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Subject: Section 106 consultation regarding the Moffett Towers II 5th Ave Reclaimed Water Line Tie-In to Main Line at Moffett Property Project, Santa Clara County, CA

Dear Ms. Polanco:

In support of its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Ames Research Center (ARC) requests Section 106 consultation on the Moffett Towers II 5th Ave Reclaimed Water Line Tie-In to Main Line at Moffett Property Project (project or undertaking) located at Moffett Field, Santa Clara County, California. The project proposes the tie-in of an existing 8-inch recycled water line from the Moffett Towers II project area to an existing 18-inch public recycled water line on the east side of the Moffett Federal Airfield property at the intersection of 5th Avenue and the ARC property boundary. NASA ARC determined that this project constitutes an undertaking under the NHPA.

NASA ARC requests your review of the attached analysis, which includes a description of the undertaking, the Area of Potential Effects (APE), identification efforts, and effects analysis for the undertaking. Identification efforts included background research, intensive pedestrian survey of the APE, and contacting the Native American Heritage Commission for a Sacred Lands File.
search. Six Native American tribal groups were contacted to solicit additional information about resources in the project area (see Appendix B of the attached technical report for correspondence details). One response was received from Mr. Andrew Galvin of the Ohlone Indian Tribe, who mentioned the presence of archaeological site CA-SCL-12/H to the south of the APE and requested a copy of the cultural resources technical report.

As a result of the cultural resources study, no historic properties were identified in the APE for the undertaking. Based on the enclosed analysis conducted by cultural resources specialists who meet the Secretary of the Interior’s professional qualifications standards, NASA ARC has determined that the undertaking would result in no historic properties affected.

NASA ARC requests the State Historic Preservation Officer’s (SHPO) concurrence on NASA’s finding of No Historic Properties Affected related to this project, pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 800.4(d)(1). NASA requests the SHPO’s response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Please contact me at jonathan.d.ikan@nasa.gov or at (650) 604-6859 with your comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachments