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July 17, 2013

Mr. Glen Cunningham
Coastal Alabama Section
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 2288
Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001

**RE: Revised Joint Application and Notification for the Proposed Lodge at Gulf State Park
in Gulf Shores, Baldwin County, Alabama.**

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

Please find attached a revised page two of the joint application and notification, a revised project description, revised typical cross sections and plan and profile views, and a revised wetland mitigation plan for the proposed Lodge at Gulf State Park.

As discussed in our July 15, 2013, meeting, we have revised those sections of the application to reflect the reduction in wetland impact to .076 acres. The wetland mitigation plan was also revised to reflect comments by your department and the reduction in impacts. All other portions of the application remain valid.

If you have any questions concerning this permit application, please contact me at your convenience at 251-968-7551 or on my cell phone at 251-377-4486.

Sincerely,

VOLKERT, INC.

Brett V. Gaar, REPA
Vice President
Environmental Services

Attachments

cc: Scott Brown, ADEM (with attachments)
Susan Dingman, ADEM (with attachments)
Will Brantley, ADCNR (with attachments)

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6. Dredging Project Specifications (Show locations and dimensions of proposed dredge areas on attached plans. Include existing and proposed depths.) NA

New Work _____ Maintenance Work _____
Cubic yards of material to be removed _____ Type of material _____
Method of excavation Track hoe
Nature of area to be dredged (check one) Upland _____ Wetland _____ Waterbottom _____
Other _____

(explain) _____

7. Specifications for Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material (Show locations and dimensions of all disposal or fill areas on attached plans.)

Cubic yards fill Approx. 3,311 sq. ft. (.076 acres) Type of fill Sand
Source of fill material (check one) Commercially obtained _____ Dredged material _____ Borrowed on-site X
Other (explain) _____

How will discharge material be contained? (Include erosion control measures, levees, etc.) A comprehensive erosion control plan will be designed for the project before construction begins that will include material containment in the wetland fill areas.

Nature of disposal/fill area (check one) Upland _____ Wetland X Waterbottom _____
Other (explain) _____

8. Additional information relating to the proposed activity.

Are oyster reefs located within or near the project area? Yes _____ No X

If yes, explain: _____

Will this project result in the siting, construction, and/or operation of an energy-related facility? Yes _____ No X

Is the project area greater than 25 acres in size? Yes _____ No X

Is any portion of the activity for which authorization is sought now complete? Yes _____ No X

If yes, explain: _____

Month and year activity took place _____

If project is for maintenance work of existing structures or existing channels, describe legal authorization for the existing work. Provide permit number, dates or other form of authorization _____

9. Describe the purpose and public benefit, if any, of the project. Describe the relationship between the project and any secondary or future development the project is design to support See attached description

Intended use: Public X Private _____ Commercial _____ Other (explain) _____

10. Project Schedule:

Proposed start date October 2013 Proposed completion date October 2015

11. Names and addresses of adjoining property owners, leasees, etc. whose property also adjoins the waterway. Also identify the owners on the plan view in Attachment.

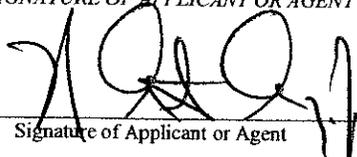
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12. List all authorization or certifications received or applied for from federal, state or local agencies for any structure, construction, discharges, deposits or other activities described in or directly related to this application. Note that the signature in Item 13 certifies that application has been made to or that permits are required from the following agencies. If permits are not required, place NA in space for Type Approval.

Agency	<u>Type Approval</u>	<u>Identification No.</u>	<u>Date of application</u>	<u>Date of approval</u>	<u>Date of Denial</u>
AL Dept. of Environmental Management	Water Quality Certification and Coastal Consistency Coastal Use NPDES Permit		7/2/13		
US Army Corps of Engineers	Section 404 Permit		7/2/13		
Alabama State Docks	N/A				
City/County	Land Disturbance Permit				
Other					

13. Application is hereby made for authorization to conduct the activities described herein. I agree to provide any additional information/data that may be necessary to provide reasonable assurance or evidence to show that the proposed project will comply with the applicable state water quality standards or other environmental protection standards both during and after the project is completed. For projects within the coastal area of Mobile and Baldwin Counties, I certify that the proposed project for which authorization is sought complies with the approved Alabama Coastal Area Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the program. I agree to provide entry to the project site for inspectors from the environmental protection agencies for the purpose of making preliminary analyses of the site and monitoring permitted works. I certify that I am familiar with and responsible for the information contained in this application, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief such information is true, complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed activities or I am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.

