

Executive Summary
of the
**Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed
Cayucos Forest Fire Station Replacement Project
San Luis Obispo County, California**

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CEQA Document: Attached to this Executive Summary is a Compact Disc containing the electronic file (in pdf format) of a 90-page Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) CEQA Document which discloses the environmental impact analysis conducted for the above-listed proposed project. The Table of Contents, Project Vicinity Map, and Detailed Site Plan from within the CEQA document are included in this summary.

Lead Agency: The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

Project Location: The CAL FIRE Cayucos Forest Fire Station is a single-engine forest fire station located on approximately 3.6 acres of State of California owned property, east of and adjacent to State Highway 1, at the southern end of the unincorporated community of Cayucos in San Luis Obispo County, California. The proposed project area is situated within Assessor's parcel 073-092-023 in an unsurveyed portion of T29S, R10E, Mount Diablo Base Meridian (MDBM), on the *Cayucos, CA* and *Morro Bay, North, CA*; USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps (see Figure 1). The proposed project area includes the area occupied by the existing Cayucos FFS and its immediately surrounding areas (see Figure 2).

Project Description: The proposed project involves the replacement of the existing CAL FIRE single-engine FFS. The existing facility will be demolished and a new station facility will be constructed on approximately the same 3.6-acre site. Building and structure footprints will be altered and small areas adjacent to the existing facility will receive new improvements. The State will retain contractors to carry-out demolition of the buildings and facilities. Demolition will include abatement and disposal of hazardous materials that may be present in the old structures and buildings including asbestos tile. These materials will be transported to a nearby landfill which is licensed or permitted to receive them. Materials will be recycled as much as possible. For example, old concrete and asphalt paving will be crushed on-site and used as fill material where necessary.

Demolition of the following will occur:

- Existing barracks building
- Existing apparatus bay
- Existing concrete wash rack
- Existing incinerator
- Existing hose wash rack
- Existing gas / oil building and fuel tanks
- Existing site fencing
- Existing site paving
- Existing site utilities
- Existing facility sign
- Existing flag pole
- The existing buildings to be removed may contain hazardous materials (such as asbestos containing materials and or lead paint). If so these materials shall be abated in accordance with all applicable requirements.

The following new buildings, structures, and improvements will be constructed:

- 8-Bed Barracks – approximately 3,526 square feet - additional rooms may include locker room, office, dining/kitchen, multi-purpose, day, and library
- 2-Bay Apparatus Building – approximately 3,033 square feet
- A Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)/Generator/Storage Building - 858 square feet.
- Above-ground fuel tanks with canopy.
- Grading, paving, and sidewalks.
- Underground routed utilities (water, sewer, natural gas will all reconnect at existing service points).
- New hose wash rack.
- Site fencing; electrical sliding entry gate is to have a card-key opener and call button.
- Native landscaping / irrigation.
- Flagpole
- Dedication sign
- Communication tower footings (Communication tower by CAL FIRE)
- Offsite curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements / repair
- Onsite curb, retaining walls, gutter, “V” ditch, possibly drainage swales, and sidewalks
- Onsite parking areas are to drain to a storm receptor
- 50,000 gallon bolted fire water storage tank and concrete pad (if necessary)
- Propane tank and concrete pad
- Storm water treatment unit
- Site lighting
- Fuel Storage Tanks: Above grade, double walled, 1500 gallon tank split, 1000 gallon diesel, 250 gallons unleaded, and 250 gallons E-85.

CAL FIRE has designed this project with an attempt to retain all existing trees on the parcel. None of the existing trees along the perimeter of the State parcel will be removed. There are six trees, however, which are very close to the construction zone. One is a palm tree located next to the existing apparatus bay. The other five are Monterey Cypress trees very close to the uphill edge of the construction zone. The Department will attempt to retain these trees, if possible, but they may in fact need to be removed for building site clearance, or if the roots are damaged during excavations causing them to die. The tree retention plan is displayed in Figure 6. If any of these six trees need to be removed, all tree removal will be performed in accordance with a tree removal permit issued by the San Luis Obispo County Coastal Planning and Permitting Office.

