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Subject: Building 476 Demolition, Moffett Federal Airfield, NASA Ames Research Center, Santa Clara County, CA

Dear Mr. Ikan:

The California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has received the August 9, 2019, letter initiating consultation regarding an undertaking at NASA Ames Research Center (ARC). NASA is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in order 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 a memorandum prepared by AECOM and dated August 9, 2019, that provides the Section 106 analysis, project maps, photographs, and plans. The proposed undertaking, as described, involves demolition of Building 476. Project components include:

- Building demolition, but leaving foundation and sidewalks in place.
- Removing existing utilities outside the building curb line, including sanitary sewer, water, fire water, natural gas, and electrical ducts.
- Installing approximately 350 feet of underground conduit at a 30-inch depth between the Building 152 electrical room and pole # 4 in the parking lot.
- Restore the site to level of adjacent surfaces at all excavation sites using dirt, crushed gravel, rock or other appropriate fill material.

NASA defined an Area of Potential Effect (APE) for this undertaking that encompasses the footprint of Building 476 and excavation locations and extending to a maximum depth of five feet. Although previous studies identified the project area as having some historic archaeological sensitivity, but the built-up and paved nature of the project area precluded survey. NASA intends to conduct archaeological monitoring during ground disturbing activities.

The APE is located within the NAS Sunnyvale Historic District, which was listed in the National Register in 1994 and resurveyed with an expanded period of significance and additional contributing resources in 2013. NASA found seven buildings within the APE that required new National Register evaluations to update or confirm previous findings.

- Buildings 21 and 22, Bachelor Officers Garages, constructed in 1933. NASA found that they remain contributors to the historic district.
- Building 109, Pool House, constructed in 1948. NASA confirmed the building is not eligible and does not contribute to the district.
- Buildings 148 and 149, Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, constructed in 1953. NASA confirmed the building is not eligible and does not contribute to the district.
- Building 152, Enlisted Mess Hall, constructed in 1953. NASA confirmed the building is not eligible and does not contribute to the district.
- Building 476, Exchange, constructed in 1964. NASA confirmed the building is not eligible and does not contribute to the district.

Because no known archaeological resources or historic district contributors will be affected by the undertaking, NASA proposes a Finding of No Adverse Effect. 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 appears to be sufficient to take effects of the undertaking into account.
- Identification and evaluation efforts are sufficient.
- Based upon the information submitted, 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 you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Beason, State Historian, at (916) 445-4047 or [mark.beason@parks.ca.gov](mailto:mark.beason@parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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