(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT REQUIRED BELOW)


Signature of Applicant or Agent

Date

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willingly falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme or device a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representation or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.

14. In addition to the completed application, the following attachments are required:

Provide a vicinity map showing the location of the proposed site along with a written description of how to reach the site from major highways or landmarks. Provide accurate drawings of the project site with existing structures and proposed activities shown in detail. All drawings must be to scale or with dimensions noted on drawings and must show a plan view and cross section or elevation. *All plans and attachments must be of reproducible quality on 8 1/2 inch x 11 inch paper.* FEES ARE REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ADEM CERTIFICATION: ADEM WILL CONTACT APPLICANT WITH FEE REQUIREMENTS.

15. Send one completed application (or copy) to each agency listed below:

District Engineer (original application)
U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile
Attn: Regulatory Branch
Post Office Box 2288
Mobile, Alabama 36628

Alabama State Docks
Post Office Box 1588
Mobile, Alabama 36633

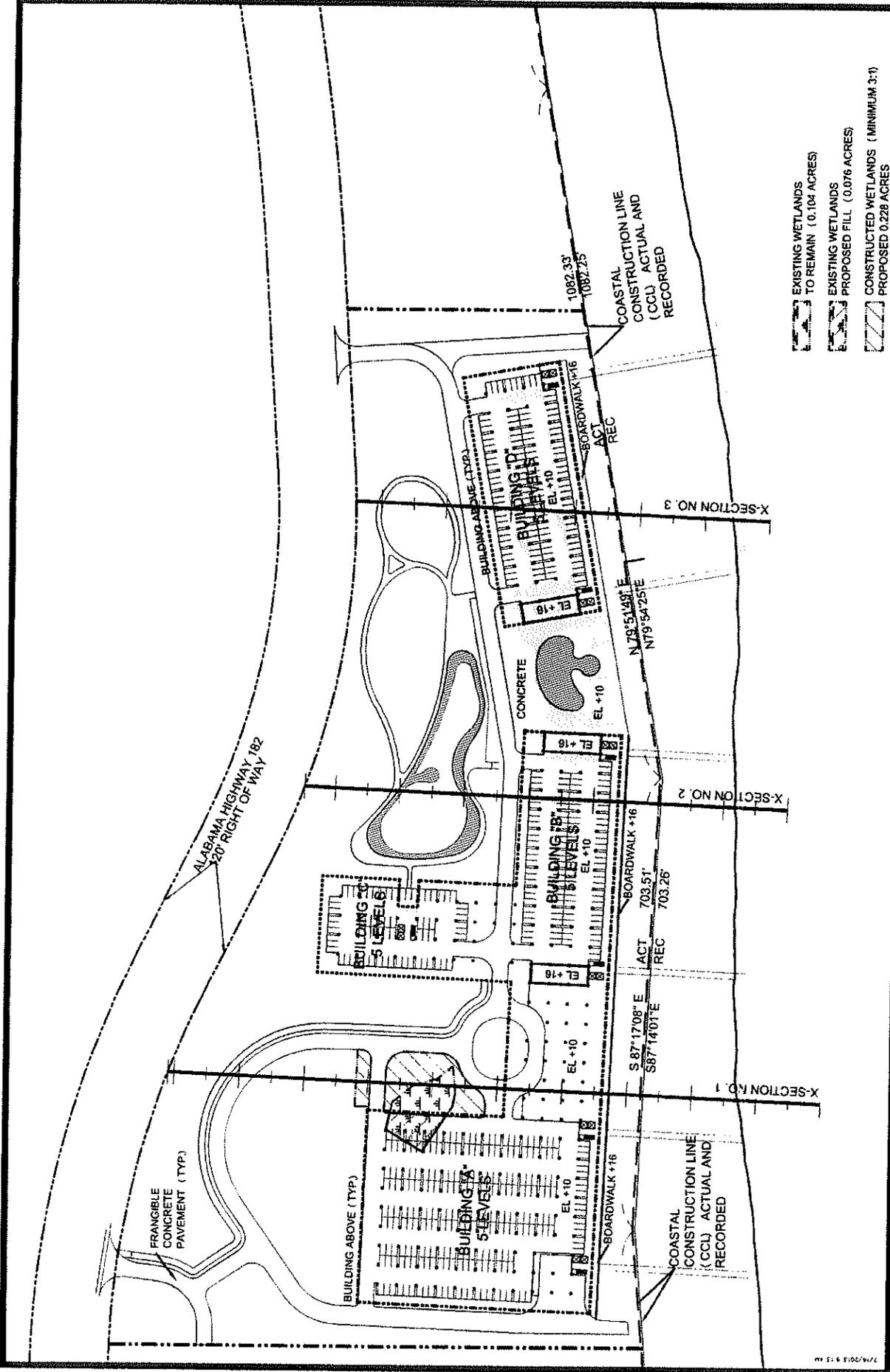
Permit Coordination Center
Alabama Department of Environmental Management
1751 Cong. W. L. Dickinson Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