Summary of Analysis - Determination of Appropriate CEQA Document: The attached IS/MND has been prepared to assess the project’s potential effects on the environment and an appraisal of the significance of those effects. Based on this IS/MND, it has been determined that the proposed project will not have any significant effects on the environment after implementation of mitigation measures. This conclusion is supported by the following findings:

1. The proposed project will have no effect related to agricultural resources, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, and recreation.
2. The proposed project will have a less than significant impact on aesthetics, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, public services, transportation and traffic, and utilities and service systems.

3. Mitigation is required to reduce potentially significant impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, and geology and soils.

The Initial Study/Environmental Checklist included in the attached document discusses the results of resource-specific environmental impact analyses which were conducted by the Department. This Initial Study revealed that potentially significant environmental effects could result from the proposed project; however, CAL FIRE revised its project plans and has developed mitigation measures which will eliminate impact or reduce environmental impacts to a less than significant level. CAL FIRE has found, in consideration of the entire record, that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project as currently revised and mitigated would result in a significant effect upon the environment. The IS/MND is therefore the appropriate document for CEQA compliance.

Public Review Period: August 12, 2011 – September 12, 2011

Instructions for Submitting Written Comments: If submitted prior to the close of the public comment period, views and comments are welcomed from reviewing agencies or any member of the public on how the proposed project may affect the environment. Written comments must be received by CAL FIRE prior to 5:00pm on September 12, 2011 to be considered. Written comments may also be submitted via email (using the email address which appears below) but comments sent via email must also be received on or prior to the close of the 30-day public comment period. Comments should be addressed to:

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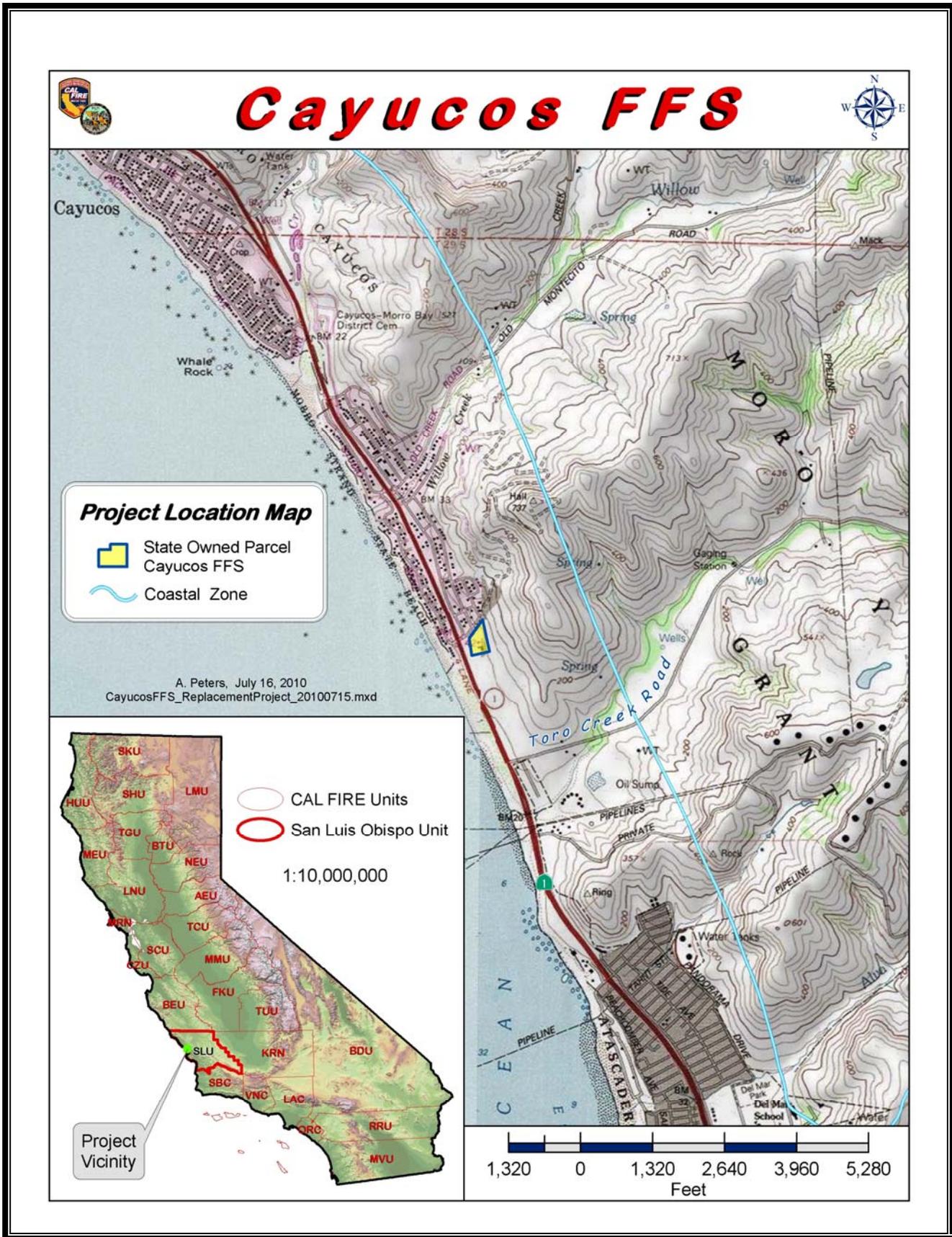


