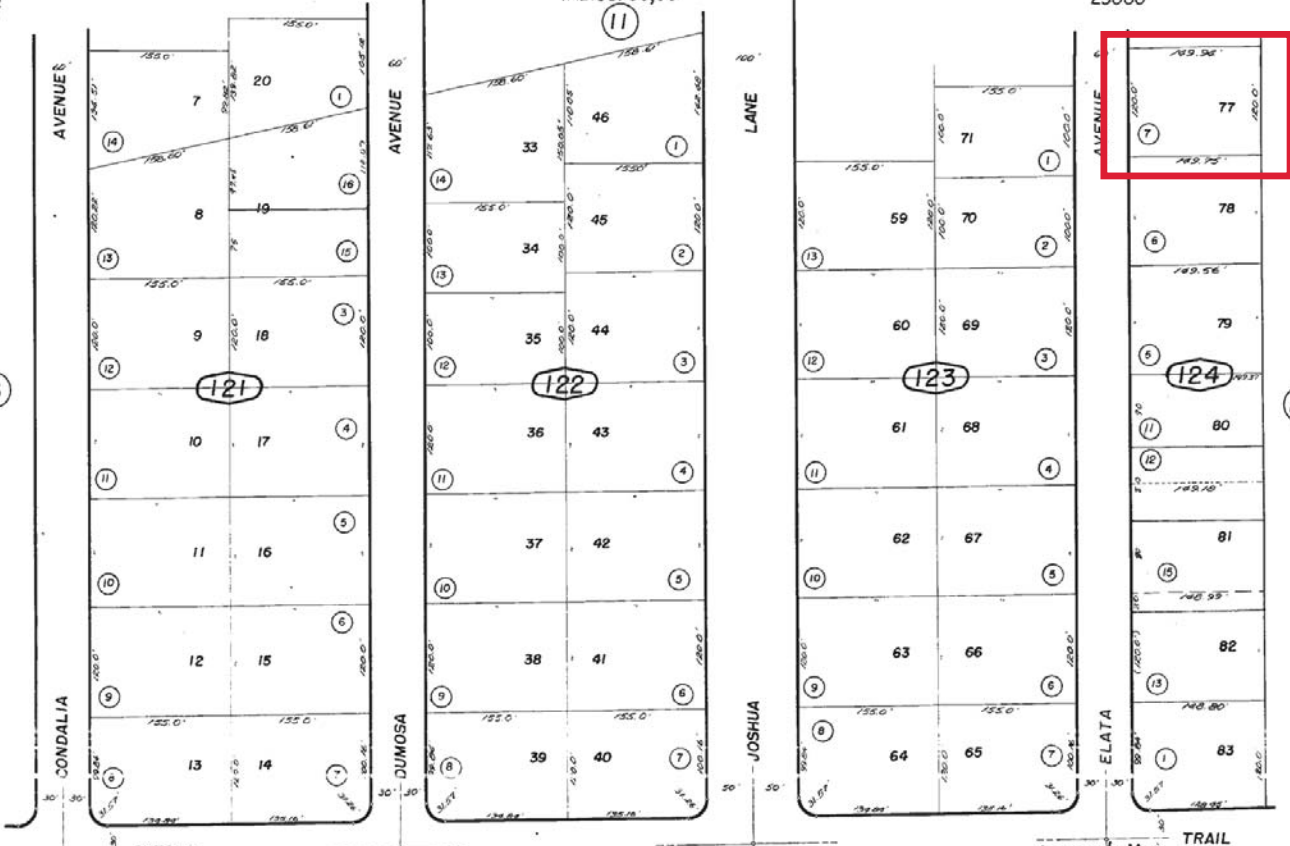




Por. Joshua Forest Estates No.1 Tract 4336
M.B. 55/88,93

Town of Yucca Valley
Tax Rate Area
23000

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July, 1959

Note - Assessor's Blk. & Lot
Numbers Shown in Circles (17)

Assessor's Map
Book 587 Page 12
San Bernardino County

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4/11/59
4/13/92 RM
12/1/92 RR
GP RM