* For projects in Baldwin or Mobile Counties, including projects requiring Coastal Program certification, send one copy to:
Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Mobile Field Office
2204 Perimeter Road
Mobile, Alabama 36615

Background and Project Description:

Rebuilding the GSP Lodge. The original GSP lodge, destroyed in 2004 by Hurricane Ivan, would be rebuilt as a 'green' overnight stay and meeting facility. The new lodge will occupy the same location as the old lodge but within a smaller footprint. Building design and construction would be undertaken with the goal of certification under the LEED and/or Living Building Challenge certification programs, so as to minimize the facility's impact on the environment and establish it as a model for regionally-appropriate coastal zone design. The new building would provide state-of-the-art meeting facilities, overnight accommodations and ecologically-based amenities in a natural environment. The re-built lodge would also serve to assist GSP in providing additional interpretation services as described above. The lodge and Interpretive center will be constructed within the footprint of the Incidental Take Permit issued in April 2004 for a site plan that was previously developed for the Lodge and Pavilion. Since that time the Pavilion was rebuilt but the Lodge was not. The proposed Lodge will impact .076 acres (3,311 square feet) of low quality emergent wetland habitat. To offset the impacts .228 acres (9,932 square feet) of emergent wetland habitat will be created within the development footprint.



-  EXISTING WETLANDS TO REMAIN (0.104 ACRES)
-  EXISTING WETLANDS
-  PROPOSED FILL (0.076 ACRES)
-  CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS (MINIMUM 3:1) PROPOSED 0.228 ACRES