Figure 1. Project Location Map. Map of California showing the location of the proposed project within San Luis Obispo County & 1:24K topographic map displaying the project site location.



Figure 2. Project Location Map #2 – June, 2007 aerial imagery displaying State parcel and existing facility layout. Map scale = 1:1200.

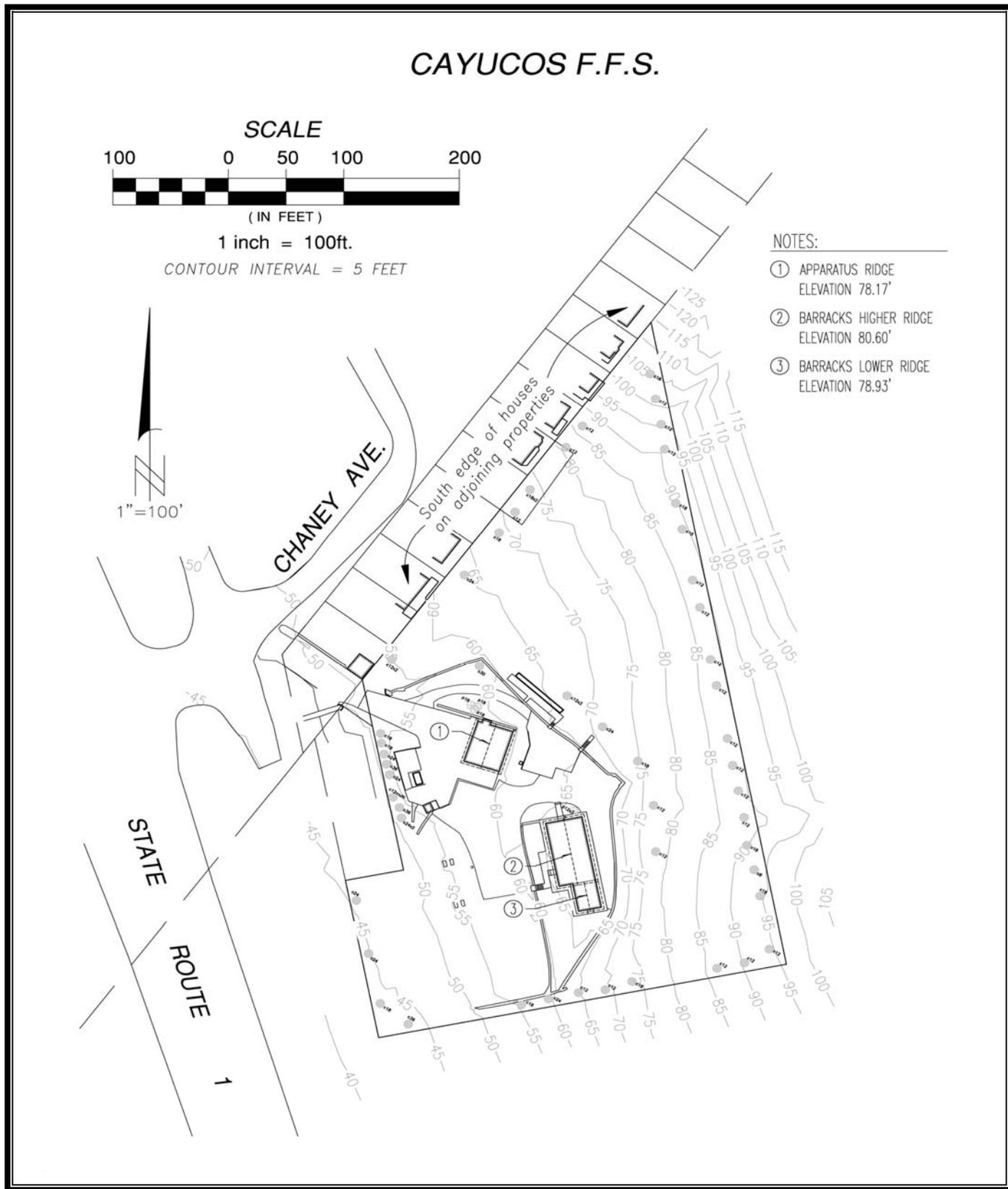


Figure 3. Site sketch – Existing station facility.

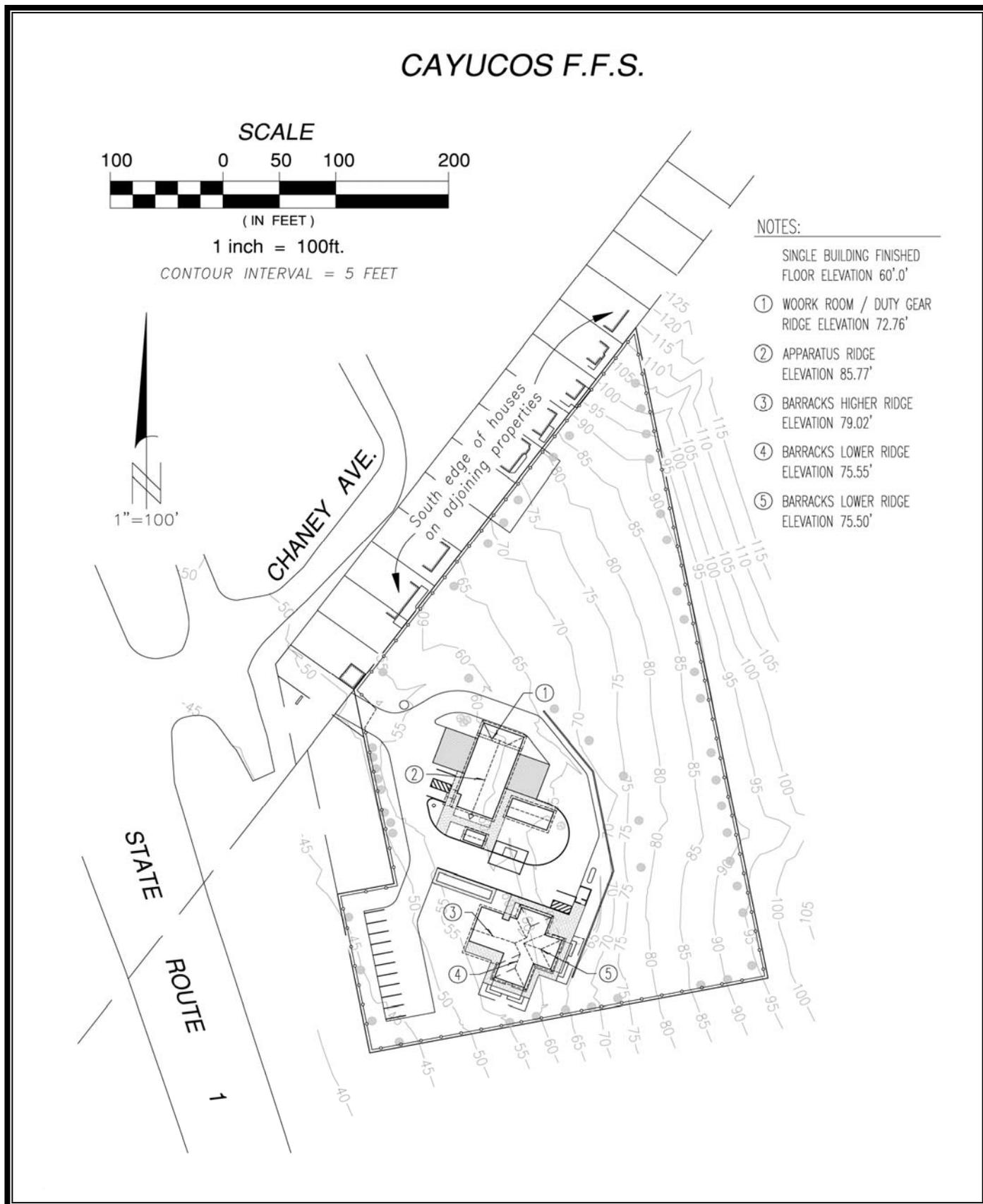


Figure 4. Site Sketch (pending final design) – New apparatus & barracks building ridge heights.

