

National Aeronautics and Space Administration



**Ames Research Center**  
Moffett Field, California 94035

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Ms. Julianne Polanco  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Office of Historic Preservation  
Department of Parks & Recreation  
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Sacramento, CA 95816

Attn: Mr. Mark Beason

**Subject:** Section 106 Consultation for Building 2 Seismic Retrofit Project at Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California

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 initiation of Section 106 consultation for the Building 2 Seismic Retrofit Project (project or undertaking) located at the intersection of Bushnell Road and Severyns Avenue, Moffett Field, California. NASA ARC determined that this project constitutes an undertaking under the NHPA. NASA ARC requests your review and consultation concerning the attached analysis of the project, which includes a description of the undertaking, the Area of Potential Effects, identification efforts, and effects analysis for the project.

Building 2 is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributor to the U.S. Naval Air Station Sunnyvale, California Historic District. NASA ARC proposes to seismically retrofit Building 2 and prepare the building for potential lease. Based on the enclosed analysis conducted by an architectural historian who meets the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualifications standards in architectural history and history, NASA ARC has determined that the undertaking would result in an adverse effect on Building 2 due to the removal of two additions that have been identified as contributing features of the historic property.

NASA ARC requests your concurrence on its finding of Adverse Effect related to this undertaking, and continuing consultation to resolve adverse effects pursuant to 36 Code of

Federal Regulations 800.6. NASA ARC is concurrently notifying the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation of its finding and making its determination and supporting documentation available to the public via the NASA ARC website (<https://historicproperties.arc.nasa.gov/>).

Based on the nature of the adverse effect that will result from this undertaking, NASA ARC proposes archival documentation as appropriate mitigation. Attached is a draft Memorandum of Agreement that outlines NASA ARC's proposed mitigation to resolve adverse effects. NASA requests the State Historic Preservation Officer's response within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Please contact me at [jonathan.d.ikan@nasa.gov](mailto:jonathan.d.ikan@nasa.gov) or at (650) 604-6859 with your comments or questions.

Sincerely,



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ACHP/Mr. Chris Daniels

**Enclosures**

Memorandum on Building 2 Seismic Retrofit Project, prepared by AECOM, dated June 19, 2018

Draft Memorandum of Agreement, dated June 19, 2018