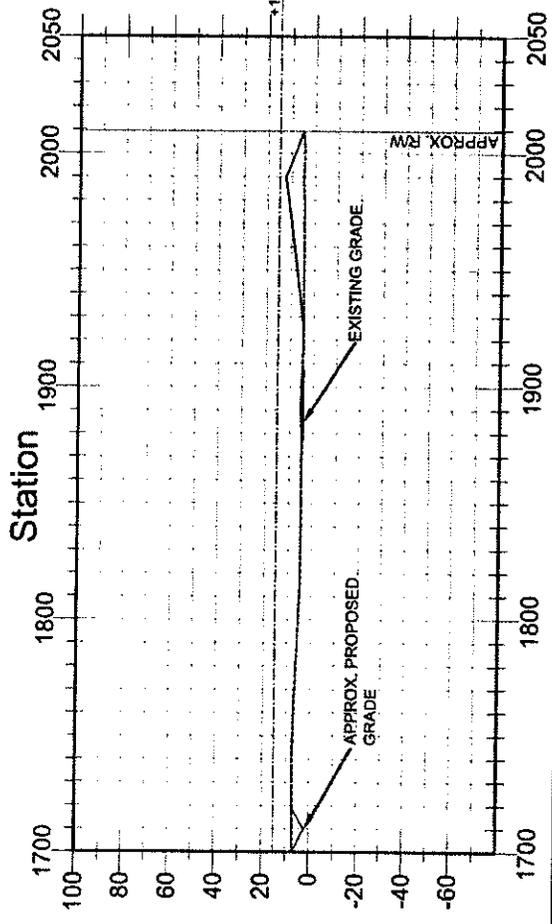
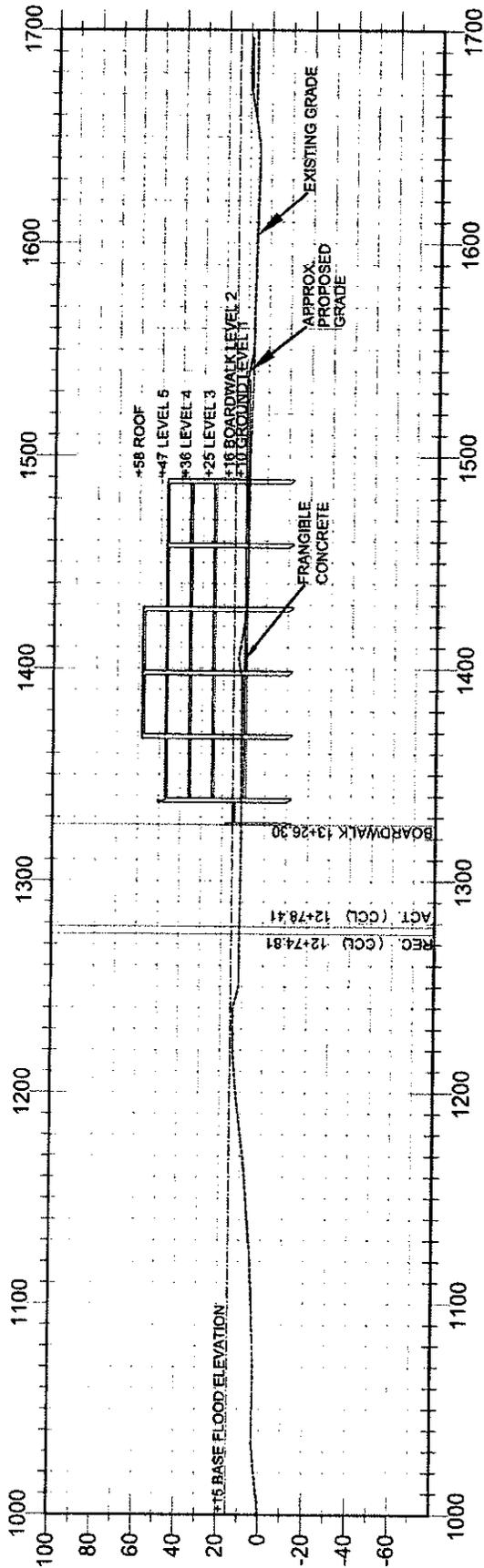


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GULF STATE LODGE

Gulf State Park Enhancement Project

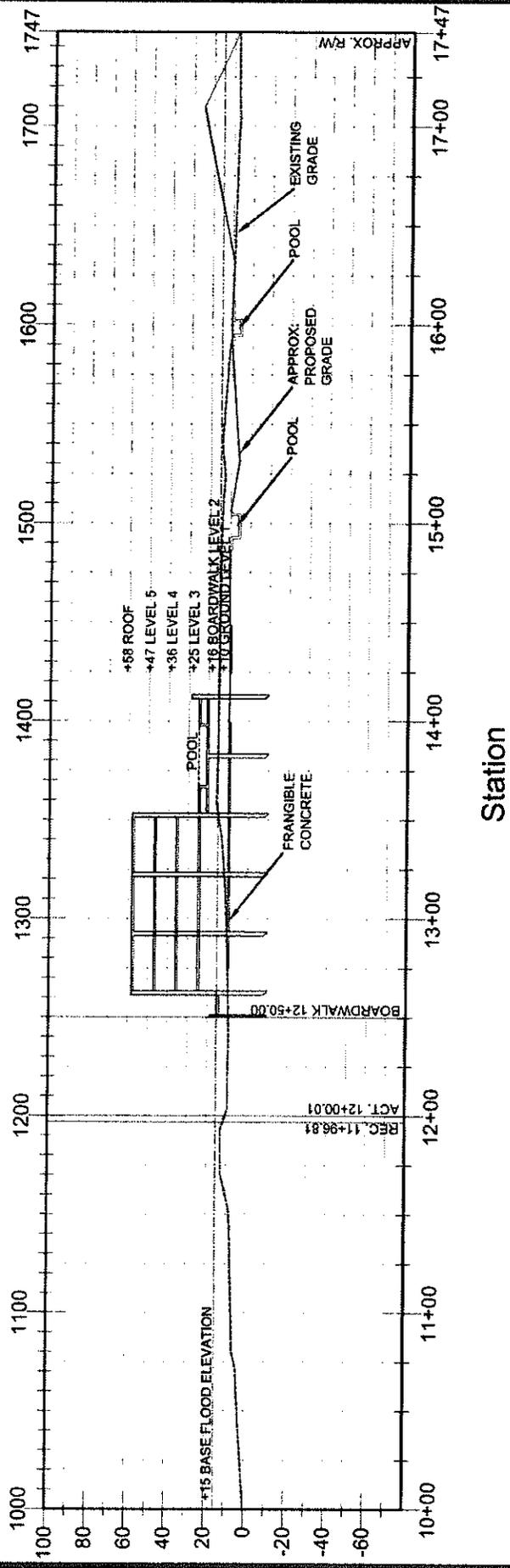
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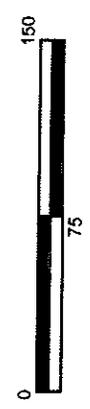


