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VIA Email

In reply, refer to: NASA_2021_0122_002

Mr. Jonathan Ikan
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NASA Ames Research Center
Mail Stop 213-8
Moffett Field, CA 94035

Subject: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Emergency Supplies Storage Container at Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Mr. Ikan:

The California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has received the January 22, 2021, letter initiating consultation regarding an undertaking at NASA Ames Research Center (ARC). NASA is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. §306108), as amended, and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800. Along with the letter, NASA submitted project maps.

The proposed undertaking, as described, involves placement of a standard 20-foot-long mobile storage container (shipping container) on an existing concrete slab behind Building 19. NASA anticipates that the storage container would remain at this location for the duration of the lease with USGS, approximately 20 years. The storage container would not be tied down and would not be connected to any utilities.

NASA defined an Area of Potential Effect (APE) that encompasses the footprint of the new storage container and the adjacent Building 19. No vertical APE is necessary as no ground disturbance would occur.

The APE is located within the NAS Sunnyvale Historic District, which was listed in the National Register in 1994 and expanded RHP on February 24, 1994. The core of the historic station is centered on Shenandoah Plaza and buildings that incorporate Spanish Colonial Revival design. The district includes several contributing buildings and structures that generally date to the 1930s to 1940s NAS Sunnyvale/Moffett Field period and exhibit the Spanish Colonial Revival Style. Building 19 is one of the contributors.

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Because the storage container would be placed on an existing concrete slab behind Building 19 near a secondary elevation of the building that has existing, visible mechanical and utilitarian uses, NASA proposes a Finding of No Adverse Effect for this undertaking.

After reviewing the information submitted, the SHPO offers the following comments.

- This project qualifies as an undertaking with the potential to affect historic properties.
- The APE is sufficient to take direct and indirect effects into account.
- Identification and evaluation efforts are sufficient.
- The SHPO has no objection to the proposed Finding of No Adverse Effect for this undertaking.
- Please be advised that under certain circumstances, such as unanticipated discovery or a change in project description, NASA may have additional future responsibilities for this undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact State Historian Mark Beason, at (916) 445-7047 or mark.beason@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julianne Polanco', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Julianne Polanco
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