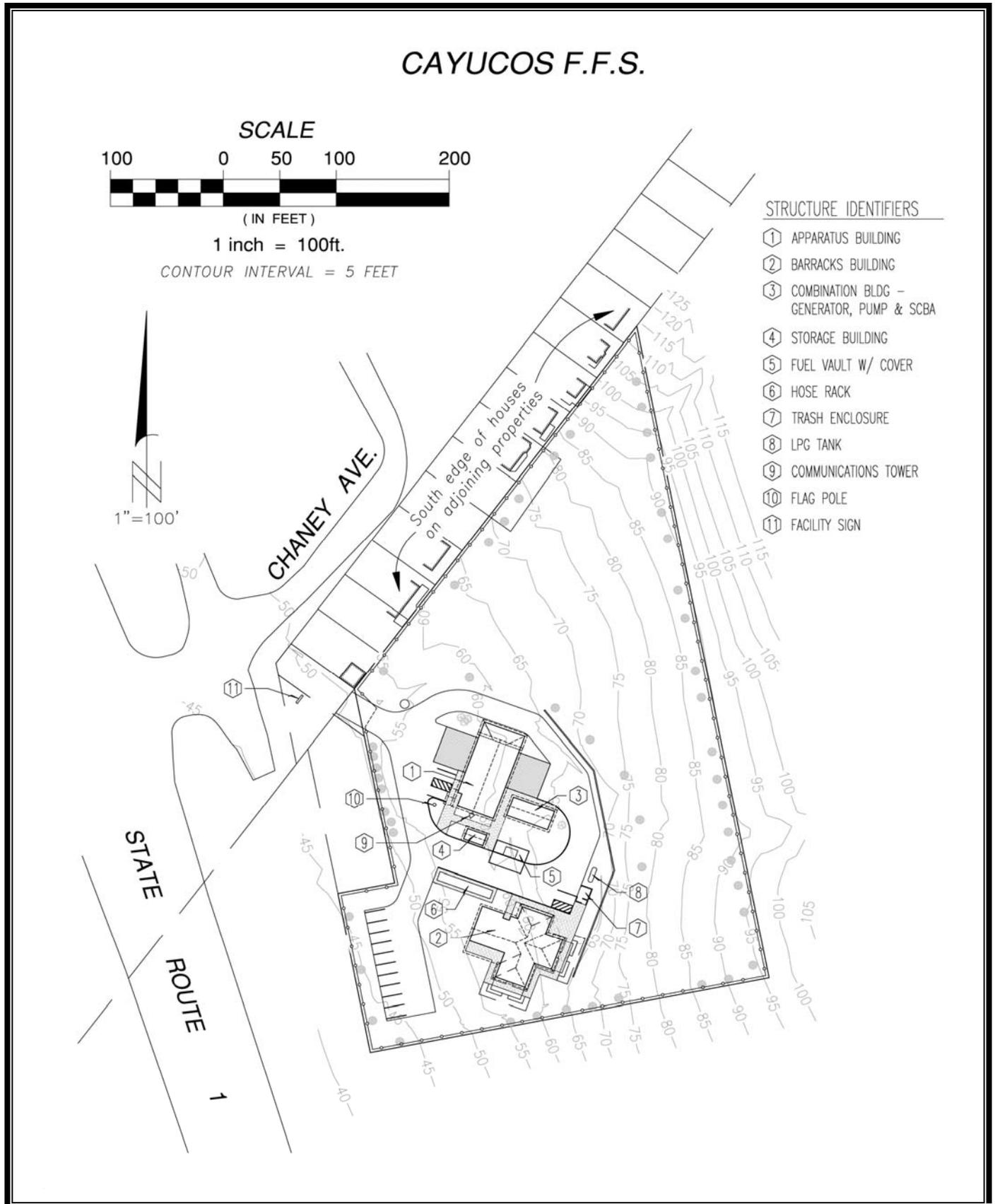


Figure 5. Site Sketch (pending final design) – New facility station layout.