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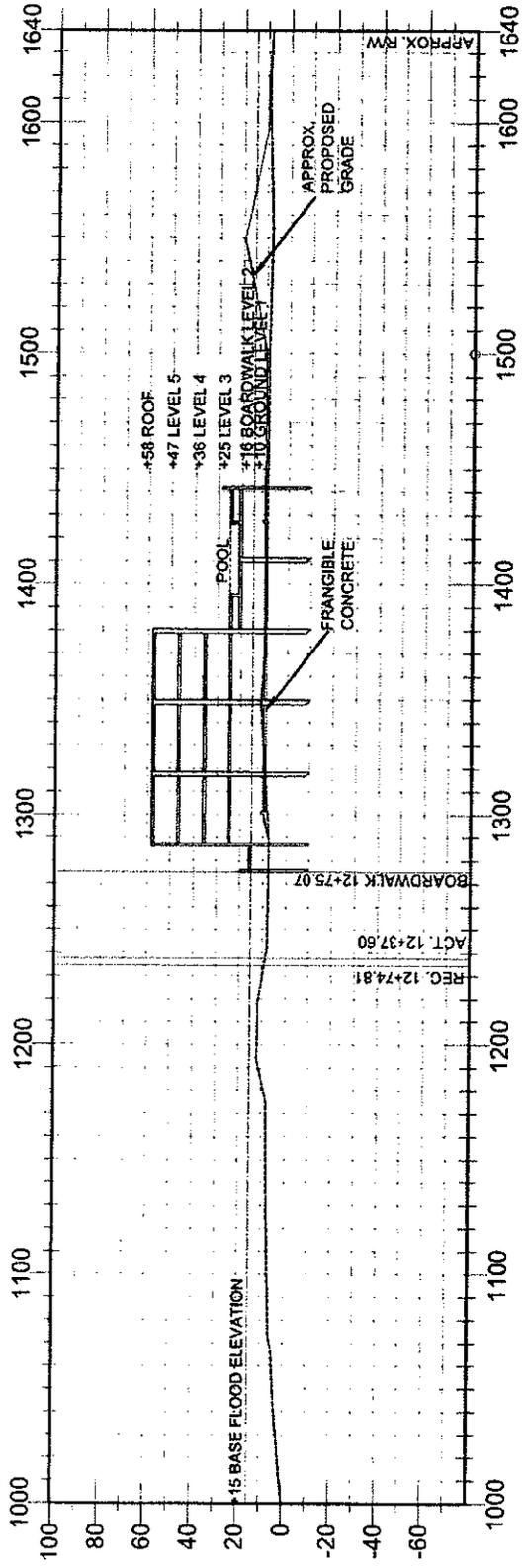
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GULF STATE LODGE X-SECTION NO. 2



HN Scale: 1" = 75'

Gulf State Park Enhancement Project



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GULF STATE LODGE X-SECTION NO. 3



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Gulf State Park Enhancement Project